The Stockton Center for International Law is now accepting applications for its Visiting Research Scholar Program. An integral part of the U.S. Naval War College, the Stockton Center is an internationally recognized research institute focusing on the most challenging questions of international law pertaining to the use of force, the law of armed conflict, military operations, the law of the sea, and maritime security. The Center features leading international law scholars as well as senior military attorneys conducting research, teaching, and external engagement. It also hosts academic workshops bringing together legal scholars, practitioners, and policy experts from the U.S. and abroad. Through these efforts, the Center seeks to clarify vexing international legal issues to allow government officials and military leaders to make informed decisions, while also contributing to legal academia and international legal practice more generally.

Interested applicants should submit an application letter, a research agenda of no more than two pages, and a current CV to Jay Crisfield at james.crisfield.ctr@usnwc.edu. Selected applicants also must provide a copy of a current passport. The application letter should explain why the applicant would like to conduct research at the Stockton Center, as well as the dates they would like to visit. The application letter should also include a brief note stating how they intend to fund their visit and how they intend to obtain a visa (if required). The research agenda should state the research question and outline the research project that the applicant will undertake while visiting the Center.

Visiting scholars typically spend two to three months at the Stockton Center, but shorter or longer stays are possible depending on space and scheduling constraints.

Visiting research scholars will have access to the outstanding resources of the Henry E. Eccles Library and Learning Commons, as well as office space and a computer. They will also be able to participate in Naval War College events, including its numerous guest lectures, conferences, and workshops. Finally, they will be encouraged to take an active role in the academic community within the Stockton Center by presenting their research and joining in Center events.

Unfortunately, the Center cannot provide funding, nor can it assist with visa requests outside of providing confirmation of the applicant’s selection. The Center is located on a U.S. Navy installation and visiting research scholars are required to pass a security background check before they can be granted access to the installation and the Naval War College campus. The campus is not accessible by public transportation so visiting scholars must provide for their own personal transportation to and from the Center.

If you have any questions about the program or the application process please contact Stockton Center Director of Research Jay Crisfield at james.crisfield.ctr@usnwc.edu.