



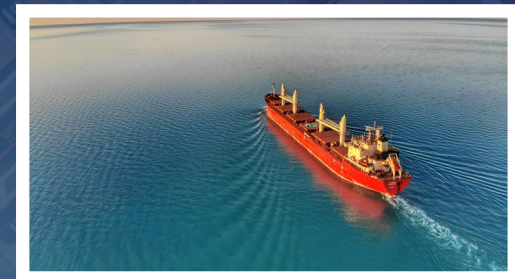
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INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWANSEA LLM STUDENTS

The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL) benefits from strong, longstanding links with leading international law firms and a wide range of organisations specialising in commercial, maritime, energy, and legaltech. These connections place our LLM students in an outstanding position to access a variety of exciting internship opportunities.

Internships are an integral part of the Swansea LLM experience. They offer students valuable exposure to professional practice, the chance to build meaningful networks, and the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in their chosen fields. Each year—particularly over the summer—many of our students undertake internships with prestigious organisations across the sector.

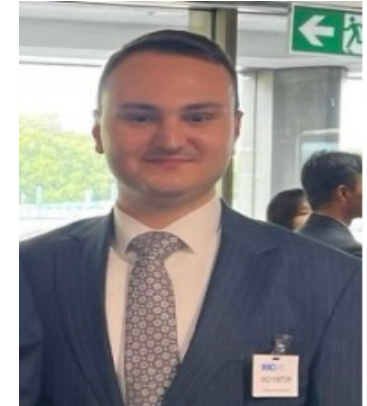
In the following pages, you will discover the internship experiences of several students from our most recent cohort (2024–25), highlighting the breadth of opportunities available and the impact these placements have had on their professional development.



Suay Agaoglu— International Maritime Organization, IMO

Suay's time at Swansea University was both academically enriching and professionally formative. As an LLM candidate in International Maritime Law, he developed a strong foundation in marine insurance, arbitration, and environmental liability within a rigorous and intellectually stimulating academic environment.

During his studies, he had the opportunity to attend committee sessions at the International Maritime Organization in London. Observing the work of IMO committees firsthand provided valuable insight into how international maritime conventions are discussed, negotiated, and refined in practice, as well as highlighting the collaborative nature of global maritime regulation. This experience complemented his academic training and further strengthened his commitment to pursuing a career in maritime law at the international level.



Richard Ati— Stephenson & Harwood LLP, London

**STEPHENSON
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My time at Swansea University was both academically and personally rewarding. As an LLM student in Oil, Gas and Renewable Energy Law, I was proud to receive the HFW Prize for best performance in the Oil and Gas Contracts and Liabilities module, reflecting my strong interest in the commercial and regulatory dimensions of the energy sector. I was also honoured with the Stephenson Harwood Prize for top performance in Offshore Energy Law.

Through Swansea's strong academic and industry links, I secured an internship with Stephenson Harwood LLP in London, within the Maritime, Trade and Offshore Energy Department. This experience provided valuable insight into international commercial practice and offshore energy operations, including exposure to complex cross-border matters involving a Nigerian exploration company and a UK offshore shipping firm.

The HFW Prize also offered a memorable networking opportunity at HFW's headquarters in Bishopsgate, where I met leading practitioners and celebrated the achievement alongside Professor Baris Soyer and distinguished guests.

The combination of academic excellence, professional experience and industry engagement at Swansea University has been instrumental in shaping my ambition to contribute meaningfully to the global energy and maritime sectors.

Excellence Charles—Hannaford Turner LLP, London

At Swansea University, I experienced both rigorous intellectual challenge and meaningful professional growth. As an LLM student in International Commercial and Maritime Law, I undertook a demanding academic programme that refined my analytical skills and deepened my understanding of international trade and maritime legal frameworks.

With the support and encouragement of the faculty, I secured an internship with Hannaford Turner LLP in London. During my time at the firm, I worked closely with the litigation team, conducting detailed case law research and contributing to the development of legal strategies. I was also entrusted with proposing statutory arguments, an opportunity that strengthened both my confidence and my practical understanding of complex commercial disputes.

This experience enabled me to bridge the gap between academic study and professional practice, providing valuable exposure to commercial litigation within a dynamic and fast-paced legal environment.

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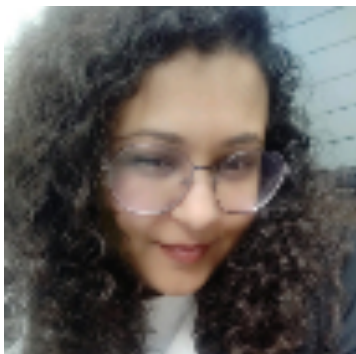


Shreya Chowdhury—DWF Marine, London

Choosing to pursue an LL.M. in International Commercial and Maritime Law at Swansea University has been one of the most rewarding decisions of my professional journey. Coming from a commercial law background with no prior exposure to maritime or international trade law, I was initially stepping into unfamiliar territory. However, the exceptional faculty made the transition seamless. Their expertise and genuine enthusiasm transformed complex legal principles into engaging and intellectually stimulating discussions, within an academic environment that fostered reflection, confidence and professional growth.

I was deeply honoured to receive the Marine Insurance Prize, which led to a valuable two-week work experience with the Marine Team at DWF in London. This opportunity provided practical insight into the shipping industry and enabled me to connect academic study with real-world legal practice.

I remain sincerely grateful to the professors at Swansea University for their mentorship and encouragement. Their commitment to excellence and supportive approach have left a lasting impact on both my professional aspirations and personal development.



Claudia Fana – Stephenson Harwood, London

I look back on my time at Swansea with a great sense of accomplishment. The International Commercial and Maritime Law LL.M. provided an exceptional academic environment that fostered critical thinking while bringing together students from a wide range of international backgrounds.

In addition to the intellectually enriching courses and the invaluable guidance offered by lecturers, the programme created meaningful opportunities to connect with the industry. With the support and mentorship of the IISTL, I was able to secure an internship at Stephenson Harwood in London. There, I had the opportunity to work alongside leading professionals in shipping law and deepen my understanding of the practical and commercial dimensions of maritime law.

This experience proved invaluable, enabling me to bridge the gap between academic study and professional practice and to further develop my interest in the field.

**STEPHENSON
HARWOOD**



Honglin Wu – BIMCO, Shanghai Office

My time at Swansea was enriching in every sense. As an LLM student in International Commercial and Maritime Law, I had the privilege of spending a full year immersed in a dynamic and inspiring academic environment that fostered both intellectual growth and professional ambition.

Through the opportunities and support provided by Swansea, I secured an internship with BIMCO's Shanghai office—an experience that enabled me to engage directly with the international shipping community. Working alongside exceptional professionals, I strengthened my understanding of maritime practice and gained invaluable insight into the global shipping industry.

I am sincerely grateful to my classmates and professors at Swansea, whose dedication, encouragement, and generosity of spirit made a lasting impact. This journey not only broadened my horizons but also deepened my passion for the shipping industry and confirmed my commitment to pursuing a career within it.





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