



The Inter-Pacific Bar Association (IPBA) is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the IPBA Scholarship Programme to enable practicing lawyers to attend the IPBA's 26th Annual General Meeting and Conference to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 13-16, 2016.

What is the Inter-Pacific Bar Association?

The Inter-Pacific Bar Association is an international association of business and commercial lawyers with a focus on the Asia-Pacific region. Members are either Asia-Pacific residents or have a strong interest in this part of the world. The IPBA was founded in April 1991 at an organising conference held in Tokyo attended by more than 500 lawyers from throughout Asia and the Pacific. Since then, it has grown to become the pre-eminent organisation in respect of law and business within Asia with a membership of over 1500 lawyers from 65 jurisdictions around the world. IPBA members include a large number of lawyers practising in the Asia-Pacific region and throughout the world that have a cross-border practice involving the Asia-Pacific region.

What is the Inter-Pacific Bar Association Annual Meeting and Conference?

The highlight of the year for the IPBA is its annual multi-topic four-day conference. The conference has become the 'must attend event' for international lawyers practicing in the Asia-Pacific region. In addition to plenary sessions of interest to all lawyers, programs are presented by the IPBA's 22 specialist committees and one Ad Hoc committee. The IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference provides an opportunity for lawyers to meet their colleagues from around the world and to share the latest developments in cross-border practice and professional development in the Asia-Pacific region. Previous annual conferences have been held in Tokyo, Sydney, Taipei, Singapore, San Francisco, Manila, Kuala Lumpur, Auckland, Bangkok, Vancouver, Hong Kong, New Delhi, Seoul, Bali, Beijing, Los Angeles and Kyoto.

What is the IPBA Scholarship Programme?

The IPBA Scholarship Programme was originally established in honour of the memory of M.S. Lin of Taipei, who was one of the founders and a Past President of the IPBA. Today it operates to bring to the IPBA Annual Meeting and Conference lawyers who would not otherwise be able to attend and who would both contribute to, and benefit from attending, the IPBA Annual Conference. The Scholarship Programme is also intended to endorse the IPBA's mission to develop the law and its practice in the Asia-Pacific region. Currently, the scholarships are principally funded by The Japan Fund, established and supported by lawyers in Japan to honour IPBA's accomplishments since its founding, and the Host Committee of the Annual Meeting and Conference in Vancouver, Canada, 2014.

During the conference, the Scholars will enjoy the opportunity to meet key members of the legal community of the Asia-Pacific region through a series of unique and prestigious receptions, lectures, workshops, and social events. Each selected Scholar will be responsible to attend the Conference in its entirety, to make a brief presentation at the Conference on a designated topic, and to provide a report of his/her experience to the IPBA after the conference. The program aims to provide the Scholars with substantial tools and cross-border knowledge to assist them in building their careers in their home country. Following the conference, the Scholars will enjoy 3 years of IPBA membership and will be invited to join a dedicated social networking forum to remain in contact with each other while developing a network with other past and future Scholars.

Who is eligible to be an IPBA Scholar?

There are two categories of lawyers who are eligible to become an IPBA Scholar:

[1] Lawyers from Developing Countries

To be eligible, the applicants must:

- (a) be a citizen of and be admitted to practice in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Bangladesh, or the Pacific Islands;
- (b) be fluent in both written and spoken English (the conference language); and
- (c) currently maintain a cross-border practice or desire to become engaged in cross border practice.

[2] Young Lawyers

To be eligible, the applicants must:

- (a) be under 35 years of age at the time of application and have less than seven years of post-qualification experience;
- (b) be fluent in both written and spoken English (given this is the conference language);
- (c) have taken an active role in the legal profession in their respective countries;
- (d) currently maintain a cross-border practice or desire to become engaged in cross border practice; and
- (e) have published an article in a reputable journal on a topic related to the work of one of our committees or have provided some other objective evidence of committed involvement in the profession.

Preference will be given to applicants who would be otherwise unable to attend the conference because of personal or family financial circumstances, and/or because they are working for a small firm without a budget to allow them to attend.

Applicants from multi-national firms will normally be considered only if they have a substantial part of their attendance expenses paid by their firm. Former Scholars will only be considered under extraordinary circumstances.

How to apply to become an IPBA Scholar?

To apply for an IPBA Scholarship, please obtain an application form and return it to the IPBA Secretariat in Tokyo no later than **30 November 2015**. Application forms are available either through the IPBA website (ipba.org) or by contacting the IPBA Secretariat in Tokyo (ipba@ipba.org).

Please forward completed applications to:

The IPBA Secretariat
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6-2-31 Roppongi, Minato-ku
Tokyo 106-0032, Japan
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E-mail: ipba@ipba.org

What happens once a candidate is selected?

The following procedure will apply after selection:

1. IPBA will notify each successful applicant that he or she has been awarded an IPBA Scholarship. The notification will be provided at least two months prior to the start of the IPBA Annual Conference. Unsuccessful candidates will also be notified.
2. Airfare will be agreed upon, reimbursed or paid for by, and accommodation will be arranged and paid for by the IPBA Secretariat after consultation with the successful applicants.
3. A liaison appointed by the IPBA will introduce each Scholar to the IPBA and help the Scholar obtain the utmost benefit from the IPBA Annual Conference.
4. Each selected scholar will be responsible to attend all of the Conference, to make a very brief presentation at the Conference on a designated topic and to provide a report of his/her experience to the IPBA after the Conference.



Application Form
2016 IPBA Scholarship
26th IPBA Annual General Meeting
& Conference
April 13-16, 2016
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Please circle the category you are applying to:

- **Young Lawyers** (35 years or younger)*
- **Lawyers in Developing Countries** (For lawyers in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Bangladesh, and the Pacific Islands)*

* Kindly review full eligibility requirements for each category on page 5 prior to making the selection.

Name of the applicant: _____

Country: _____

Date of Submission: _____

**Please send the application
no later than November 30, 2015
To the attention of:**

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E-Mail: ipba@ipba.org

Date of Application: _____

Personal Details

Name: _____
(Please circle family name)

Postal Address: _____

Telephone: (Work) _____ (After hours) _____

Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Firm: _____

Date of Birth Year _____ Month _____ Date _____ Age _____

Gender Male Female (circle one)

English

Please rate your English skills: 1-5 (1. Very poor, 2. Poor, 3. Average, 4. Good, 5. Very Good)

Writing Skills: 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one)

Speaking skills: 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one)

Academic & Professional Achievements, as Applicable:

Years	Name of Institution & Major	Degree	Grade Point Average
		Bachelors or Undergraduate	
		J.D.	
		Masters or L.L.M.	Thesis Topic
		PhD	Date of candidacy exam: Thesis Topic:

Years of practice (as a practicing qualified lawyer in your present country): _____

Areas of practice: _____

Details of
International
Experience:

Details of
Professional
Involvement:

Publications

(This is a requirement for applicants for the Young Lawyers Scholarship Program)

Details of article/s authored by you and published in a reputable journal (Please attach a copy of the article or publication, as well as a copy of the front page of the journal). If the article is in a language other than English, kindly provide a translation to English of at least the first two pages:

1.

2.

3.

Financial position

Your annual gross total earnings (information to be held strictly confidential):

- US\$10,000 – 20,000 US\$20,000 – 40,000 US\$40,000 – 60,000
- US\$60,000 – 80,000 Over US\$80,000

Your Available
Contribution to
Conference expenses:

Your Firm's Contribution
To Conference
Expenses:

Essay

Please submit a one-page typed essay describing: a) yourself and your career; b) why you feel you should be considered for the IPBA Scholarship; c) what you hope to learn from attending the IPBA 26th Annual Meeting and Conference in Kuala Lumpur; and d) ideas as to how you could help to promote the IPBA in your country.

Recommendation

A letter of recommendation must be submitted with this application. List the name of the person submitting the recommendation:

Name	
Street	
City	
State/Zip	
Telephone	
E-mail	

Have you previously received a Scholarship from IPBA? Yes / No Year: _____

If so, please describe in detail what you have done post-Scholarship to promote the IPBA:

I attest that the information provided on this form is true and accurate

Name: _____

Date: _____ Signature: _____

Eligibility Criteria for Young Lawyers:

To be eligible, an applicant must:

- (a) be under 35 years of age **and** have less than seven years of legal practice;
- (b) be fluent in both written and spoken English (given this is the conference language);
- (c) have taken an active role in the legal profession in his/her country;
- (d) currently be involved in a cross-border practice or wish to become engaged in a cross-border practice; and
- (e) have published an article in a reputable journal on some topic related to the work of one of the IPBA Committees or provide some other objective evidence of committed involvement in the profession.

Preference will be given to those applicants who could not otherwise attend the conference due to personal and family financial circumstances and/or because they are employed by a small firm which could not afford to send them to the conference. Preference will also be given to applicants who have not previously attended an IPBA conference.

Eligibility Criteria for Lawyers in Developing Countries:

To be eligible, all applicants must:

- (a) be an indigenous lawyer in Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, Mongolia, Bangladesh, or the Pacific Islands;
- (b) be fluent in both written and spoken English (the conference language); and
- (c) currently be involved in a cross-border practice or wish to become engaged in a cross-border practice.

Notes for Applicants:

A successful applicant will receive round-trip economy plane fare between the country of residence or current location and the conference city, accommodations in the host city for the duration of the conference, a small per diem allowance, and full registration for the conference. Expenses associated with visa applications or travel required to obtain a visa are not covered by the scholarship.

Each scholar will be expected to fully participate in the entire conference through its entirety. In addition, each scholar will be expected to make a short presentation at the conference on a topic to be selected by the IPBA Scholarship Committee relating to legal practice in their jurisdiction. All scholars will also be required to submit a written report about their experience at the conference.

Please complete the above application form in full.

You are also required to provide a letter of recommendation from a senior partner in your firm or a senior member of the legal profession in your country confirming that you meet the criteria set out above.

Please do not supply any further information.

Please send the completed application and letter of recommendation by **November 30, 2015** to:

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