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**LWOW Sprint 2024 15—17 March in Madrid, Spain**  
**LWOW 2024 Program Preview for Participating Partner Schools**

## Key Dates

13 Sept, 2023	Applications for Sprint 2024 Opens
10 Nov, 2023	Student Applications Deadline (if LWOW selects):
17 Nov, 2023	Student Applications Deadline (if schools select):
1 Dec, 2023	Student Notification of Acceptance
24 Jan 2024—6 Mar 2024	Pre-Sprint Student Training Modules (7 Weekly Modules Sync and Async). Live (Sync) Sessions will be scheduled at 20:30 UTC (3:30pm Eastern Time).
14 Mar 2024	Arrive in Madrid
15 Mar 2024	Sprint 2024 Day 1: KickOff + Teaming + Collaboration + Problem Exploration
16 Mar 2024	Sprint 2024 Day 2: Intensive Hacking using 3-4-5 Method of Innovation™
17 Mar 2024	Sprint 2024 Day 3: Intensive Hacking using 3-4-5 Method of Innovation™ + Mini-ConPosium
18 Mar 2024	Depart Madrid
29 Mar 2024	Post-Sprint Student Assessment Due

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#### **What is LawWithoutWalls?**

LawWithoutWalls (LWOW) is an experiential team-based learning initiative designed for aspiring and practicing legal and business professionals that engages across generations, diverse cultures, and disciplines.

LawWithoutWalls offers:

- 1.) a human-centered design perspective to law to change mindsets, skills sets, and behaviors of law and business school students to prepare them to navigate increasingly changing legal environments.
- 2.) an intergenerational, multi-disciplinary exchange to law and business students with an opportunity to form meaningful and lasting connections personally and professionally

#### **What is LawWithoutWalls Sprint?**

LawWithoutWalls Sprint is a 3 day legal hackathon where participants learn and apply design thinking principles to co-create Projects of Worth; the foundations of viable solutions solving for an urgent business-of-law challenge.

In 2024, LWOW will be offering LWOW Sprint as a 3 FULL day in-person experience in Madrid, Spain, hosted by IE University Law School from 15—17 March 2024.

#### **The LWOW Sprint 2024: 15-17 March 2024**

**What:** A 3 day in-person experiential team-based hackathon “weekender” in Madrid, Spain hosted by IE University Law School, Sprint is focused on innovation, collaboration, and transformation. Students get hands-on upskilling on cross-cultural teaming, problem solving, and leadership skills while hacking alongside legal

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practitioners, law and business professionals and innovators who share a passion for intrapreneurship and community exchange.

#### **The Process**

**Teaming:** At LWOW Sprint, everyone is put on a team consisting of a mix of legal and business professionals, students, and academics from around the world. Students are an integral component of these teams. Each team is sponsored by a corporate legal department, law firm or law company that assigns a narrow business-of-law challenge or corporate social responsibility (or ESG) challenge that the Sponsor cares about. Click [here](#) for a list of LWOW Sponsors.

**3-4-5 Method of Innovation™:** Over the course of 3 days, teams learn and apply design thinking principles and new methods of collaboration and innovation via the LWOW Sprint's 3-4-5 Method of Innovation™ created by Founder Michele DeStefano. This methodology is divided into 3 phases, over 48 hacking hours, and delivered in 5 steps. The culmination at the end of the three days is a short ConPosium—in which teams pitch their solution to the team challenge to a panel of multidisciplinary judges (including venture capitalists), who ask questions and provide feedback.

**Projects of Worth:** Over the course of the 3 intense, high energy days, LWOW teams hack to solve a real problem at the intersection of law, business and technology. Although the level of viability will vary, all teams' solutions will be "Projects of Worth" yielding substantive growth in problem-solving, skills, mindset training, networking and relationship building. Teams create the foundation of a practicable solution and in the process, participants learn design thinking principles and new ways of communicating, leading, and approaching collaboration and culture change that can be leveraged wherever they are in the future. Click [here](#) to see past LWOW innovations.

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On Day 3 (the final day) of LWOW Sprint, students and LWOW teams present their solution to the entire LWOW community and a panel of judges, including venture capitalists.

#### **Pre-Sprint 2024 Training Modules: 24 Jan—6 March 2024**

Pre-Sprint, we will be providing a series of interactive training modules (delivered both asynchronously and synchronously) to participating students in the 7 weeks before Sprint 2024 in March. Topics include key steps in the 3-4-5 Method of Innovation™ (problem finding and mapping, consumer storytelling, and solution ideation and prototyping), professionalism and presencing, project management skills, and collaboration and teaming skills. Over the 7 weeks (24 January—6 March) leading up to Sprint 2024, students can expect to spend at least 3 to 4.5 hours a week attending or independently watching and interacting with these learning modules, meeting with each other in teams, and completing assigned tasks\*. Participation and completion of these modules (including assigned tasks) is mandatory, and ensure students come prepared to work as professionals during the 3 day in-person Sprint.

*\*This pre-Sprint work will be scheduled 24 January—6 March 2024. There will be a total of 7 weekly sessions in the leadup to LWOW Sprint in March. Sessions will be both SYNC and ASYNC. Over the 7 weeks (24 January 2024 to 6 March 2024) leading up to Sprint 2024, students can expect to spend 3—4.5 hours a week attending or independently watching and interacting with these learning modules, collaborating in teams, and completing assigned tasks. Live virtual sessions and webinars are usually scheduled for 15:30 Eastern US Time (20:30 UTC) in order to best accommodate global time zones of enrolled students. Exact schedule will be determined by late fall 2023.*

#### **Final Student Self-Assessment: Due 29 March, 2024**

To help preserve students' learnings and experiences at LWOW, and to communicate the benefits back to the sponsoring institutions, students are also required to complete a

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post-Sprint overview and assessment that presents their experience at LWOW Sprint, the process, project development, learnings and professional development. We urge students to complete this in a creative way e.g., via video presentation, a podcast or something visual, as opposed to just a 4—6 page written paper.

#### **Fees and Course Credit**

We will be selecting approximately 40—45 students to participate in this year's program. There is an administration fee of \$800USD per student. (Note: This fee includes their participation in LWOW Sprint 2024 but does not include travel or lodging; however, as in years' past we will find reduced rate hotels for students and pair them 2 per room). Single rooms may be requested. Additionally, we invite one academic/faculty advisor from each participating school to attend LWOW Sprint as a Mentor Hacker on a team.

Although many schools do not offer credit for LWOW, especially those that offer LWOW as part of an advanced law degree, some schools do. For those schools that do offer LWOW for credit, we will confirm school credits in Fall 2023 as that will be based on the proposed 2024 curriculum (NOTE: LWOW 2023 was the equivalent of 3 credit hours in the U.S. system).

#### **Student Application, Selection, and Timing**

Applications to LWOW 2024 will open 13 September 2023.

Given that Sprint does not occur until March 2024, the final application deadline will be Friday, 10 November 2023. The application process for students will be online at [www.lwow.org/apply](http://www.lwow.org/apply) and is similar to years past. The application consists of the application form, an Interview Video, and a letter of recommendation. And, of course, schools can create different and earlier deadlines internally. Schools that select students

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internally can also submit candidates past the application deadline of 10 November (final application deadline would therefore be Friday, 17 November 2023).

As mentioned above, to help us plan for the best Sprint 2024, we would greatly appreciate it if you could answer a [short survey here](#) about your school's plans and interest in participating in LWOW 2024. Please remit the survey by Friday, 8 September 2023 or at your earliest convenience.

For those schools planning to participate, LWOW will provide a support package of turnkey social media posts, posters and promotional videos as soon as we receive your response. We will also host virtual information sessions to answer student questions (dates/times to come mid-August 2023).

For more information, please reach out to Program Director Anita Ritchie at [anita@lwow.org](mailto:anita@lwow.org).