

How You Get the Student

VI International Training Meeting
11th - 13th September 2026

Agenda



- What is Student Hunting
- The Student Hunting Period
- How to conduct Student Hunting
- The Verification process
- Questions

What is Student Hunting (SH)?



SH comprises of (1) **promoting** ELSA Traineeships to ELSA members, law students, and young lawyers generally, and (2) **verifying the submitted TAFs**. Similar to JH, SH runs around the year in terms of promotion, but it intensifies between the Launch and the External SH Deadline.

(ELSA Traineeships Handbook, 7. SH, p. 23)

Overview of the ET Cycles

ELSA Traineeships Calendar 2026/2027													
	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	
JOB HUNTING	Throughout the year			Job Hunting Deadline: 2nd Nov 2026	Throughout the year			Job Hunting Deadline: 29th Mar 2027	Throughout the year				
PROMOTION	Throughout the year			Pre-Promotion: 2nd	Throughout the year				Pre-Promotion: 5th	Throughout the year			
STUDENT HUNTING				Launch: 9th Nov 2026					Launch: 12th Apr 2027				
	Throughout the year				External Student Hunting Deadline: 11th Dec 2026	Throughout the year				External Student Hunting Deadline: 9th May 2027	Throughout the year		
					Internal Student Hunting Deadline: 17th Dec 2026					Internal Student Hunting Deadline: 14th May 2027			
MATCHING					Matching: 18th - 22nd Dec 2026					Matching: 15th - 19th May 2027			
SELECTION						Selection Deadline: 15th Jan 2027						Selection Deadline: 4th Jun 2027	
						Results Published: 18th Jan 2027						Results Published: 7th Jun 2027	
RECEPTION	Throughout the year						Earliest Start Date: 8th Feb 2027	Throughout the year				Earliest Start Date: 1st July 2027	
EVALUATION	Throughout the year												

ELSA Traineeships Calendar from the Officers Portal

Student Hunting Period

1st Cycle:

- Launch: 9th November 2026
- External Student Hunting Deadline: 11th December 2026
 - Deadline by which members can apply
- Internal Student Hunting Deadline: 17th of December 2026
 - Deadline by which PD Officers verified all of their applications

2nd Cycle:

- Launch: 12th April 2027
- External Student Hunting Deadline: 9th May 2027
- Internal Student Hunting Deadline: 14th May 2027

How to conduct Student Hunting

Student Hunting on a Local level



- Organise information session/events about ELSA Traineeships and the application procedure
- Inform your members about ELSA Traineeships during other events of your LG
- Use a variety of promotion materials
 - Marketing kits from EI and/or NG
 - Create or repost reels
 - Have Q&A sessions on your Instagram or post testimonials
 - posters at University
- Help members with their application (3 day rule)

Student Hunting on a National Level



- Promote ELSA Traineeships through a variety of materials
 - Reposts, cross -promotion, Q&A on Instagram, Information Sessions online/in person
- Create materials for your LGs to use
- Train your Local PD Officers: knowledge management, promotion, and verification
- Reply to emails or messages asking for more information/help (3 day rule)

Verification

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The Traineeships Application Form (TAF): The TAF is the form filled out by members applying to ELSA Traineeships. It can be found on the ELSA Traineeships Portal when the Cycle is launched.

What's your job as ELSA Officers?

Local Officer	National Officer	ELSA International
• Help Students with their application • Verify all TAFs from your LG	• Train your Local Officers • Correct all TAFs of all your LGs	• (correct all TAFs of NG) • Matching

Verification Process

RESPECT DEADLINES

- Do not wait until the last day to correct your applications. It takes time. Trust me.
- **SAME** deadline for LGs and NGs
- If LG are late -> NG will be late -> EI is late = unnecessary stress + TNP/members not happy
- We will have an **in depth** Open Call about Verification on **16th November**

Questions?

End of How You Get the Student

Thank you!