

IAEA UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMME ON NUCLEAR LAW

Increasing education and professional development opportunities in nuclear law

Following the IAEA's First International Conference on Nuclear Law: The Global Debate in April 2022, the Director General launched a pilot initiative to help increase education and professional development opportunities for students and aspiring professionals in the field of international and national nuclear law.

Partnership arrangements were concluded with six institutions to support their establishment of courses and modules focused on the four traditional branches of nuclear law – safety, security, safeguards and civil liability for nuclear damage – to complement existing national or regional training activities in this field.



The six institutions are:



University of Buenos Aires in Argentina



Nuclear Engineering Institute of the National Nuclear Energy Commission in Brazil



Alexandria University in Egypt



The University of the West Indies in Jamaica



University of the Witwatersrand in South Africa



Khalifa University of Science and Technology in the United Arab Emirates

Through this initiative, the IAEA aims to:



raise awareness about nuclear law as a prerequisite for the safe, secure and peaceful uses of nuclear science and technology among policymakers, regulators, lawyers, engineers, and users



immerse aspiring professionals in the practice of nuclear law at the national, regional, and international levels, and within the context of other related areas of law



identify and create opportunities for education and professional development in nuclear law



build capacity at the national level and faculty level of the selected institutions to support the teaching of nuclear law

Nuclear Law

"In nuclear law, the way people are introduced to the subject – whether they are introduced at all – will determine its future shape. And in consequence, it will influence how the atom benefits future generations."

IAEA Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi

Nuclear law is essential in realizing the benefits of the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technology and its applications in our daily life. The four branches of nuclear law permeate the entire nuclear sector. However, opportunities for academic study in this highly specialized, complex, and technical field are limited.

The IAEA Partnership Programme on Nuclear Law aims at turning the tide by supporting each institution in developing a postgraduate curriculum covering the four branches of nuclear law and other areas of law related to nuclear law, such as environmental law, as well as policy aspects, nuclear science and technology.

Postgraduate Programmes on Nuclear Law

Through the University Partnership Programme, participating institutions will establish postgraduate programmes on nuclear law, including by creating new courses in this area or by integrating topical modules into existing courses on law, nuclear sciences and engineering, or international relations, among others.

Each course is expected to be established in 2024 and 2025 and is open to students and professionals from diverse backgrounds, including law, engineering, policy, and communications.

Each course will be delivered through a combination of lectures, discussions, case studies, group activities, and potential visits to national institutions to fully immerse students into different topical areas.

Each course will conclude with appropriate academic assessment, such as a written or oral examination, depending upon the requirements of the course, the nature of the university's programme, and the administrative framework of each university.

These courses may be delivered through virtual, in-person, or hybrid means to encourage wider national and regional participation. All universities are either conducting or considering the conduct of their courses through different means, including distance learning, to allow for sufficient flexibility for working professionals.

Subject to the availability of funds, a limited number of fellowships are available through the Technical Cooperation (TC) Programme to support participation in the postgraduate courses. All potential applicants for fellowships are encouraged to apply online at iaea.org. Applicants must be a non-national of the country where the course is being delivered. Application forms must be submitted to the Agency through government channels.

IAEA Legislative Assistance Programme

The University Partnership Programme is being implemented within the framework of the IAEA Legislative Assistance Programme, which is primarily supported by the TC Programme.

Through the Legislative Assistance Programme, the IAEA supports Member States, upon request, in adhering to and implementing international legal instruments in the nuclear field and in developing corresponding comprehensive national nuclear legal frameworks.

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