



Government Legal Department

Vacation Placement Scheme

Whether they are creating legislation or litigating in the highest courts in the land, lawyers in the Government Legal Department (GLD) operate at the cutting edge of law and government, delivering legal solutions that impact upon the lives of millions.

GLD provides legal services to more 180 central government departments and other publicly funded bodies in England and Wales and collects Bona Vacantia (unclaimed estates of people who have died or companies which have ceased to exist) on behalf of the Crown. We are one of the largest legal organisations in the United Kingdom, using the skills of over 1,700 dedicated employees, over half of whom are solicitors and barristers.

A vacation placement with the GLD is a great way for students with a particular interest in law to gain a practical insight into the work carried out by the government's principal legal advisers.

Please note that our placement scheme is not a first step in the recruitment process for legal trainee positions. Our vacation placement scheme is separate to Government Legal Service (GLS) legal trainee scheme through which we offer a number of trainee solicitor and pupil barrister posts each year. Success (or otherwise) in securing a vacation placement will not affect an application for a legal trainee post with us in any way.

The scheme

We will run two, one-week vacation schemes in the summer of 2015, with a total of 10 placements available. The dates are:

- Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July 2015
- Monday 13 July to Friday 17 July 2015

During the week you will:

- get involved in the work of one of our legal teams and work alongside our legal trainees
- attend a number of events to gain an insight into the way GLD and the Government Legal Service operates.
- be based in central London either at GLD's main offices at One Kemble Street , London, WC2 or with one of our client-based teams in central London (e.g. HM Treasury, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Department for Education or Department for Communities and Local Government)
- receive £200 to cover expenses.

Who should apply?

- The vacation scheme is open to any law undergraduate student or those currently completing the GDL, LPC or BPTC.
- You must have, or be predicted to obtain, a minimum of a 2:2 in an undergraduate degree.

How can I apply?

Complete the attached application form and email it to: VPS@governmentlegal.gov.uk or you can send a hard copy to:

GLD Vacation Placement Scheme
HR Personnel
Government Legal Department
One Kemble Street
London WC2B 4TS

THE CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS 1PM ON WEDNESDAY 13 MAY 2015.
APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED AFTER THIS DEADLINE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.