

### Expeditions Fund report

My trip involved an internship in the Netherlands. Here, I had the opportunity to research on child relocation. More specifically, I researched the status of the law in the UK, Canada, South Africa and Australia. I also researched whether the pandemic had influenced the way in which child relocation cases were determined in each of these countries. This contributed to my academic progress as it deepened my understanding of the way in which courts from different jurisdictions determine whether or not a parent and child can relocate to another jurisdiction. I also had the opportunity to observe meetings on surrogacy and whether an international convention should be promulgated on this matter. This experience also contributed to my professional progress as I am keen to pursue a career in family law. The Expedition Fund's generous award enabled me to pay for travel to and from the Netherlands via the train. The internship was for 3 months. Without this award, I would not have been able to gain first hand insight into the work of the intergovernmental organisation I was interning for, child relocation on an international scale, nor would I have been able to gain independence from living on my own in a new country. Overall, this has been a fantastic, insightful and enjoyable experience. This opportunity has enabled me to flourish in an area that I had only briefly learned about during my undergraduate degree. I am grateful to have been able to complete this opportunity, expand my knowledge and insight and gain practical experience. Many thanks to the Queen Mary Expedition Fund for their generosity.