



WAKE FOREST
UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL of LAW

The Visiting International Researcher (VIR) Program Application Form

The School of Law hosts a limited number of Visiting International Researchers each year. The program is designed for foreign academics and graduate law students, as well as legal professionals, interested in pursuing legal research and consulting with Wake Forest Law faculty.

It is important to remember that researchers are only allowed to audit courses. There will be no credit given for courses audited. This is not a degree program, rather a chance to further your current studies and expand your knowledge of U.S. Law.

Application Instructions

If you have questions regarding the application or the admissions process, please contact International Programs at +001.336.758.6116 or via e-mail at LLM@wfu.edu. All applications are reviewed once they are complete. Although we attempt to notify any candidate whose file is incomplete, it is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that all documents are submitted in a timely manner.

Demographics

Requested Terms of Enrollment: Periods of study should coincide with our academic calendar, which can be found here: <http://academics.law.wfu.edu/calendar/>. Please indicate which semester(s) you plan to be in residence.

Name: When completing the application form, please provide your full name as indicated on your passport or official document.

Birthdate: When entering your birthdate, please enter it as Month/Day/Year.

E-mail: Please provide a permanent e-mail address as this will be used for all correspondence during the application process.

English Proficiency

Applicants attending the VIR program whose native language is not English, must demonstrate English Proficiency through one of the following methods: TOEFL or IELTS score, a signed letter from an educational institution where English is the sole language attesting to the researcher's language skills, or a video conference with Admissions Officers. There will be space on your application to indicate your preference.

Résumé (Curriculum Vitae)

Applicants must submit a résumé or curriculum vitae outlining all relevant academic and professional achievements.

Letter of Intent

Applicants are required to submit a letter of intent that includes an explanation of the reasons for the visit, a clear research agenda, a proposed time frame for the visit, and any plans for auditing courses.

Documentation of Financial Resources

If accepted, candidates must provide documentation certifying adequate financial resources to pay for all tuition, books, and living expenses. Tuition for the VIR program is \$6000 per semester in residence.

Financial documentation consists of two parts:

- Official Bank Statements: You (or your sponsor) must provide certified bank statements (or other official financial statements) indicating that you have sufficient funds to cover all tuition and living expenses.
- Sponsorship Letter(s): If you have been provided a scholarship, you must submit a copy of the sponsor's letter affirming their commitment to support you during your studies and indicating the amount of monies provided. If a parent or other family members are your sponsors, you will need to submit a letter from them specifying their relationship to you and indicating their commitment to financially support you during your education in the U.S. Included with this letter should be an official statement verifying that they have sufficient funds to provide for your full course of study and living expenses.

Application Fee

The \$75 Application Fee is payable via check, money order, or via our online [flywire](https://www.flywire.com/pay/wfu) (<https://www.flywire.com/pay/wfu>) system.

Admissions Decisions

Your application will not be reviewed until it is complete. Applications are reviewed in the order in which they are received and decisions typically take 4 to 6 weeks. If you have not received a decision in that time, please be sure to contact our office. If the committee requests any further information on your application, we will contact you via email.

Requested Terms of Enrollment: ☐ Spring ☐ Fall Year(s) _____

All questions below must be answered fully for your application to be considered. Please type or print clearly.

Full Name: _____
Last (Family) First (Given) Middle

Date of Birth: _____ **Place of Birth:** _____
Month/Day/Year City Country

Email Address: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female **Native Language:** _____

CITIZENSHIP STATUS:

- ☐ U.S. Citizen (either by birth or through naturalization)
☐ U.S. Permanent Resident
☐ Non U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident

ETHNICITY

U.S. Citizens & Permanent Residents Only

Ethnicity: U.S. federal law requires that institutions of higher education gather the following information regarding the ethnicity and race of their students and employees. The law only requires institutions to report aggregate totals for each category. Select the appropriate response your ethnicity and your race:

1. Is your ethnicity Hispanic/Latino (Cuban, Mexican, Puerto Rican, South or Central American or other Spanish culture)?

- ☐ Yes, Hispanic/Latino ☐ No, not Hispanic/Latino

2. What is your race?

- ☐ Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native ☐ Asian ☐ Black or African American ☐ Canadian Aboriginal
☐ Caucasian/White ☐ Hispanic/Latino ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander ☐ Puerto Rican ☐ Decline to answer

For Non U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents

Are you presently in the U.S.? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, when did you arrive in this country? _____

Country of Citizenship: _____ Visa Type & Sevis Number: _____

ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS

Will your spouse and/or children be accompanying you for any part of the duration of your stay? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, please list their name(s), relationship to you, and age(s).

PERMANENT ADDRESS:

Street Address Line 1

Street Address Line 2

City State/ Province Country / Postal Code

US MAILING ADDRESS (If Applicable):

Street Address Line 1

Street Address Line 2

City State Zip Code

EDUCATION:

List all colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools attended or currently attending.

Name of Institution	Graduation Date (m/yy)	Degree Awarded & Major	GPA if available

List all academic honors, publications, and relevant extracurricular activities: _____

Have you applied to Wake Forest Law before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please list the program and term for which you applied: _____

EMPLOYMENT:

List any law or business related professional experience.

NAME & LOCATION OF EMPLOYER	TITLE	DATES OF EMPLOYMENT

Are you currently a member of the Bar of any jurisdiction? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what jurisdiction? _____ When were you admitted? _____

Are you funded by your employer or an organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, list the name of employer or organization: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Applicants attending the VIR program on the J-1 visa, whose native language is not English, must demonstrate English Proficiency through one of the following methods: TOEFL or IELTS score, signed letter from an educational institution where English is the sole language attesting the the candidate's language skills, or a videoconference with Admissions Officers. Please indicate below how you intend to fulfill this requirement.

Have you taken a TOEFL or IELTS test? ☐ Yes ☐ No Score Received: _____

Date test taken: _____

Please attach your score report.

Have you received a degree from an English-speaking institution? ☐ Yes ☐ No Dates Attended: _____

Name of Institution: _____ Degree Awarded: _____

If yes, please attach documentation (transcripts or letters of completion).

If you wish to schedule a video interview, please indicate a day of the week and time that is best for you, as well as your timezone: _____

DISCLOSURE

Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for academic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, professional schools you have attended? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach an explanatory statement.

Have you ever been suspended from law practice or disbarred? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach an explanatory statement.

Are there any disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach an explanatory statement.

Have you ever been charged with or convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation, or are such charges pending? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, attach an explanatory statement.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the information I have provided in response to the questions on this application form, including information contained in any supplemental material submitted, is complete and accurate; and that the personal statement I have submitted is my own work, and all factual representations made therein are true and correct. I will notify Wake Forest Law of any occurrences after the date of this application that would change the answers to any of the questions asked.

Signature_____ **Date:** _____