**Ankara, 24.09.2021**

**UNION OF TURKISH BAR ASSOCIATIONS**

**………………………**

**ANNOUNCEMENT NO:2021/44**

Placements will be organised to the European Court of Human Rights under the Council of Europe and European Union Joint Project on "Strengthening the Capacity of Bar Associations and Lawyers on European Human Rights Standards" (ScoBAL), where the Union of Turkish Bar Associations is the primary beneficiary.

The placements aim to support the development of human rights capacities of bar associations and the UTBA on human rights and to benefit from other Council of Europe organs by aiming to raise knowledge on specific areas of human rights.

Accordingly, two placements are foreseen in the ECtHR (in the Registry). The two candidates are required to have the following qualifications for the placements in the Registry of the ECtHR;

- To conduct research on specific aspects of domestic law and issue a report in English and/or Turkish,

- To conduct research on specific questions on the caselaw of the ECtHR and issue a report in English and/or Turkish,

- To prepare a presentation for delegations visiting the ECtHR,

- To draft notes on various questions, including the admissibility of applications,

- To perform other duties about the functioning of the Registry,

These placements will be for a maximum period of two months (October – December). Financial support, including a return ticket and daily allowance during the placement will be provided for the participants.

Application Criteria:

- It is obligatory to have had two doses of vaccines approved by the European Medicine Agency and present the valid, relevant vaccine certificate.

- Advanced level of English or French is obligatory.

- Priority will be given to the applicants who do not need a valid visa due to the problems experienced in visa application procedures affected by Covid-19 measures.

- Competency in human rights proceedings in Turkey and the caselaw of the ECtHR,

- To be convincingly motivated (to make contributions to the human rights work of their bar association after the placement),

- To have a post-graduate or doctorate degree on human rights,

- To be experienced in application to the ECtHR and/or the Turkish Constitutional Court and

- To be a trainer on human rights will be an asset.

Conditions for Application:

- All applications should be made to the International Affairs and European Union Centre of our Union before 4 October 2021, 18.00 (utba@barobirlik.org.tr ). Any applications sent after the deadline will not be taken into consideration.

- A letter of intent with a minimum of 1000 words should be submitted together with the application. The letter of intent should be in English and/or French, in addition to Turkish,

- The applicants should submit their CVs in English and/or French, in addition to Turkish,

- A vaccine certificate valid in EU countries should be submitted together with the application,

- Image of the visa page on the passport of applicants with a valid visa and the first page of the passports of applicants with “green” passports should be submitted together with their application,

- COVID declaration prepared by the Council of Europe must be enclosed to the application. The form is available on <https://rm.coe.int/1680a3ce20> .

Other Terms and Conditions:

- Following the evaluation of the applications by the Union of Turkish Bar Associations, in coordination with the Council of Europe Ankara Programme Office, a shortlist of the candidates will be sent to the relevant unit of the ECtHR for placement.

- Shortlisted candidates may be requested to attend an interview on Skype and/or phone by the related unit of the ECtHR for placement. The final selection will be made directly by the hosting department.

- Placement is planned to start on 18 October 2021.

- Placements abroad will continue during the project. However, future applications of the placed candidate will not be taken into consideration in future placements.

- A report that summarises their experience and recommendations should be presented by the participants, to contribute to improving their institutions, following the completion of their placements.

I kindly request the necessary actions to inform the colleagues who are enthusiastic about participating in the placements.

Best regards,

**Lawyer Metin FEYZİOĞLU**
**President**

**Union of Turkish Bar Associations**