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## Disclaimer

It shall be the responsibility of the student to arrange appropriate insurance cover for the duration of the Fellowship. FLAC shall incur no liability whatsoever in respect of any illness, injury or disability sustained by the student or in respect of loss or damage to property belonging to the student howsoever arising during the course of the Fellowship.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicants must be aged 18 or over.

Closing date: Friday 14th February 2014

Completed applications and CVs should be forwarded to: **FLAC**,  
13 Lower Dorset Street, Dublin 1.



*Vanessa Lawlor,  
2013 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow*

# THOMAS ADDIS EMMET FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST LAW

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## APPLICATION FORM SUMMER 2014

# Law Students!

## Would you like the opportunity to work in an international public interest environment?

Every summer, **FLAC** in conjunction with the **University of Washington, Seattle**, sends an Irish law student as Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow to Seattle, Washington, for two months to get first-hand experience in human rights and public interest cases.

The Fellowship will provide the successful candidate with:

- ◆ the chance to work in a public interest law environment;
- ◆ hands-on experience writing appellate briefs, interviewing prospective clients and involvement in consultations;
- ◆ the opportunity to attend law lectures on American and International Public Interest Law;
- ◆ the opportunity to enhance your knowledge of Comparative Law;
- ◆ the opportunity to interact with American law students working in public interest law;

The Fellowship provides: **flights** plus **accommodation** plus **meals** plus an **allowance**.

## Who can apply?

Law undergraduates, postgraduates, King's Inns students and Law Society students are eligible to apply for the Fellowship.

A shortlist of applicants will be selected for interview in March 2014. The Honourable Mrs. Justice Catherine McGuinness chairs the Adjudication Committee.

# 2013 Thomas Addis Emmet Fellow

**Vanessa Lawlor** was the 2013 recipient of the Thomas Addis Emmet Fellowship. A final year BCL Clinical student at University College Cork, Vanessa spent eight weeks working in Seattle as a legal fellow in Washington Appleseed Centre for Public Interest Law.

Washington Appleseed is a non-profit which seeks to achieve social justice through working closely with community advocates and utilising *pro bono* resources. Vanessa had the opportunity to work on a number of projects during her time in Seattle.

Vanessa was primarily involved in research and the drafting of a "re-entry to society" guide for incarcerated individuals in America. The aim of this guide is to address the legal obligations and rights that incarcerated individuals have, both pre-release and post-release, thus aiding their reintegration into society.

Other Washington Appleseed projects that Vanessa worked on included; follow up research on The School Discipline Bill which was signed into law on 30th June 2013.

As well as working with Appleseed, Vanessa was a research assistant with Professor Walter Walsh in the University of Washington.

Vanessa also attended classes at the University of Washington, which were given by a variety of different professionals in the legal field, from Supreme Court judges to government attorneys to senior law clerks.

# Application Form

Complete the following;

Attempt one of either 1a, b or c and 2, 3 and 4

- 1 a. Discuss the role of the courts in the enforcement of socio-economic rights in Ireland.  
b. Choose an article of the European Convention on Human Rights and discuss its impact on Irish law since the introduction of the ECHR Act, 2003  
c. Discuss the barriers to public interest litigation in Ireland and how the law could be reformed to overcome some of these barriers. **(1500 words approx.)**
2. Identify an area of Human Rights Law practised in the United States which you think might have specific relevance for Irish lawyers and give your reasons. **(1000 words approx.)**
3. Outline briefly your views on the aspect of FLAC's work which you believe to be the most effective. **(250 words approx.)**
4. Outline any experience you have of working for voluntary or non-governmental organisations. **(250 words approx.)**

**Please enclose a comprehensive CV with details of one academic referee.**

**If you would like further information, contact FLAC head office on: 01-887 3600 or [info@flac.ie](mailto:info@flac.ie)**

