Student Application Form

***Before completing this application form, please read and consider the following carefully:***

**About the Project**

Across the world people go missing during armed conflict, migration, as a result of systematic human rights abuses, disasters or organized crime. But reliable data and information on how States may address missing persons cases is not always forthcoming.

The development of indicators will help create systematic links between different types of quantitative and qualitative data. The extent to which States subscribe to international law and the degree to which public authorities implement policies to address missing persons issues is measurable. Indicators will help build a more comprehensive, convincing and systematic account of how the issue of missing persons permeates international law and domestic State spheres, and connects actors for the benefit of the affected communities. Further it will highlight avenues and mechanisms within a State that will help inform the affected families with their reporting and search efforts.

This project will produce such vital information to underpin future ICMP global reports.

**About the International Commission on Missing Persons:** The ICMP works with governments, civil society organisations, justice institutions, other international organisations as well as with academic institutions to address the issue of missing persons based on human rights and the rule of law. ICMP is actively engaged in developing institutional and civil society capacity, promoting legislation, fostering social and political advocacy, and developing and providing technical expertise to locate the missing and to establish the circumstances of their disappearance.

**How will you benefit?**

Participating students will

* be part of a group of researchers sourcing data for the purpose of the International Commission on Missing Persons Global Reports;
* gain practical research experience in international law, policy and global trends;
* enhance your CV with internship-like experience;
* gain global, ethical and cultural awareness of a real-life societal problem with the aim of alleviating missing persons cases;
* be part of a multidisciplinary, international student, staff and stakeholder information exchange.

You will help us create a new ‘community’ of human rights research and practice where a global outlook, diversity and inclusivity is essential for successful outcomes.

**Student Requirements**

Students are expected to be fully involved, engage in the training sessions provided and subsequently dedicate ca. 3 hours a week to the data generation.

The next project cycle will commence autumn 2023 and we will continue working on structural indicators:

*Structural indicators* are examining the legal, regulatory and institutional structures in place. A State who has signed and ratified a human rights treaty has expressed commitment to a certain set of human rights. Therefore, the State should have domestic legislation, institutional mechanisms and policies to safeguard the right and secure redress when it is breached.

You will be conducting research into international treaty law, domestic legislation and policies in relation to missing persons. The project will examine all States across the globe.

**Who are we looking for?** We are looking for committed, curious and motivated students with a good record of study achievements and the following attributes:

* an understanding of, or interest in, international law and global affairs;
* an interest in human rights and policies to resolve missing persons cases;
* excellent time management skills;
* motivation for independent research;
* an aptitude to work across disciplines and in an international team;
* desire to present BU in this external facing project.

Knowledge of languages, cultures and legal systems will be a particular advantage but is not a requirement.

**Closing deadline:** The submission deadline for the application form is Thursday 19 October 2023 at 17:00. Submission is via email: indicators@bournemouth.ac.uk .

**The selection process** will include the short-listing and interviewing of suitable candidates. Interviews are scheduled for week commencing 30th October 2023.

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| **1. Personal Details** |
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| **2. Education, Relevant Work Experience and Training**Please feel free to add rows where appropriate. |
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| **3. In support of your application**Please tell us why you wish to take part in the project, what interests you and how you would benefit from the project. This can include how the project relates to your studies, choice of research project topic, placement options, career ambitions etc. and how you think you can integrate the project demands into your study schedule. No more than 500 words, please add a sheet if required. |
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| **4. Referee** Please nominate one academic at BU who we may contact regarding your knowledge, skills, attributes and suitability for participation in this project.  |
| Name Position Telephone Email Capacity in which known  |

*I understand that the ICMP indicators are vested in ICMP and data collated as part of this project is not to be shared with third parties.*

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(Signature/Print name) (Date)

Please send the completed application form to:

indicators@bournemouth.ac.uk

no later than 19 October 2023 17:00 UK time

Interviews will take place week commencing 30 October 2023; the preferred interview mode is in-person (on campus). A remote interview (using MS Teams) is possible in exceptional circumstances.