Eligibility: Staff members at the P-2 to P-4 levels with at least two years of service in the Organization who have a doctoral degree or are candidates for a doctoral degree in political science, law, international relations, human rights, economics, humanitarian or other related fields. Staff who are not pursuing doctoral studies but who hold advanced university degrees in these fields may also be considered.

The Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) and the American Society of International Law (ASIL) jointly sponsor a workshop on international organization studies held each year during the month of July. A maximum of ten places in these workshops are customarily allotted to the United Nations Secretariat. More information: www.acuns.org

The purposes of the workshop are to enhance professional development in international organization studies; to encourage new directions in international organization research; to establish and strengthen contacts among legal and international relations scholars and United Nations practitioners; and to stimulate new teaching methods in international organization studies.

The summer schedule and venue of the workshop is announced when nominations open. Participants are expected to produce and present a research paper of publishable quality in the workshop. Selected candidates are placed on leave with full pay during the period of the workshop, and related expenses, including airfare, are covered by the Office of Human Resources Management and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations for staff from field missions. ACUNS also covers part of the expenses.

Nominations of candidates are solicited by OHRM from all Departments/Offices/Missions in February when the theme, schedule and venue of the workshop are announced.

Each Department/Office/Missions is asked to submit nominations of staff members who meet the criteria accompanied by a brief research proposal, a completed application form, curriculum vitae or PHP, and one reference letter. The nomination of deserving Professionals is encouraged as recognition of meritorious performance and demonstrated potential for professional growth. Participants are selected by ACUNS from the applications received by OHRM.