



DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS 2021



Francis Ojok

Uganda

\$2,000.00

2021, LLM in Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine University

My Career goal is to empower my fellow Ugandan to embrace Alternative Disputes Resolution as an effective peaceful means for resolving both interpersonal and large-scale disputes and conflicts.



Galo Martín Márquez Ruiz

Mexico

\$780.05

2021, International Chamber of Commerce Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration

My short terms goal is to build a strong moot arbitration culture in my University. At Tec de Monterrey, we are one of the best awarded schools in international arbitration moots in Mexico in the last years. Recently, I filed a request at my college to start the first arbitration review in Mexican history. It is my contention that Mexico has more than the capacity to develop investigation and doctrine in relation to arbitration. In the long term, it is my wish to create a sophisticated arbitration practice in a law firm, to give opportunity to other law students like me to enter in arbitration internships in Mexico, which are currently almost impossible to find.



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Melinda Levy

California, United States

\$2,000.00

2021, Four courses focused on building Divorce Mediation Practice

I have a 20-year background as an in-house counsel, with expertise in HR, workplace investigations and corporate compliance. I am certified in these areas as well. In 2020, I have decided to shift my professional focus to mediation for divorcing couples. I want to use my training and skills to help people during a challenging situation.



Tara Brin

Michigan, United States

\$1,095.00

Domestic Relations Mediation Training and Domestic Violence Screening Training through Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center

I use my mediation training on a daily basis as a Civil Rights Investigator for the City of Detroit and general civil volunteer mediator for the Wayne County Dispute Resolution Center. I hope to further my career in public service and volunteering with goals of criminal justice reform, enhanced communication opportunities between parties, and deterrence of escalation in cases through mediation. At the City of Detroit Civil Rights Department, I hope to expand mediation opportunities to residents and employees of the City prior to becoming part of the legal system. I aspire to become a full time mediator in the public sector.



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Ashita Alag

India

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LLM Program at Harvard Law School

After my LL.M., I intend to work at an international law firm to gain additional arbitration experience before returning to India to start my career as an arbitration practitioner. While working as an arbitration practitioner I want to push for inclusion of more women, especially women from my region and community to have access to the arbitration profession. In the long run I also want to build on the research done for my dissertation titled "Third Party Funding in International Commercial Arbitration" and author a book on the subject.



Ashley Meadows

New York, United States

\$2,000.00

LLM in Dispute Resolution at Pepperdine School of Law

To become a member of the arbitration roster for FINRA and AAA.



Edwin Roman

Mexico

\$2,000.00

LL.M. in International Arbitration and Business Law at American University Washington College of Law

Chiefly, my goal is to become a high-caliber expert in International Arbitration and Mediation in Mexico. Likewise, at the same time, I am going to study some subjects in order to sit to the New York Bar, so this LLM program will help me to understand the common law and see the differences with the civil law.



Jessica Yeh

California, United States

\$475.00

ABA Dispute Resolution Arbitration Training Conference

I wish to be a full time Arbitrator and Mediator. I eventually hope to create more community programs in ADR that will be accessible to underserved and differently-abled communities that do not have widespread access to arbitration or mediation as a means to solve their disputes as an alternative to traditional litigation.



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Lauren Jones

New York, United States

\$1995.00

Virtual Foundations of Organizational Ombudsman Class

I would like to ultimately have my own ADR practice covering all the ADR disciplines or work in an ADR capacity with a corporation.



Marjorie Vieira

Brazil

\$2,000.00

LLM program at Humboldt University of Berlin

My career goal is to become a lawyer specialized in international dispute resolution in order to act as counsel, mediator and arbitrator in international disputes. I also plan to pursue a PhD to become a university professor in the IDR field.



Suzanne W. Ockleberry

Georgia, United States

\$2,000.00

Three courses at Cornell University School of Industrial Labor Relations

My career goal is to be one of the best arbitrators/ neutrals in the field, become a member of the National Academy of Arbitrators and eventually teach courses on labor/employment at the college level. I decided to become an arbitrator due to my experience and keen interest in labor/employment matters as well as the lack of diversity (Females/African Americans) in the field.



Milagros Maribel Rojas Blas

Peru

\$390.00

Arbanza School of Arbitration - Investment Arbitration Course

My career goals include:

- To collaborate with and support other initiatives that deal with diversity and inclusion towards making international arbitration equitable for all participants
- Gain experience in both international arbitration and general litigation
- Advance the interests of woman practitioners and promote the diversity in international dispute resolution
- To support in the writing of academic articles related to international arbitration and information
- To promote the publication of articles aimed at discussing problems and challenges about systemic discrimination in international arbitration



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Sharon Price-Cates

New Jersey, United States

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AAA Fundamentals and Best Practices and Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service - Becoming a Labor Arbitrator

I am working diligently to embark on a new career as an ADR professional. I have two decades of experience as an advocate in labor and employment, including in the arbitral forum. In addition to becoming an arbitrator for labor, employment and consumer matters, I want to expand my work as I gain experience and also undertake high-quality mediation training and development.



Jennifer Ortiz, Faye Brady, Damany Gordon, Krystal Bariffe, Samantha Pulley, Carol-Newman Rose and Doreen Cunningham

\$900.00 per student

Massachusetts, United States

Quabbin Mediation Training Program

We are a group of individuals who have joined together to be trained in mediation/arbitration in hopes of using this skill to further social justice and equity solutions with historically excluded individuals and communities.



Lynn Moubarak

Lebanon

\$2,000.00

LLM International Business Regulation Litigation and Arbitration at New York University

I would like to pursue a career as an international arbitration lawyer in an international law firm. This experience will allow me to deepen my knowledge in international arbitration, including from a Common Law and U.S. perspective. It will also help me deepen my research and analytical skills.



Akriti Kataria

India/Geneva, Switzerland

\$2,000

LLM MIDS (International Dispute Settlement), Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement

In the next few years, I see myself practicing in a leading international arbitration law firm in Europe, working on complex cross-border disputes using international best practices set against a robust framework. Thereafter, I want to return to India and practice at the Supreme Court of India with a designated senior advocate. This will enable me to assist the highest court of India to render progressive decisions and consequently, prompt the government to effect relevant reforms to make arbitration a truly alternative dispute resolution mechanism.



Saba Mollaian

Luxembourg/Switzerland

\$2,000

LLM MIDS (International Dispute Settlement), Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement

Career Goals: Practicing public international law, specializing in state-to-state disputes before international courts and tribunals, such as the WTO, ITLOS and ICJ; mediation between states or between states and non-state actors.



Spiros Bat

Greece

\$2,000

LLM MIDS (International Dispute Settlement), Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement

I aspire to become an exclusively alternative dispute resolution attorney and work solely on mediations and arbitrations. Specifically, I want to become an arbitrator and mediator and handle disputes connected with a variety of sectors including IP, domain name, energy and construction disputes. I am also a member of organizations like mediateguru and Moot Alumni Association, where I work voluntarily to spread social awareness on ADR worldwide and facilitate especially those belonging to the lower social stratifications find an alternative way to claim their right to justice. I have also volunteered as a judge in several moot court competitions, training the younger generations to enhance negotiation and adjudication skills. It is a dream of mine to acquire the knowledge and expertise required to keep participating in workshops and relevant events to teach younger generations on contemporary ADR methods and help them embrace this new legal culture.



Alexia Gkoritsa

Greece

\$2,000

LLM MIDS (International Dispute Settlement), Geneva Centre for International Dispute Settlement

In this period of my life, I am in search of bringing my academic and professional path to the next level. My main goal is to extend my expertise in the subject of dispute settlement and arbitration, as well as of the substantive law, by the implementation of which such disputes are most frequently resolved, i.e. contract, commercial and private international law, by collaborating with leading individuals in the said areas of expertise. In a few years from now I imagine myself being part of an internationally active law firm or of an accredited institution operating in the above-mentioned fields. In the meantime, I am confident that I will have completed the MIDS LL.M. programme with distinction. I also aspire to combine my professional endeavors with the continuation of my studies at doctoral level, possibly oriented towards the subject of international arbitration and the potential prospect of privatization of the justice system, especially as far as disputes governed by private law are concerned. After all, I have managed to combine my academic and professional pursuits quite successfully so far, therefore I am convinced that I shall continue to do so in the future.



Kaltumi Abdulazeez

Nigeria

\$760

Mediator Beyond Borders International, Restorative Practice Training

I hope to gain networking opportunities that will enhance and promote my capacity through cross border relationship and connectedness. I look forward to having the opportunity to make use of the network in various ways. First, I hope to have explored opportunities to apply my skills and knowledge on peace and security through consultancies and volunteer work.



Adama Sesay

Sierra Leone

\$560

Mediator Beyond Borders International, Restorative Practice Training

Initially, my career goal was to become a practicing Economist and I eventually completed a BSc. Degree course in Development Economics. However, coming to know the reality of the issues that are bothering my country, I decided to shift my career from being an economist to conflict resolution expert. The goals are: 1.) To become a conflict resolution advocate that will create awareness and sensitize people on the negative impact of conflict in communities and by extension in the country 2.) To become a conflict resolution specialist that will provide conflict mitigation and avoidance strategies and techniques. This could be done through training workshops, conferences and community engagement.



Kadiatu Tholley

Sierra Leone

\$590

Mediator Beyond Borders International, Restorative Practice Training

To be a professional mediator to be able to resolve conflict in my community and my country as a whole.



Mamakiziel Siah Sicarr

Sierra Leone

\$660

Mediator Beyond Borders International, Restorative Practice Training

Promoting the Tenet of Peace, development of young people, women participation in policy-making, Technical Development, Entrepreneurship and Governance; reaching out to all people of diverse backgrounds. Professional Social Worker, Public Servant, Health Practitioner and a Human Rights Activist.