

Volunteer role description



Red Cross acknowledges
the Traditional Owners
of this land, their ancestors
and Elders, past and present.

the
power of
humanity



IHL Advisory Committee Member – Academia

Department	International Humanitarian Law
Availability	2 hours per quarter for meetings; approximately 6 hours per quarter for associated support to IHL program/committee work plan
Location	Adelaide
Category	Contributing to our operational work

Building an inclusive, diverse and active humanitarian movement based on voluntary service

Role purpose

The Australian Red Cross International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Program seeks to prevent and alleviate suffering in times of war and conflict and promote non-violence and peace by working towards the following outcomes:

- Australians in war and conflict understand that wars have laws and apply them;
- Australian law and policy reflects IHL and humanitarian principles; and
- the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has maximum global impact in IHL, and Movement members achieve their local humanitarian objectives.

As a member of the International Red Cross Red Crescent Movement, Australian Red Cross has an obligation to promote awareness about IHL or the laws of war.

The IHL Advisory Committees have an important role in supporting the IHL Program. The Committees represent a high-level, expert group of IHL experts, practitioners and influencers across the country.

IHL Advisory Committee members are bound by the Terms of Reference of the IHL Advisory Committees.

Role responsibilities

- Fulfil the responsibilities set out in the Terms of Reference
- Use her/his networks and influence to promote IHL Program activities, initiatives and advocacy priorities relevant to the academia sector
- Commit to supporting the IHL Program activities pursuant to the Terms of Reference with at least one of the following per annum:
 - o presenting at and/or contributing to materials for targeted Australian Red Cross IHL Program courses, roundtables and conferences (for example the Australian Red Cross Annual Course on International Legal Frameworks for Humanitarian Practitioners or Annual IHL Academic Symposium);
 - o contributing to and/or reviewing Australian Red Cross IHL publications;

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- writing/developing academic material for IHL training courses or online learning platforms;
 - conducting research, where requested, into key issues identified by the Australian Red Cross IHL program;
 - submission writing and/or giving evidence before government and joint committee inquiries;
 - judging the Australian Law Students' Association IHL moot competition, or local university IHL moot competitions; or
 - planning, hosting and/or presenting at local dissemination events, as organised by the IHL Advisory Committee and Community Engagement Network in your State/Territory.
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Knowledge, skills and experience

- Professor, Associate Professor or Senior Lecturer in law specialising in teaching IHL (or public international law/LOAC studies); or
 - Professor, Associate Professor or Senior Lecturer with a demonstrated interest in the teaching of IHL in international relations, political science, peace and conflict studies, or international business/corporate social responsibility; and
 - At least three years' experience teaching IHL (or public international law/LOAC studies);
 - Demonstrated interest in IHL outside of teaching – presenting at conferences, publishing journal articles, publishing news articles or Op Eds, organising symposiums/roundtables; and
 - Demonstrated capacity to influence discussion, mobilise interest and/or elicit action from within the sector on key IHL issues that reflect Movement IHL priorities.
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Check requirements

- Complete Red Cross online learning modules as required
 - A National Criminal History Check prior to commencement and renewed every five years (Red Cross will arrange this)
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Learning and development

- Short annual briefing on the RCRC Movement, the Fundamental Principles, auxiliary status and role of the Movement with regards to disseminating and ensuring respect for IHL
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General conditions

We act always in accordance with the Australian Red Cross Ethical Framework and Child Protection Code of Conduct

We are a Child Safe organisation and all volunteers are required to comply with relevant State and Territory legislation requirements

We comply with the Red Cross Workplace Health and Safety management system

We demonstrate skill, knowledge and behaviour to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a culturally respectful way

We may be required to assist the organisation on occasion, in times of national, state or local emergencies or major disasters

In all activities, our volunteers are guided by the [Fundamental Principles of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement](#)

Humanity

Impartiality

Neutrality

Independence

Voluntary Service

Unity

Universality
