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## ANU law graduate to undertake International Court of Justice Traineeship

Patrick Delaney, BA/LLB graduate and University Medal in Law winner (2005) has been chosen to work as an associate at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. He is the third ANU law graduate to be awarded the prestigious ICJ traineeship, where he will work with one or more of the ICJ judges, undertaking research related to cases before the Court, preparing case files, and drafting documents.

Patrick who is currently working with the International Law and Property Branch of the UK Ministry of Justice in London said he is really excited about the experience. "It's hard to imagine myself working on the kinds of cases I once read in textbooks. I can only hope that I get a chance to contribute in some small way to the legal history that the court makes on a daily basis."



When asked what he thought the most exciting aspect of working at the ICJ would be, Patrick said that he is looking forward to seeing the Judges in action. "I think the ICJ is nothing without the Judges. There are some truly stellar minds in the court."

Patrick said that he thinks the opportunity will open doors for him. "I am interested in a future in international law and the ICJ will be a fantastic launching pad. The rest will have to be made up by hard work."

ANU College of Law was invited in 2006 by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to join its Student Traineeship Program, which has previously been open only to the top North American and European law schools. The ANU College of Law is the only Australian university to participate in the traineeship scheme.

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