

# Law Scholarships and CMS Connect 2024

# Opportunities at CMS

- Here at CMS, we believe that a career in law should be accessible to all. Therefore, we are delighted to be launching **two programmes** for Year 12 (Year 13 NI) students; **CMS Law Scholarships** and **CMS Connect (work experience)**.
- These programmes are designed to help students discover a career in Law.
- CMS is the **5th largest law firm in the world** and has been named in The Times Top 100 Graduate Employers 2023.
- CMS has over 80 offices worldwide with 9 offices in the UK including: London, Bristol, Sheffield, Manchester and Liverpool.



# CMS Opportunities – what's the difference?

## CMS Law Scholarships

### What

- **£2,500 per year** of your **university** degree
- Work experience in your **first year of university**
- Mentoring support for UCAS applications

### Who

- Year 12 (or year 13 in Northern Ireland) students
- Students who **know they want to go to University**
- Who are interested in a career in law

## CMS Connect

### What

- **Sustained programme of support** throughout year 12 - 13
- **Paid work experience 29 July – 2 August 2024**
- Mentoring support and application skills workshops

### Who

- Year 12
- Students who are interested in a legal career
- Who are open to **Solicitor Apprenticeships** or **University**

# Key application information

As a Year 12 student, you can apply to both the CMS Law Scholarship and / or CMS Connect.

Please note that the programmes have slightly different eligibility criteria, application processes and deadlines. Notably, if you are applying to the CMS Law Scholarship programme, you must submit a written essay.

**Applications for both programmes open**

**24 April 2024**

**Launch and Learn Webinar**

**2 May 2024**

**CMS Connect applications close**

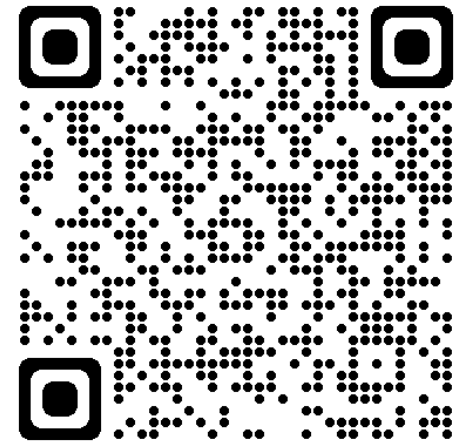
**19 June 2024**

**CMS Law Scholarships applications close**

**12 July 2024**

## Launch and Learn Webinar 2 May 2024 at 16:30

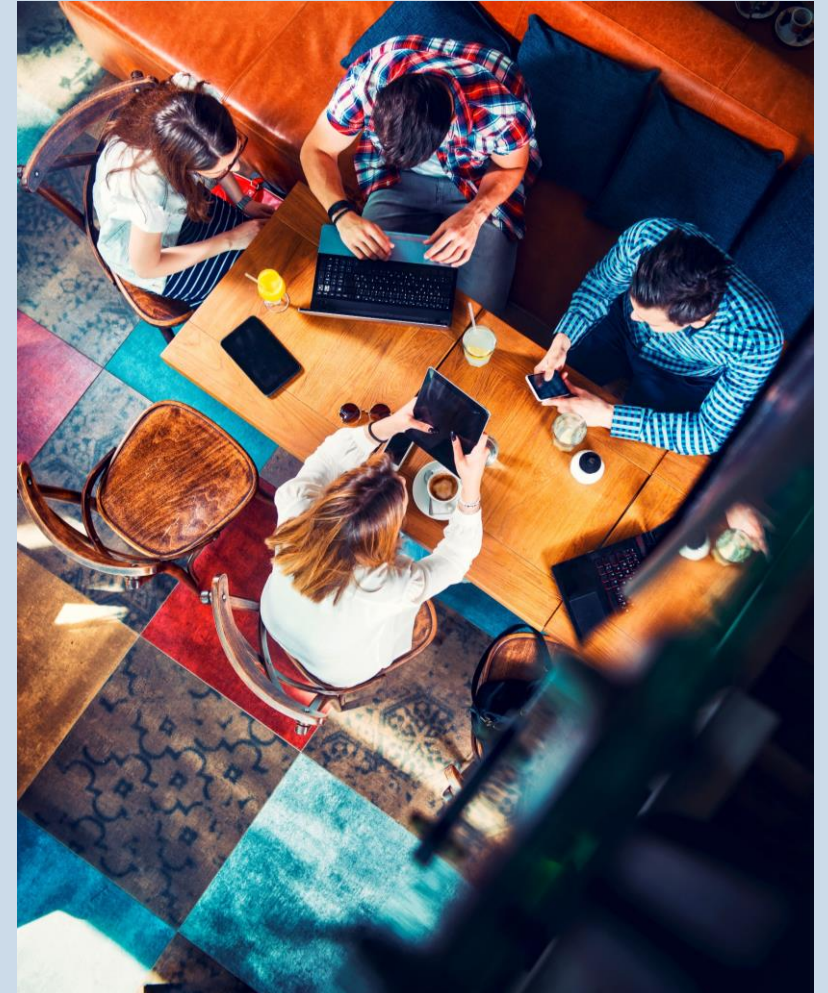
- Join us for a live webinar showcasing the two programmes.
- Come along, invite your students / friends / parents / teachers, and any other contacts to hear all about the two initiatives.
- Speak to programme alumni, learn how to ace applications, and find out how these opportunities could benefit you!



# Law Scholarships

## Who can apply?

- You're in Year 12 in England & Wales or Year 13 in Northern Ireland
- You attend a state-funded school, sixth form or further education college
- Your parents and grandparents did not attend university
- You intend to apply to study at university through the 2024/2025 UCAS process
- You are passionate about pursuing a career in law
- You have not been convicted of a criminal offence
- You are not related to any partner of CMS
- You also meet one of the following criteria:
  - You are, or have been at any time between ages 11 and 16, eligible for free school meals. (Or would be eligible if you attended a School Sixth Form.)
  - Your school from years 7–11 has 20% or more students eligible for free school meals.
  - You are, or have been, a child looked after/care experienced
  - Your home address is in POLAR4 quintile 1 ⓘ
- ⓘ Check your postcode for eligibility



# Law Scholarships

## How do I apply?

To be considered for a scholarship, you will need to enter our essay-writing competition which closes 12 July 2024.

The essay questions to choose from this year are:

- 1. “Anyone should be allowed to buy vapes if they want.” Do you agree?**
- 2. Should countries be able to strip someone of their citizenship?**

Essays must be between 750 and 1000 words.

You can find out more on our website, including tips on how to make a good application:

<https://cmsemergingtalent.com/programmes/law-scholarships/>





# CMS Connect

## Who can apply?

1. **You're in year 12**
2. **At a state school**
3. **You must also meet one or more of the following:**
  - You are currently in receipt of, or have previously received, free school meals, Pupil Premium, Education Maintenance Allowance and/or 16 to 19 Bursary
  - You grew up in a household where no parent or guardian attended university
  - You have been, or are currently, in local authority care (for a period of 3 months or longer)
  - You are, or have been, a full-time or part-time carer
  - You came to the UK as a refugee or asylum seeker
  - You are attending a state school or college with:
    - a) below average A-Level or Higher point score and/or
    - b) low rate of progression to higher education.(PRIME Work Experience School Eligibility Criteria)

Note: young people who meet the local authority care criterion do not need to meet any other criterion.



# CMS Connect

## How do I apply?

Applications **open 24 April** and **close 19 June**

Apply online via <https://cmsemergingtalent.com/programmes/work-experience/>

Complete the below questions (maximum 200 words each):

1. Please tell us about your proudest achievement. This could be from any aspect of your life (e.g. it doesn't have to be an academic achievement).
2. What motivated you to apply to CMS and what do you hope to gain from this experience?

# Application hints and tips

## Your application

- Don't leave your application until the last minute.
- Ask your friends, family and teachers to proof read it for you.
- Check for typos and grammatical errors – attention to detail is vital for lawyers.
- Use all of the available word limit.

## Law Scholarship essay

- Think around the question and look for angles that are not obvious – a different take will make you stand out.
- Lawyers don't sit on the fence – so reach a reasoned conclusion.
- Don't use long words or pretentious language.
- Use research to find evidence to back up your arguments and give references for your evidence.

## Motivational questions

- Research CMS and the type of law we do here. Hint: we are a commercial law firm! This shows you are enthusiastic, interested and motivated.
- Try to avoid cliches and make your answers personal to you
- Remember, Lawyers make a difference to the world in a variety of ways – not just human rights lawyers or defence counsel.

Scan the QR code for more information and to apply



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