

Rhodes Academy Centre for Oceans Law and Policy - Greece

In June/July each year, the Virginia University runs a prestigious three-week course dedicated to fostering a better understanding of the main principles of oceans law. The Rhodes Academy provides a unique opportunity for participants to broaden their understanding of maritime law set out in international agreements and national state practice.

To Apply: Interested individuals should apply directly to the University of Virginia:

<http://www.virginia.edu/colp/rhodes-academy.html>

Pacific-ACP applicants who secure a place, but are not fully funded are invited to send in requests for any additional support to the Project's Legal Advisor, Ms Marie Bourrel (marieb@spc.int).

Duke University Marine Conservation Summer Institute - USA

This five-week course runs in June/July each year and is a practicum in natural science, social science, law, and policy for professionals, graduate students, and advanced undergraduates. It immerses students in the world of marine conservation biology and policy, giving them a set of basic tools for conserving marine biodiversity.

To Apply: Interested Pacific-ACP Governments should send a request, including the curriculum vitae (CV) of their elected environment officer to the Project's Environment Advisor, Ms Alison Swaddling (alisons@spc.int).

The DSM Project will consider requests for sponsorship for other training opportunities related to DSM. Please contact us with suggested training placements.

As of October 2014, the DSM Project has provided capacity building training opportunities to 27 people from the Pacific Islands.

Training type	No. Participants
Legal Internships	11
Legal Government Attachments	6
GIS Internships	3
ISA Legal Internships	2
Geology Internships	2
Rhodes Academy	2
Duke University	1

Mr Jun Bacalando

Assistant Attorney-General (FSM)

"I gained a better understanding of the DSM legal frameworks and learned so much."



Ms Alexandrya Herman

Law Graduate (Cook Islands)

"Overall, it was a great experience and is certainly a 'must' for lawyers interested in this area."

For each initiative, a brief contract will be put in place and SPC-EU DSM Project will provide full funding and assistance with organising travel, accommodation and other logistical support. For all enquiries, please contact: SPC-AGTD Director: Prof. Petterson michaelp@spc.int Legal Advisor Ms Marie Bourrel marieb@spc.int Environment Adviser: Ms Swaddling alisons@spc.int

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SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals Project Internship and Capacity Building Opportunities

Initiated in 2011, the SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals Project is helping Pacific Island countries to improve and coordinate the governance and management of their deep-sea minerals resources within the Pacific Region.

The DSM Project is committed to building the capacity of Pacific Island nationals in the emerging sector of deep sea minerals in 15 Pacific Island Countries: the Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

Various options for in-country capacity building and training in the areas of DSM-related law and environment are offered to graduates and government officials from the Pacific-ACP region. This brochure gives a brief overview of these initiatives and how to apply.

SPC- EU Deep Sea Minerals Project Internship & Capacity Building Scheme

“Building in-country capacity in the areas of law and environment to support national DSM developments”

Internship for Recent Graduates

This two-month Suva-based internship aims to build capacities for recent graduates in the field of law or environment to develop a sustainable source of in-country expertise, where graduates can meet their commitments to work in and for their countries as interns under the DSM project. The internship not only provides training specific to DSM but also incorporates an opportunity for young Pacific Islanders to learn more general office skills, teamwork, professional conduct and critical thinking.

Law Graduates Internship Scheme

Initiated in 2012, the Legal Internship Scheme provides on-the-job legal training to law graduates that include legislative review, legal drafting, legal research and analysis, and formal interaction and correspondence with government officials and stakeholders.

Shorter internships can be offered to students whose post-graduate legal diploma requires a four-week placement.

Environment Graduates Internship Scheme

This scheme is open to individuals who have graduated in the fields of environment, marine studies or other applicable disciplines. Interns will review environmental management frameworks, undertake research tasks and gain an understanding of DSM environments, specific considerations and environmental management mechanisms, such as environment impact assessment.

Priority will be given to applicants from the Project countries that are under bond to work for their

government after completing their studies. Approval is obtained from applicants' respective Government before positions are finalised.

To Apply: visit the DSM Project website for full details and criteria: www.sopac.org/dsm and submit a cover letter and CV to:

Legal – Ms Annie Sing (annies@spc.int)

Environment – Ms Alison Swaddling (alisons@spc.int)

Attachment for Government Officials

Attachment with DSM Project Staff - Suva, Fiji

An adapted version of the Legal Internship scheme is offered to Pacific-ACP Government law officers for an intensive two-week placement with the SPC-EU DSM Project in Suva, Fiji. Government officials receive tailored training, for example, DSM specific country legislation being drafted that may need assistance. They will also receive guidance in relevant general practice work for their country.

The content, objectives and suggested dates of the training will be checked for availability of the Project's Legal Adviser.

To Apply: Governments can make a direct request to the SPC-AGTD Division Director, Prof. Michael Petterson, (michaelp@spc.int), indicating the details of the one or two officials nominated to conduct the training.

International Seabed Authority Internship - Jamaica

Since 2013, the DSM Project has collaborated with the Secretariat of the International Seabed Authority

(ISA) to run a one-month annual internship in the ISA Headquarters in Kingston, Jamaica.

This opportunity is available exclusively for Pacific Island government lawyers. It is a unique opportunity to gain behind-the-scenes insight to the working of this specialist DSM intergovernmental organisation.

To Apply: Interested Pacific-ACP Governments should send a request, including the curriculum vitae (CV) of their elected law officer to the SPC-AGTD Director, Prof. Michael Petterson (michaelp@spc.int).

Other Opportunities

International Foundation for the Law of the Sea (IFLOS), Germany (one month)

The IFLOS is a one-month training programme in Hamburg (Germany) in July each year. It aims to increase awareness of the important work carried out by the International Tribunal of the Law of the Sea for the peaceful settlement of sea disputes and the further implementation of the United Nations Convention On the Law of the Sea. It is also a unique opportunity to foster dialogue between the academic world, the Judges of the Tribunal and maritime practitioners.

To Apply: Applications should be made directly to IFLOS. More information on how to apply can be found here: <http://iflos.org/en/home.aspx>.

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