

Call for Applications:

ILFA Flagship Secondment Programme (Placements in London & Dubai)

Applicants are invited to apply for a 1 - 3 month work experience which includes advanced training and secondment to leading law firms or corporate legal departments in London, Dubai or Paris. This ILFA Flagship Secondment Programme will run from September until December 2026.

ILFA Flagship programme facilitates interchange opportunities for African lawyers to take part in a three-month secondment programme in law offices of [international law firms and corporations](#) based in London, Paris, and Dubai. Additionally, the programme provides an academic enrichment series that incorporates training modules on various topics relevant to the African legal sector. Finally, the ILFA lawyers undergo intense seminars at the prestigious Oxford and Cambridge Universities

Applications are to be submitted online through email via ilfaadmin@ilfa.africa

The application form can be found [here](#).

Online application open from Friday, 19 December 2025

Deadline for applications: Thursday, January 29 2026 23:59 UK Time.

Applicants must have:

- Degree in law or admitted to practise as a lawyer in any African jurisdiction
- Excellent academics (minimum of a 2.1 or equivalent) from a university with a reputable law faculty
- Minimum of 5 years qualified working in private practice or government service; permanent resident of an African country
- Professional legal experience at the national level, with emphasis in public international law, corporate and commercial or banking and finance law. Experience as Government/state lawyers in the context of international law preferable
- Committed to developing legal skills in litigation, intellectual property, project finance, oil & gas, construction, mining, and sovereign debt
- Must be fluent in English. French, Arabic desired for certain placements
- Be willing to contribute a small percentage to the programme
- Meet the covid 19 Protocol for the UK at the time of the secondment in terms of Vaccines, PCR test and all other requirements as set by the UK Government.
- Be under the age of 35 to qualify for the Fragomen Temporary work visa in the UK
- Have obtained a degree of any kind in the last 5 years