Sydney Law School - Frequently asked questions about the Jessup International Law Moot

What does it involve?

Teams must prepare detailed and lengthy written submissions (two 9,000 word Memorials) and then moot against other teams from around Australia at the Australian Regional Rounds. The two finalist teams will then travel to Washington to compete in the International Rounds against teams from around the world. The course is highly demanding and it is recommended that members of the Jessup team do not undertake work or other commitments over the summer vacation.

Why do it?

- Most demanding and rewarding work you will do as an undergraduate student
- Take your legal knowledge and expertise to the limit of the law in an area of study
- Foundation for postgraduate studies and professional career
- Intense training in mooting and oral advocacy
- Most prestigious competition for law students in the world
- Recognised as a mark of excellence
- Recognised alternative to doing a summer clerkship
- Past participants have gone on to work at the UN (ICTY, ICTR, UNCC, UNHCR); ICC; Office of International Law, Cth AG’s; DFAT; London, Sydney and New York Bar; Red Cross etc
- Full subject credit points
- If win or come runner-up in Australia, flights to and accommodation in Washington DC

What do selectors look for in applicants?

- 5 positions, with 2-3 reserves
- Academic excellence
- Mooting or public speaking experience (note that the ability to express thoughts clearly is essential)
- Very hard workers
- Good team players

Where does one obtain more information?

For further information concerning the Jessup Moot competition generally, see the [International Law Students Association (ILSA) website](https://www.ilsta.org/).