



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR NEW RESEARCHERS (2026)

The Research Laboratory on International Humanitarian Law and Children's Rights (LAPDIH) is the first Brazilian research institution exclusively dedicated to scientific research in the fields of International Humanitarian Law and Children's Rights. It was founded by Ana Carolina Santos Coelho, LL.M. candidate and specialist in International Law.

LAPDIH organizes academic and scientific events dedicated to International Humanitarian Law and International Children's Rights, while also supporting and promoting academic initiatives related to its research areas. Its members participate in congresses, conferences, seminars, and other forums for academic and scientific exchange in Brazil and abroad.

The Laboratory's commitment to scientific research is also reflected in its editorial activities, which include the annual publication of books in Portuguese and English dedicated to its research areas, as well as a quarterly newsletter featuring contributions from national and international researchers and invited experts. All publications are duly registered with Digital Object Identifiers (DOIs) and, where applicable, with an International Standard Book Number (ISBN), ensuring the identification, traceability, and accessibility of works published under the institutional auspices of LAPDIH.

I – PURPOSE

This Call for Applications aims to select candidates interested in joining LAPDIH as Researchers in the following Research Areas:

Research Area 01: Emerging Technologies, Artificial Intelligence and Armed Conflict

Research Area 02: International Child Abduction and International Legal Cooperation

II – NUMBER OF POSITIONS AND DURATION

Under this Call for Applications, up to ten (10) new Researchers will be selected to join the Laboratory and participate in its activities from 25 October 2026 to 25 October 2027, with the possibility of reappointment for a subsequent term.

LAPDIH reserves the right to select fewer candidates than the total number of positions available.

A Researcher's membership may be terminated upon the Researcher's request for withdrawal from LAPDIH or in the event of failure to comply with the obligations established in this Call for Applications.

III – OBLIGATIONS OF LAPDIH RESEARCHERS

1. Participate in LAPDIH meetings, which will be held virtually, with a minimum attendance rate of 70%. A Researcher who fails to attend three consecutive meetings without providing justification will be removed from the group without the need for the establishment of an



evaluation committee. A mid-year assessment will be conducted to provide feedback to all members.

2. Complete and submit all assigned activities within the established deadlines.
3. Refrain from sharing research data or materials developed within LAPDIH with third parties without the prior express authorization of the Laboratory's Coordination.
4. Refrain from using artificial intelligence in the preparation of scientific or academic work affiliated with the Laboratory, except where expressly authorized by the Coordination.

IV – INSTITUTIONAL BENEFIT

Researchers admitted through this selection process will receive, as an institutional benefit offered by LAPDIH, payment of the annual Peace Palace Library Membership fee corresponding to the year in which they join the Laboratory, thereby providing access to one of the world's leading specialized collections in International Law.

This benefit is personal, contingent upon the Researcher's continued affiliation with LAPDIH, and limited to the period specified above. It does not create any obligation on the part of the Laboratory to cover or renew the membership fee in subsequent years.

V – EVALUATION CRITERIA

Candidates will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Lattes Curriculum Vitae (Lattes CV), to be submitted in accordance with the provisions set forth below.
2. Research Proposal, with a maximum length of two (2) pages, in which the candidate shall present and develop, on a well-founded basis, a topic of their choice related to the Research Area for which they wish to apply. The proposal must demonstrate the relevance of the chosen topic, its significance to the respective field of study, and its connection to the lines of research developed by LAPDIH.

The Research Proposal must include the following sections: "Presentation of the Topic," "Rationale," and "Preliminary Bibliography," and must be formatted in Times New Roman, 12-point font, with 1.15 line spacing.

Footnotes must be formatted in Times New Roman, 10-point font.

3. Motivation Letter, with a maximum length of one (1) page, in which the candidate shall explain their reasons for wishing to join the Laboratory.
4. Video Presentation, with a maximum duration of two (2) minutes, in which the candidate shall introduce themselves and answer the following question: "How can I contribute to LAPDIH?"
5. Interview, if the candidate is invited to participate following the review of their application.

IMPORTANT: THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL AND MOTIVATION LETTER IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. ANY



VIOLATION OF THIS REQUIREMENT WILL RESULT IN THE CANDIDATE'S AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION.

VI – TIMELINE

01 September 2026: Publication of the Call for Applications and opening of the selection process

06 October 2026: Application deadline

11 October 2026: Invitation to interviews

19–23 October 2026: Interviews

24 October 2026: Announcement of the results through LAPDIH's official academic email and social media channels

VII – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will open on the date of publication of this Call for Applications and must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on 06 October 2026, by completing the application form available at the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdf3IPCCP67et-ydwyFGx6XtCR0i2R7rJ27JV3URK5jsc7nLg/viewform?usp=publish-editor>

The documents required under the Evaluation Criteria section must be submitted through the application form in the following formats:

1. The Lattes CV, Motivation Letter, and Research Proposal must be submitted in PDF format and named using the candidate's first name, surname, and the type of document (Lattes, Motivation Letter, or Research Proposal).
2. The Video Presentation must be submitted in .mp4 or .mp3 format. In order to protect candidates' privacy, only LAPDIH's Scientific Committee will have access to the files submitted during the selection process. All such files will be deleted upon completion of the selection process.

VIII – FINAL PROVISIONS

The copyright economic rights relating to works, projects, research outputs, publications, and other materials or creations developed within the scope of LAPDIH's institutional activities shall, subject to applicable law, belong to the Laboratory. No member may individually exploit, reproduce, publish, assign, license, or commercially use such works without the prior express authorization of LAPDIH.

The termination of a member's affiliation with LAPDIH, for any reason, shall not affect the Laboratory's right to use, develop, continue, disseminate, or publish projects, research, materials, and



other works initiated or developed, in whole or in part, during the period of that member's affiliation with the Laboratory.

A former member shall continue to be duly identified as the author or co-author of contributions effectively incorporated into the relevant work, where applicable. Such member may not, however, prevent the institutional continuation, development, or publication of the project, nor claim exclusive rights over any work or product developed collectively within the scope of LAPDIH, subject at all times to applicable copyright law.

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