The Center for U.S. and Mexican Law is the first research center in any U.S. law school devoted to the independent, critical study of Mexican law and legal aspects of U.S. – Mexico relations.

Based at the University of Houston, the Center assists UH law students to arrange summer externships in Mexico City with the following prestigious Mexican institutions.

- **Mexico’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE)**
- **Pemex (Petróleos Mexicanos)**
- **Mexico’s National Hydrocarbons Commission (CNH)**

**EXTERNSHIP PREREQUISITES:**

- These externships are available to University of Houston law students who will have completed at least two full semesters of study in the J.D. Program, OR who will have completed at least 12 units of study in the LL.M. Program prior to the beginning of the externship.

- The externships require that the student have a minimum level of Spanish fluency. If selected, you will be working with Mexican lawyers in both Spanish and English, and while perfect fluency is not required you must be able to communicate in Spanish.

- Students accepted to the summer externship program are responsible for their own airfare, lodging and food expense during their stay in Mexico.

- Accepted students must commit to work in Mexico for a minimum of 6 weeks.

**HOW TO APPLY**

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE SUMMER 2015 EXTERNSHIPS IS FEBRUARY 10, 2015.**

UHLC student applicants will be asked to schedule an interview with the Center’s Assistant Director, Ignacio Pinto-León. Candidate interviews will be held the 3rd week of February, 2015.

**To apply:**

- Visit the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law website at [www.law.uh.edu/mexican-law](http://www.law.uh.edu/mexican-law) to download the “2015 Application for Summer Externships in Mexico”.
- Submit your resume and a complete application via email to Brisa Gossett at bgossett@central.uh.edu.

**INFORMATION ON ACADEMIC CREDIT:**

Students that are accepted to the Center for U.S. and Mexican Law Summer Externship Program and are placed with one of the three Mexico organizations may be eligible for academic credit. Students interested in receiving academic credit should contact Externship Program Director, Erma Bonadero at ecbonade@central.uh.edu. For more information about academic credit, visit [www.law.uh.edu/externship/externship.asp](http://www.law.uh.edu/externship/externship.asp).

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ABOUT THE PLACEMENTS

MEXICO’S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores, SRE

SRE is the governmental agency responsible for Mexico’s foreign affairs, and seeks to expand and deepen Mexico’s political, economic, cultural and cooperative relationships with all regions for the benefit of integral development of all Mexicans.

The Ministry receives University of Houston Law students in the Office of the Legal Adviser in México City as well in as the Legal Affairs department, and the Department for the Protection of Mexican Nationals Abroad.

Students will research issues of diplomatic immunity and reviewing property contracts for Mexican embassies and consulates, researching and drafting on international treaties issues, and assisting the supervising attorney in legal matters.

PEMEX
Petróleos Mexicanos

Pemex is a government-owned oil company and is one of the few oil companies in the world that develops all the productive chain of the industry, from exploration to distribution and marketing of end products, including petrochemicals.

Students will assist in contract drafting and researching international conventions.

Pemex receives legal externs in to work at the Pemex headquarters in México City in the Legal Department of International Affairs.

MEXICO’S NATIONAL HYDROCARBONS COMMISSION
Comisión Nacional de Hidrocarburos, CNH

CNH is a decentralized agency of the Mexican government charged with regulating, overseeing, and evaluating all hydrocarbons exploration and production activities in the country.

UHLC students have externed in CHN’s Legal Department, with Legal Advisors to Commissioners and in the Bidding Rounds and Regulations departments.

Students will research best practices, standards, and safety regulations of shale hydraulic fracturing in North American and European countries.

INFORMATION SESSION
Tue. Feb. 3 - Commons Area, 4 PM

GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST TABLE TALK
Fri. Feb. 6 - University Center Ballroom, 12:30 - 2:30 PM