



CITY SOLICITORS' **EDUCATIONAL TRUST**

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CSET OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR TWO SUMMER SCHOOLS IN 2009

Following the success of the inaugural City Solicitors' Educational Trust ("CSET") Summer School last year, CSET has announced that two Summer Schools will be held in 2009. There will be 100 all-expenses paid places available at each of the one week residential courses which will respectively take place from 13-18 July and 27 July-1 August 2009 at Imperial College, London. Applications are open until 13 March 2009.

The objective of the CSET Summer School is to unlock the potential in students in higher education who might not have excelled at the critical A Level stage in their school careers and/or are not studying at one of the top UK universities. Students find themselves in this position for a myriad of reasons such as lack of guidance at school, a lack of family support in developing career aspirations, late development or ill health to name a few. Many such students may consequently believe that they fall short of the requirements for a professional career. It is CSET's contention that many such students have potential that can be unlocked through a carefully designed skills programme.

The CSET Summer School is open to all students who have an interest in the legal profession and are in the first year of a law degree or the second year of a non-law degree at a UK university. Particular attention will be paid to students who attend non-Russell Group universities and who have no immediate family history of attendance at university.

Students can apply for a place on one of the 2009 Summer Schools by completing an online application form on the CSET website at www.cset.org.uk. Those students successful at the application stage will be invited to a telephone interview. Students invited to interview will be contacted by the end of March with interviews taking place shortly thereafter. Places on the Summer School will be offered after the telephone interviews have been completed. Applications will not be considered until after the closing date of 13 March 2009.

Students who have questions about the applications process can contact the CSET Summer School team at CSETsummerschool@groupgti.com or on 01491 828915.

The two 2009 CSET Summer Schools are being supported by 21 of the City's leading law firms: Allen & Overy, Ashurst, Clifford Chance, CMS Cameron McKenna, Faegre & Benson, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, Hammonds, Herbert Smith, Kirkland & Ellis, Lovells, Macfarlanes, Mayer Brown, Nabarro, Norton Rose, Olswang, Penningtons, Simmons and Simmons, Slaughter and May, Stephenson Harwood, Watson Farley & Williams and Weil Gotshal & Manges. A number of their graduate recruiters and trainees will actively participate in the Summer School classes and will be on hand throughout to provide careers advice.

Howard Jacobs, Chair of CSET, commented: "There is widely acknowledged concern at the shallowness of the pool of entrants to the legal profession. While the profession is actively addressing this concern, little activity relates to university students, especially those who are at non-Russell Group universities with no family experience of university education. CSET is committed to helping this group and we hope that universities will actively encourage their students to apply. Thanks to the generous support of our sponsor firms, we are able to offer double the number of places on the 2009 programme and hope to attract a high level of response from potential candidates."

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