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SPACE COURT FOUNDATIONS UNIQUE SPACE LAW AND POLICY INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

Abstract

Five years ago, the Space Court Foundation boarded its spaceship and launched in the US as an international educational organization, orbiting the world collecting stars, finally landing its global, remote, and innovative Space Law and Policy internship programme, in Europe, to bring universal wisdom from the cosmos.

Carried by the belief that the future lies in the hands of young generations, the Space Court Foundation's team is unique in prioritizing the visions, ideas and needs of its interns and officers, thereby having a program that is led by students and young professionals, guided and supported by seasoned experts. This unique internship program aims to endow young professionals with inclusive and equal opportunities, enhanced visibility and easier access to the global space sector.

By implementing behavioral science mechanisms, the Space Court Foundation creates incentives and motivators to guide and support its interns by providing them a space port to launch their careers to the skies and a space station orbiting the globe, as their safe haven. By staging the internship in various levels, from launching, through orbiting, to either landing or accelerating, the Space Court team created an inclusive, flexible and adaptable programme, enabling interns to independently choose to stay or continue their galactic journey elsewhere.

While the Space Court Foundation uses a time-machine to open up a portal to Space Law beginnings through its Space Law Archive, it also travels to the future with its Stellar Decisis Project. Through internal Space Cafe events, with unique and carefully tailored Space Law and Policy starter packs, provided by mentors, and professional toolkits, provided by advisors, the Space Court interns can access, orbit and land anywhere in the space sector. This is ensured by having a global and diverse constellation of young professionals and advisor network under the Space Court Foundation roof.

Acknowledging the gap in the market for affordable, original and expert-reviewed learning resources, the lack of inclusivity and transparency, and unequal geo-distribution and accessibility of Space Law and Policy education forums, the Space Court Foundation offer with a holistic approach and through a multi-disciplinary lens. The one-of-a-kind Space Law Library, as a collaborative global but localized initiative, contains the foundations of the primary sources of International and National Space Law frameworks.

Therefore, even if you look through the James-Webb telescope, you will not find anything like our internship programme, anywhere else in the solar system.