Grotius PhD Track

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies offers PhD candidates a flexible programme and a stimulating research environment. It is a programme particularly attractive to and designed for 'external' PhD candidates, that work part-time or full-time. External PhD Candidates need not be based in The Hague.

The PhD research environment for international law and international justice is located in the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies and is referred to as the Grotius PhD Track. Situated at the heart of international law in Leiden and the Hague, the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies offers a unique profile and expertise through its high-level academic activities and its close links to international institutions and the legal profession. The highly regarded scholars of Leiden Law School provide the required supervision in their areas of expertise.

The Programme - Flexibility and structure

The Grotius PhD Track is particularly tailored towards candidates that require flexibility in the programme, yet understand the appeal of a structured programme. We offer flexibility in that it is only necessary to be in the Hague whenever supervision, seminars and special courses require it, but at the same time we offer a structure in a 4-year programme that is in accordance with Leiden University standards.

We hope to provide a stimulating and scholarly experience at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies.

In the first year, candidates have the option of taking part in methodology and other research development seminars offered at Leiden Law School. Besides the supervision of the PhD process by the promoter and co-promoter, and to ensure the development of a fruitful and collegial research environment, the Grotius PhD Track offers PhD candidates several services, including:

* Participation in meetings between internal and external PhD candidates at the Grotius Centre.
* Participation in academic events organised by the Grotius Centre, such as symposia and conferences.
* Library access including digital subscriptions and e-journals (Leiden Law School, and general University libraries)

All PhD candidates are supervised by a full Professor from Leiden University, and will also be assigned a co-promotor or co-supervisor, according to the applicable Leiden University PhD Regulations.

All PhDs at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies are conducted under the Leiden University PhD Regulations which can be accessed at http://www.regulations.leiden.edu/research/phd-regulations.html.

Admission

In accordance with Article 3 of the Leiden University PhD Regulations, persons are eligible for admission to the PhD programme if they:

* Have been awarded a master’s degree from a Dutch university or an equivalent master’s degree from another institution, or who have passed the ‘old style’ doctoral (doctoraal) examination of a government-funded or appointed Dutch university
* Have written a thesis and/or prepared an artistic outcome as proof of competence in independently conducting scientific research, and
* Have met the requirements stipulated elsewhere in the regulations.

Fee

As of 1 November 2010, admission to the Grotius PhD Track implies the payment of a fee which has been set at €5,000 per annum.

How to apply

General information on external PhD candidates at Leiden University’s Law Faculty, including on the online application form and the documents necessary for the online application is available at <http://www.law.leiden.edu/research/phdprogramme/>.

Please note that there is no specific starting date, and that applications can be made at any time during the year.

More Information

Details and additional information about the programme are available at <http://www.grotiuscentre.org/GrotiusPhDTrack.aspx>.

If you have any additional questions about the Grotius PhD Track, please contact the Director of the Grotius PhD Track Dr. Eric De Brabandere: e.de.brabandere@law.leidenuniv.nl.