

# 2026 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

- We are looking for a team -

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# WHAT IS A MOOT COURT?

- It's a simulation of a Court Proceeding
  - Memorial (Written) Phase
  - Pleading (Oral) Phase
- Concerns a fictional case with made-up parties and problems
- Participants can take the position of the Applicant (Plaintiff), the Respondent (Defendant) or both sides
- Competition against other teams on university, regional, national or international level
- Judges are usually Lawyers, Judges or Professors

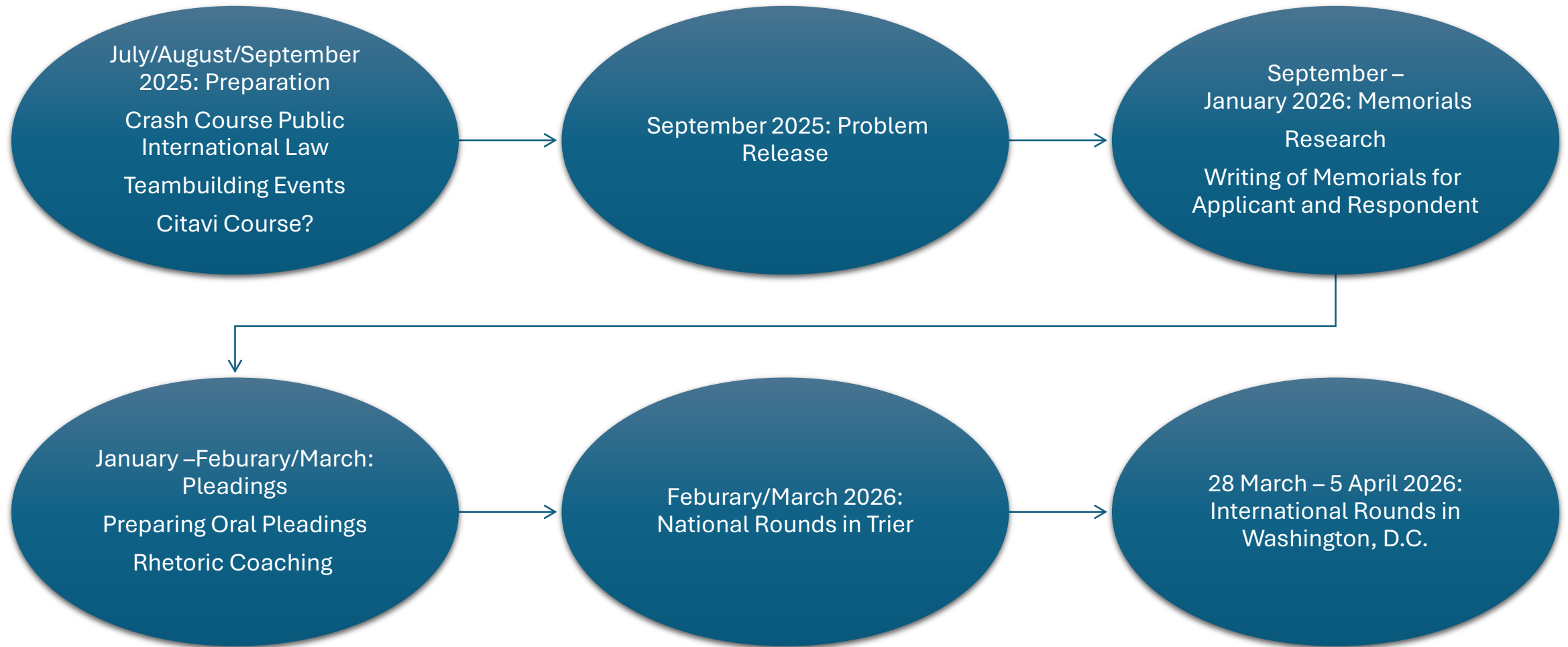
# JESSUP

## COMPETITION 2026

### WHAT IS THE JESSUP MOOT COURT?

- Simulation of a trial before the International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- The world's largest Moot Court
- Applicant and Respondent Parties are States
- Teams take the position of the Agents for both sides
- Teams will prepare a written memorial and oral arguments for the pleadings
- The Problem of the case is often related to current and highly relevant issues of Public Int. Law and International Politics
- Competition is divided into national and international rounds
- Takes around 6 months

# SCHEDULE OF THE COMPETITION IN MAINZ



# TOPICS OF THE 2026 JESSUP PROBLEM

(1) Who has the right to intervene in proceedings before the International Court of Justice?

(2) What are the rights of indigenous peoples relating to rare earth minerals found in their land?

(3) What are “the general principles of law recognized by civilized nations”?

(4) When is a state immune from the domestic jurisdiction of another state when it has caused economic harm to citizens of that state?

# WHY PARTICIPATE IN THE JESSUP MOOT COURT?

- Add a practical dimension to your studies and assume the role of a lawyer before the International Court of Justice
- Get a unique look into the world of public international law and a chance to network and to receive internship offers
- Improve your written and spoken English skills
- Acquire a profound understanding of public international law
- Upgrade your CV
- Improve your ability to work in a team and make friends
- Travel and accommodation costs are covered
- free semester for the “Freischuss” (law students); probably Fremdsprachenschein

# WE ARE LOOKING FOR...

Interest in Public International Law

Interest in researching and presenting

Team players

Ability to work under pressure

Healthy dose of ambition

Willingness to learn and grow

Openness to constructive criticism

Willingness to invest time

Good knowledge of English



# WHAT IS NOT REQUIRED

Already existing deep knowledge of Public International Law

Being very advanced in law studies (towards the end of law studies)



# YOUR APPLICATION



## Documents:

Curriculum Vitae

English Letter of Motivation (max.  
one page, 500 words)

copy of current degree certificate  
(e.g. Bachelor, Abitur, ...)

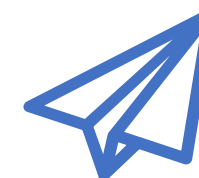
copies of your academic  
achievements to date (Transcript  
of Records, language certificates,  
other qualifications)



## Deadline:

4th June 2025

8.00 pm.



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