



Applications Open for Participation in the 3rd Owada Chair Program

The Center for International Exchange, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences/College of Arts and Sciences, the University of Tokyo is pleased to announce that we are accepting applications from our students at the graduate level (in principle,* doctoral candidates and master's students) to participate in a joint project between UTokyo and Leiden University on the study of "***Interface between International Law and International Relations***" (***Owada Chair Program***).

*[Students in the Senior Division may also be accepted to join upon consultation with the Center for International Exchange]

For the details of the overall aims and purposes of the Owada Chair Program, please see the website below:
<https://www.owadachair.c.u-tokyo.ac.jp>

1. The Specific Focus of the Owada Chair Program

The Owada Chair Program was established in 2021 as a joint academic project between UTokyo and Leiden University for promoting research and developing academic interest in the study of the intriguing interaction between a *utopian (normative framework)* approach and an *apologian (political reality)* approach from diverse interdisciplinary perspectives. More concretely, a specific theme demonstrating the complex nature of the interface between international law and international relations (politics and economics) will be selected each year.

In line with this focus, the program will consist in a principal lecture by an eminent speaker on the selected theme, followed by active debates by participating students from the two universities of East Asia and West Europe. Here the emphasis of the program will be placed rather on encouraging debates among the participating researchers with different academic disciplines and divergent perspectives emanating from diverse cultural background. It is thus hoped that this methodology will encourage students to develop their debating capacity that they may not have had a chance to train in their educational milieu.

2. What an Accepted Applicant for the Program Is Expected to Participate in:

(1) The theme of the Third Session of Owada Chair Program will be "***Human Rights and Global Diversity.***"

- (2) A series of mock debating sessions in preparation for the Third Session of the Owada Chair during September and December 2023, i.e. ① 25 September 2023 (15:10-16:40), ② 30 October 2023 (15:10-16:40) and ③ 18 December 2023 (15:10-16:40) at UTokyo.
- (3) Based on the result of these mock sessions a final list of 3-4 students will be selected to participate in the Third Leiden Session in January 2024.
- (4) These students' travels between Tokyo and Leiden, and their stay in Leiden during the Owada Chair will be financially supported.

3. Application Procedure

Please fill out and submit the application form ([here](#)) by **20 August 2023**.