



# THIS IS U OF T LAW

JD ADMISSIONS GUIDE 2017-2018





# EXCELLENCE HAS A *NEW* HOME







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**CONNECT WITH  
A *DIVERSE* AND  
SUPPORTIVE  
COMMUNITY**



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## WELCOME TO THE FACULTY OF LAW

At the University of Toronto, we offer one of the world's outstanding legal educations. To be a student at our law school is to join a wonderful community of the finest legal scholars and students, working together in the pursuit of academic and professional excellence. You will learn from our esteemed faculty, who frequently win major research awards, and are significant thought leaders in academia, the legal profession and public policy. I hope you will take the time to discover our unique programs and some of North America's most established co-curricular opportunities that will acquaint you with the best of the legal profession both locally and internationally. You may work on criminal appeals pending before the Ontario Court of Appeal or Supreme Court of Canada, volunteer for the UN while on an international human rights internship, or participate in a business law moot court competition.

Our commitment to accessibility, diversity and the public interest means that as a student, you will experience a community with a wide range of knowledge and perspectives. A legal education at U of T not only teaches legal doctrine, but equips our students with analytical tools that can be brought to bear on a range of legal and other problems. Our graduates go on to leadership positions in public interest organizations, politics, business, and on the bench and bar with an education that serves them well in making a positive impact on our community.

I am excited about the future of our law school. Our new Jackman Law Building, which opened in 2016, includes innovative technology and houses many of the programs and centres that make this faculty truly unique. Expanded classrooms and social spaces will create dynamic engagement opportunities for students, professors and the community.

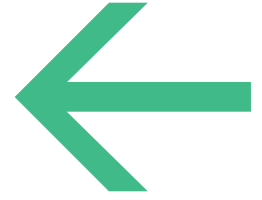
I sincerely hope that you'll take up the opportunity to visit with us as you carefully consider the many options available to you.



**EDWARD IACOBUCCI**  
DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW  
JAMES M. TORY PROFESSOR OF LAW



# BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY WITH AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR *EXCELLENCE*



We enjoy an illustrious history and reputation as the preeminent law school in Canada. In 2016, the respected QS law school rankings placed us in the top 20 globally, ahead of all other Canadian law schools.

# WHY

## **BELONG TO A GREAT UNIVERSITY**

Reap the benefits of academic, cultural, social, athletic and recreational opportunities waiting for you as a student of one of the world's foremost research-intensive universities. Immerse yourself in an environment that fostered 14 Supreme Court justices, four Canadian Prime Ministers, and five Nobel Prize laureates. U of T continues to make the world a better place through leadership, inquiry, discovery and innovation.



## **LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION**

Take advantage of our location in the heart of Toronto, home to more than 3,000 law firms, which makes it the largest legal centre in Canada. Here, law is practiced in both the public and private sectors, by professionals ranging from sole providers to small boutique firms, legal clinics and government agencies, and large national and international firms.



## WHERE LICENSED LAWYERS WORK IN ONTARIO

65% TORONTO  
13% OTTAWA  
22% REST OF ONTARIO

*Source: Statistics Canada*

# UOFT?

## LIVE IN A GREAT CITY

Revel in the myriad of sights, sounds, and tastes to discover in one of the continent's most multicultural cities. Here, you can attend many festivals, check out the vibrant arts, culture, entertainment and professional sports scene and discover your inner foodie. With a population smaller than New York City but larger than Chicago, Toronto has it all.

The Faculty of Law is steps away from Museum Station where you can hop on the subway to get around this great city in just minutes. Toronto is known for its 140 distinctive neighbourhoods. Our students' local favourites - Yorkville, Kensington Market and Queen West – are all within easy walking distance of the campus.



Toronto's summer festivals include OVO and Unity (hip-hop); VELD and Digital Dreams (EDM), Fringe and Summerfest (theatre, art and dance); TIFF (film); Maker and Vector (technology and new media) and Fan Expo (comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming).



**DOUGLAS SANDERSON**

BA (SIMON FRASER),  
JD (TORONTO), LL.M (COLUMBIA)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Aboriginal Law,  
Canadian Constitutional Law,  
Legal Theory, Political Philosophy  
and Theory, Property Law

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:** Davisville

**HIDDEN TALENT:** Charcuterie



**ANVER EMON**

BA (BERKELEY), JD (UCLA), MA (TEXAS),  
LLM (YALE), PHD (UCLA), JSD (YALE)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Critical Legal  
Theory, International Human Rights Law,  
Islamic Law, Law and Religion, Legal  
History, Legal Theory, Tort Law and Tort  
Theory

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:**  
Danforth or Little India

**HIDDEN TALENT:** Juggle moderately well



**ANITA ANAND**

BA (QUEEN'S), BA (HONS JURIS) (OXFORD),  
LLB (DALHOUSIE), LL.M (TORONTO)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Business  
Corporations, Economic Analysis of Law,  
Legal Ethics, Securities Regulation

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:** Little India

**PERSONAL PASSION:** Loves all forms  
of music and years ago chose academic  
life instead of classical piano



**BENJAMIN ALARIE**

BA (LAURIER), MA (TORONTO),  
JD (TORONTO), LL.M (YALE)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Contracts,  
Economic Analysis of Law, Judicial  
Decision-Making, Tax Law

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:** Yorkville

**HIDDEN TALENT:** Can complete 1,000m  
in under three minutes on a Concept 2  
indoor rower



**50+ FULL-TIME FACULTY  
11:1 STUDENT TO FACULTY RATIO**

In addition to our homegrown talent, we recruit our faculty from peer institutions at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Oxford, Melbourne and other top global law schools.



## YASMIN DAWOOD

BA (TORONTO), JD (COLUMBIA),  
MA (CHICAGO), PHD (CHICAGO)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Canadian  
Constitutional Law, Charter of Rights,  
Comparative Constitutional Law, Election  
Law, Judicial Decision-Making, Legal  
Theory, Political Philosophy and Theory

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:** Annex

**HOBBY:** Growing orchids



## BRUCE CHAPMAN

BA (CARLETON), LLB (TORONTO),  
PHD (CAMBRIDGE)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Economic  
Analysis of Law, Legal Theory, Tort Law  
and Tort Theory

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:** Cedarvale

**HIDDEN TALENT:** Very sharp dresser



## ANTHONY NIBLETT

BCOM (MELBOURNE), LLB (HONS)  
(MELBOURNE), PHD (HARVARD)

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Contracts,  
Economic Analysis of Law, Judicial  
Decision-Making

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:**  
Roncesvalles

**HOBBY:** Attempting to play the guitar



## BRENDA COSSMAN

BA (QUEEN'S), LLB (TORONTO), LLM  
(HARVARD), FELLOW ROYAL SOCIETY  
OF CANADA

**ACADEMIC INTERESTS:** Family Law, Legal  
Regulation of Sexuality, Law and Film

**FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:**  
Wychwood Park

**HIDDEN TALENT:** Cooking like a Jewish  
grandmother

## EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The Faculty of Law's acclaimed faculty will inspire your learning throughout your three years. Our faculty members win major teaching and research awards, publish in prominent scholarly journals, address global policymakers and advise Canadian governments at all levels on the most pressing issues facing society today. From a range of backgrounds, law schools, countries and perspectives, our faculty provide you with insights into cutting-edge legal, social, economic and political issues to keep you at the top of your field.

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As a graduate of U of T Law and now as a partner at Torys LLP, I know firsthand that each organization is committed to selecting and nurturing top talent. Here at Torys LLP our clients expect exemplary advice, and so we strive to attract and develop the leading lawyers of tomorrow. Naturally, each year many of our new recruits come from U of T Law.

**CORNELL WRIGHT**, BA (MCGILL) 1996, LLB/MBA  
(TORONTO) 2000, TORYS LLP PARTNER

Cornell Wright is co-head of the Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) Practice at Torys and a leading corporate lawyer with extensive experience in M&A and corporate finance transactions. He also advises senior management, boards of directors and shareholders on corporate governance matters. He has acted for some of Canada's largest companies on their most significant transactions, including George Weston/Loblaw, Thomson Reuters, Woodbridge and Brookfield.

Cornell is a member of Torys' Executive Committee. He is actively involved in the community and currently serves on the boards of the National Ballet of Canada and University Health Network. He is a former director of The Learning Partnership and the Loran Foundation.



## TOP STUDENTS ATTRACT TOP EMPLOYERS

We provide top-notch support to help you define and launch your career, whether your aspirations are in government, academia, social justice, private practice, business or the arts.

Our Career Development Office (CDO) provides extensive career planning and professional development workshops, résumé and cover letter review, interview preparation and access to postings for summer, articling and post-graduation jobs.

### WE BRING THE TOP EMPLOYERS FROM MAJOR LEGAL MARKETS ON CAMPUS TO RECRUIT OUR STUDENTS

ALBERTA  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
CHICAGO  
LONDON, UK  
NEW YORK CITY  
OTTAWA  
TORONTO

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Succeeding in the legal profession requires outstanding academic skills and the ability to effectively communicate ideas, work with a diverse team, and manage conflict in highly complex and sophisticated professional environments.

Our new Leadership Skills Program provides opportunities for you to work with leadership experts to develop the skills you will need to successfully transition from stellar law student to highly-regarded legal professional.

### 2015-16 CDO SUPPORTS

442

Articling job  
postings

521

Combined  
first and  
second year  
summer  
job postings

50

Career  
workshops,  
information  
sessions  
and events

1,200

Counselling  
appointments  
including  
individual  
consultations,  
mock  
interviews,  
résumé and  
cover letter  
reviews





**LANE KRAINYK, JD 2013 & EMMA WHITE, JD 2012, AT THE UNITED NATIONS SOCIAL COMMISSION FOR ASIA AND THE PACIFIC (UN ESCAP), BANGKOK, THAILAND**

## NEW GRADS TO WATCH

Lane Krainyk (JD 2013) and Emma White (JD 2012) both travelled to Bangkok this year to participate in the law school's post-graduate international human rights fellowship program, *International Fellowships for Canadian Lawyers*. This unique program provides training and funding to send twelve recent law school graduates to work in the field with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Emma worked for the Country Office which provides essential services focussing on the protection and legal and community service needs of the urban asylum-seeking and refugee population, numbering around 10,000 people. Emma held weekly counselling sessions at the Bangkok Refugee Center, and frequently went to Immigration Detention Center to meet with applicants. She drafted Best Interests Assessments for children, and conducted numerous home visits to assess vulnerable applicants.

Lane worked for the Regional Office, which covers UNHCR's operations in thirteen countries. In consultation with colleagues throughout the region, Lane developed and worked to implement a judicial engagement strategy in these countries.

Following their fellowships UNHCR hired them to continue their work. Emma conducts status determination interviews with applicants and writes legal assessments on whether they qualify for refugee status, and Lane is the project manager for an initiative aimed at providing employment access for refugees in the region. Emma credits the hands-on intensive course and volunteer experience gained at the law school's Downtown Legal Services clinic for introducing her to the field of refugee and immigration law. Lane's interest in this field emerged from his participation in student placements on the Thai-Burma border and in Uganda that he completed through the U of T Law's International Human Rights Program.

## ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

Our students' unmatched success in the job market tells our story best.

### 2016 JD GRADUATES

#### Articling Positions

- 200** JD graduates
- 189** Full-time articling, clerkships and New York associate positions
  - 8** Seeking articling positions
  - 3** Non-traditional careers, graduate studies or deferring articles

#### Clerking Positions at appellate and trial courts in Canada

Supreme Court of Canada  
 Federal Courts  
 Provincial Courts of Appeal  
 Provincial Superior Courts

### 2016 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

#### Second Year Students

- 214** students completed 2nd year
- 186** secured jobs (law-related and other) at time of survey

#### First Year Students

- 50** positions available at Toronto law firms for students across Canada
- 24** positions at Toronto law firms secured by U of T Law students

## TOP 10 ARTICLING PRACTICE AREAS

- 1 Full service firm
- 2 Government & Public Interest Law
- 3 Clerkship
- 4 Litigation
- 5 Intellectual Property Law
- 6 In-house Counsel
- 7 Criminal Law
- 8 Immigration Law
- 9 Labour & Employment Law
- 10 Family Law

#### WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARTICLE

- 85%** Toronto
- 4%** New York City
- 4%** British Columbia
- 3%** Ottawa
- 3%** Alberta
- 1%** Elsewhere





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**PROFESSOR MARTHA SHAFFER**  
(CRIMINAL LAW, FAMILY LAW, EQUALITY IN LAW)  
FOUR-TIME RECIPIENT OF STUDENT CHOICE MEWETT TEACHING AWARD





# Admissions

For full details on our JD admission policies, requirements and application procedures, visit [law.utoronto.ca/admissions](http://law.utoronto.ca/admissions)

## SELECTION

Our admissions process is designed to identify exceptional students who bring a broad and complex set of life experiences to the study of law.

We consider all aspects of your application: academic, intellectual and personal.

The assessment is based two-thirds on the academic record and LSAT, and one-third on personal information. Our “whole person review” includes at least three readers, including faculty, staff and students. We have no quotas of any kind. We seek outstanding candidates from a wide variety of institutions, who come from across Canada and the world, of a variety of ages, with varied life experiences. This careful process allows us to assemble a vibrant and inclusive class where you will flourish.

## ADMISSION CATEGORIES

For entry to the first year, there are three main admission categories:

*General* – the majority of applicants.

*Aboriginal* – Aboriginal people, including those of Indian (status and non-status), Métis and Inuit heritage, whose representation in the legal profession we strive to improve.

*Mature* – those who have at least five complete years of non-academic experience (outside of full-time study) by September 2017.



## Admission Requirements

### ACADEMIC RECORD

By the end of May 2017, you will have successfully completed a minimum of three years of full-time undergraduate study (or equivalent), leading to a degree at a recognized university.

No particular courses are recommended. Almost all of our students have completed a four-year undergraduate university degree. Over the last decade, all of the admitted Mature applicants had some university education.

### GPA

Last year’s entering class had a 86.9% median GPA on their best three years of full-time undergraduate study.

### LSAT: LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

For entry in August 2017, we accept scores from tests taken from June 2012 to February 2017 inclusive. Last year’s entering class had a median LSAT score of 167 (94th percentile).

### PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the selection committee, help it assess your likelihood of success at the Faculty of Law and predict what your contributions to the class will be. Strive to demonstrate how your academics, experience (work and personal) and career goals make you an excellent fit for the program.

### OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ESSAY

You may provide further personal information from a choice of topics we suggest, such as a meaningful intellectual experience, a vision of your future goals, or obstacles to achievement.

### RÉSUMÉS

A résumé is required for Mature student applications only.

### INTERVIEWS, REFERENCES, GRE, GMAT

These are not required, and are not requested.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### **AUGUST 23, 2016**

JD Applications open online for entry in 2017

### **SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2016**

U of T Law Application Information Sessions  
[law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents](http://law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents)

### **SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2016**

U of T Law School campus tours  
[law.utoronto.ca/campustour](http://law.utoronto.ca/campustour)

### **SEPTEMBER 24, 2016**

LSAT test date

### **NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

JD Year 1 application deadline

### **DECEMBER 3, 2016**

LSAT test date

### **DECEMBER 2016 - MARCH 2017**

Early offers of admission made. Most offers are issued by February.

### **FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

LSAT test date (last acceptable test for 2017 admission)

### **FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

Welcome Day for students offered admission

### **APRIL 1, 2017**

Deadline for acceptance of JD Year 1 early Offers of Admission

### **JUNE 1, 2017\***

UofT Law JD Financial Aid application deadline

### **AUGUST 21, 2017\***

Start of Year 1 classes, JD program

*\*Tentative date*



## How To Apply

[www.ouac.on.ca/olsas](http://www.ouac.on.ca/olsas)

Obtain, submit and pay for the application online with the Ontario Law School Application Service (OLSAS), operated by the Ontario Universities' Application Centre (OUAC).

Submit all required documents directly to OLSAS, as per the instructions on its website.

For JD combined degree programs, apply to each program separately according to its own admission requirements and application procedures.

## Timing of Admission Decisions, Key Dates

Your file is considered complete when all required documents have been submitted to OLSAS, and are then forwarded to us by OLSAS for assessment.

For first year applicants, the earliest that we receive any files, whether complete or incomplete, will be within a week after the close of the November 1 application deadline.

As much as possible, we try to review completed files quickly. For first year applicants, we expect to make three main rounds of offers of admission. The first round occurs in early December, the second round in late January, and the final round in mid-March. Most offers are issued by February.



# OUR 2016 FIRST YEAR (1L) CLASS

206 STUDENTS

45% WOMEN

4% MATURE STUDENTS

(FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE)

35% STUDENTS OF COLOUR

11% LGBTQ STUDENTS

6% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

2109  
APPLICANTS



20-40 AGE  
RANGE OF  
STUDENTS  
24 AVERAGE  
AGE OF  
STUDENTS

80% FIRST IN FAMILY TO  
ATTEND LAW SCHOOL

6% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND  
UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

23% BORN OUTSIDE  
OF CANADA

53% PARENTS/GUARDIANS BORN  
OUTSIDE OF CANADA

17% GREW UP IN A  
RURAL AREA

57% DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH  
A RELIGION

43 UNDERGRADUATE  
INSTITUTIONS  
REPRESENTED

86.9% MEDIAN GPA ON  
BEST THREE FULL-TIME  
UNDERGRAD YEARS

167 MEDIAN LSAT  
SCORE, 94<sup>TH</sup>  
PERCENTILE

21% Students   
with graduate  
education

TOP 3  
JD/MASTER'S  
DEGREE  
COMBINED  
PROGRAMS

1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
2. ECONOMICS
3. TIE: PUBLIC POLICY
3. TIE: ENGLISH

## CANADIANS YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET

- 1 JUSTICE ROSALIE ABELLA
- 2 LEONARD COHEN
- 3 MARGARET ATWOOD
- 4 CHRIS HADFIELD

## DECEASED PERSON YOU WISH YOU'D MET

- 1 GRAND/GREAT-GRANDPARENT
- 2 PIERRE TRUDEAU
- 3 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
- 4 ARISTOTLE

**4 IN 5** THINK THE  
NEW AMERICAN  
PRESIDENT  
WILL BE FEMALE

## TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UofT LAW

High academic  
quality

Calibre of  
students & faculty

Career  
opportunities

Variety of  
courses & clinics

Student support  
& financial aid

### CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT IT

**37%** FACEBOOK 

**16%** YOUTUBE

**8%** INSTAGRAM

### PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

21% POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

19% CLASSICS/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

17% ENGINEERING/MATH/SCIENCE

16% BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

14% CRIMINOLOGY/GENDER STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

8% ENGLISH/LINGUISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS

3% VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

2% INTERDISCIPLINARY/OTHER

**65%** GRADUATED FROM  
ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

**35%** GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE  
REST OF CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY



### SAMPLE PRE-LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

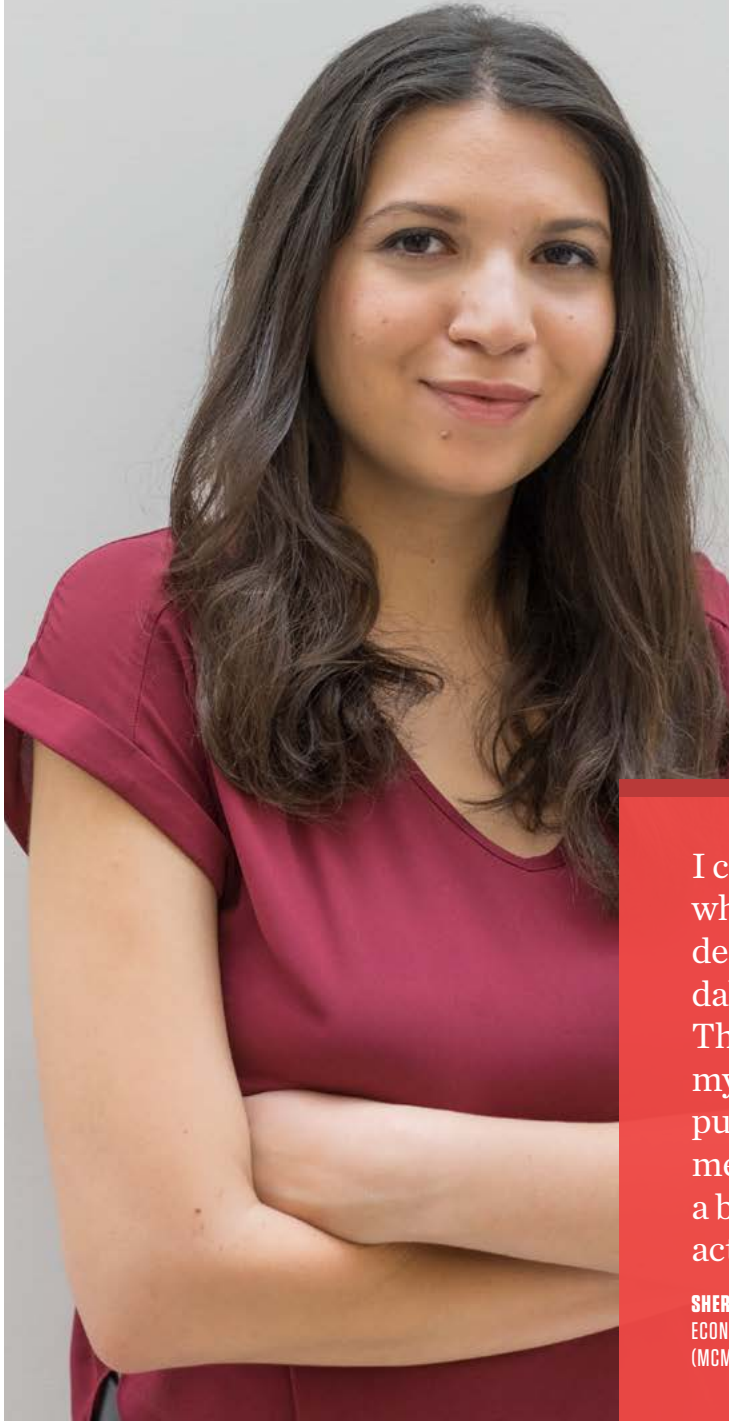
PROFESSIONAL DANCER  
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL OFFICER  
MASON  
RESEARCH CHEMIST  
MUSIC PRODUCER (HIP-HOP/RAP)  
ADJUNCT PROFESSOR  
HR BUSINESS ANALYST  
FREELANCE DIGITAL ARTIST  
COURTROOM CLERK  
PUBLISHED NOVELIST

**26%** ARE BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

### TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY

ABORIGINAL LAW  
BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
CRIMINAL  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW  
HEALTH LAW  
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INNOVATION  
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS  
LITIGATION/DISPUTE SETTLEMENT  
SOCIAL JUSTICE





## JOIN A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY THAT RANKS AMONG THE STRONGEST IN NORTH AMERICA

At U of T Law Sherna found a strong support network. Upper year students and lawyers offered her valuable insights and guidance. Sherna's law school activities include:

U of T Faculty of Law Review  
(Assistant Editor)

Downtown Legal Services  
(Volunteer)

Pro Bono Students Canada

Global Health Rights Working Group,  
International Human Rights Program

International Human Rights  
Program (Summer intern at the  
International Development Law  
Organization in The Hague)

Student Exchange to the University  
of Hong Kong



I came in without a set idea of what I wanted to do with the degree, so to find my niche I dabbled in different things. Those experiences reaffirmed my interest in international public and private law, allowed me to gain tangible skills and a better idea of what it's like to actually work in this field.

**SHERNA TAMBOLY**, 3L, MSc (LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & POLITICAL SCIENCE) 2014, BHSC HONOURS (MCMASTER) 2013





## JOIN IN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

What truly engages you? Culture, recreation, politics, media, performance, social issues, professional development or academic debates? Explore your passion and discover new interests by getting involved in the huge range of student clubs and activities that reflect the diversity and strength of our student body.



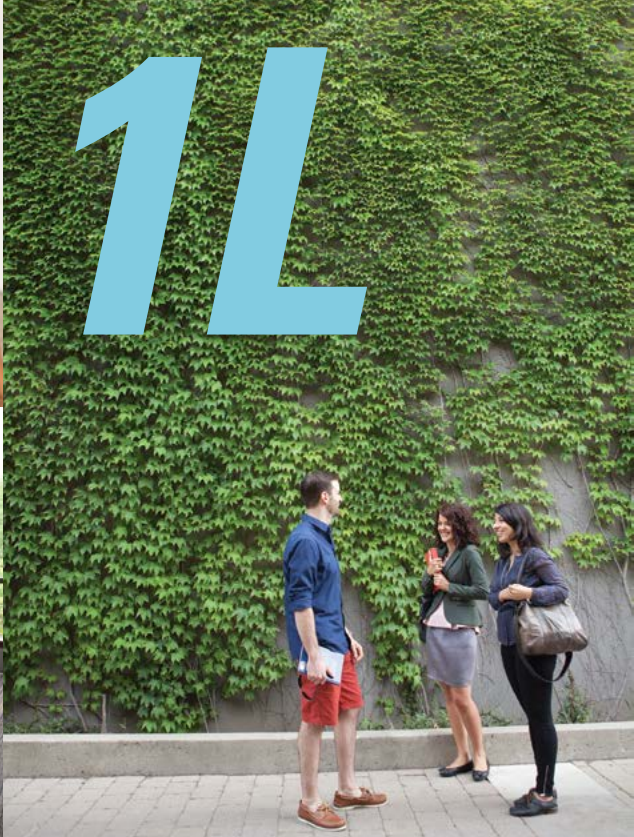
## 40+ STUDENT CLUBS

Our student clubs and student government host prominent speakers, put on plays, tackle social issues, and hold events that connect with the community.

- Aboriginal Law Students Association
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
- Artists Legal Advice Services
- Asia Law Society
- Business Law Society
- Black Law Students Association
- Board Games Club
- Career Development Student Advisory Committee
- China Law Project
- Christian Legal Fellowship
- Criminal Law Students Association
- Environmental Law Club
- Fashion Law Society
- Feminist Law Students Association
- Health and Wellness Student Advisory Committee

- Indigenous Law Journal
- International Law Students Association
- Intramural Sports
- Jewish Law Students Association
- JD/MBA Students Association
- Journal of International Law and International Relations
- Journal of Law and Equity
- Law and Politics Club
- Law Follies
- Law Games
- Litigation Association
- Muslim Law Students Association
- Natural Resources Law Club
- Out in Law
- Peer Mentorship Program

- South Asian Law Students Association
- Spin Law
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Animal Legal Defense
- Students' Law Society
- Supreme Chords (acapella group)
- Tax Law Society
- Technology and Intellectual Property Society
- Ultra Vires Student Newspaper
- UofT Faculty of Law Conservatives
- UofT Faculty of Law Liberals
- UofT Faculty of Law Review
- UofT Faculty of Law Union
- UofT Law and Social Justice Society
- Venture Law Group
- Women in Law



Our first year (1L) program encourages you to develop close connections with your peers and professors. In addition to six substantive law courses, you take two courses that prepare you to study law: *Legal Methods* and *Legal Research and Writing*.

## PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

You'll be matched with an upper-year student mentor who will provide the "inside scoop" about making your first year a success, from academic support to co-curricular and social activities.

## 1L CORE COURSES

LEGAL METHODS  
LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING  
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW  
CONTRACT LAW  
CRIMINAL LAW  
LEGAL PROCESS  
PROPERTY LAW  
TORT LAW





### **LEGAL METHODS INTENSIVE**

One of the central goals of our JD Program is to train you to “think like a lawyer.” The first year begins with a legal methods intensive course delivered during the last two weeks in August. The course introduces you to the foundational information and reasoning needed to make the most of the JD program from the minute you set foot in your first substantive class in September.

### **LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING**

The work product of lawyers consists of words. These words must be carefully selected based on deep understanding and research. In this course, legal research and writing experts guide you through a series of carefully designed research and writing assignments to equip you to produce well-crafted legal text.

### **SUBSTANTIVE LAW COURSES**

Every student takes one of the principal first year courses in a year-long small group of 16 students. The remaining five substantive law classes are taught in larger groups over a single term (two in first term and three in second term).

Collectively, our first year provides you with a deep and rigorous legal foundation rooted in diverse academic views about law and legal methodology.

IN 2016-2017  
**51%**  
OF OUR  
FIRST YEAR  
STUDENTS  
SPEAK  
ENGLISH  
AND ONE  
OTHER  
LANGUAGE  
FLUENTLY



## YOUR UPPER YEARS: CHART YOUR PATH

Building on the foundation of your 1L year, in the upper years you have the freedom to shape your studies to suit your interests and professional goals. With the guidance of faculty and career officers, choose from over 180 courses that span the spectrum of legal practice and scholarship.

### FOCUS IN ONE OR SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING:

|   |  |                                  |
|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Aboriginal Law                          | Environmental Law and Natural Resources          | Law and Development              |
| Academic Research and Writing           | Family Law and Children                          | Legal Ethics and Professionalism |
| Administrative and Regulatory Law       | Health Law                                       | Legal Theory/Interdisciplinary   |
| Business Law                            | Intellectual Property and Innovation Law         | Legal Studies                    |
| Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution | International, Comparative and Transnational Law | Private Law                      |
| Constitutional Law                      | Judges and Courts                                | Social Justice and Equality      |
| Criminal Law and Procedure              | Labour Law                                       | Taxation Law                     |

Augment your JD studies with courses offered by other academic units at U of T to complete a collaborative program, earn an additional certificate or graduate degree.

### CERTIFICATES

Aboriginal Legal Studies  
Environmental Studies  
Sexual Diversity & Gender Studies

### COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM

Jewish Studies

### COMBINED DEGREE PROGRAMS

JD/Master of Business Administration  
JD/Master of Global Affairs  
JD/Master of Public Policy  
JD/Master of Social Work  
JD/MA in Criminology  
JD/MA or PhD in Economics  
JD/MA in English  
JD/MA European and Russian Affairs  
JD/Master of Information Studies  
JD/PhD Philosophy  
JD/PhD Political Science

In 2015-2016, our students won six mooting (mock trial) competitions contested by Canadian law schools.

**ARNUP CUP** (*trial advocacy*)

**CORPORATE SECURITIES MOOT**

**HAROLD G. FOX INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT**

**JULIUS ALEXANDER ISAAC DIVERSITY MOOT**  
(*equity and diversity cases*)

**WILSON MOOT** (*women and minorities cases*)

**WARREN K. WINKLER CLASS ACTIONS MOOT**

## ABORIGINAL LAW PROGRAM

We offer a wide variety of classroom and experiential learning opportunities to students who are interested in Aboriginal issues.

Students compete in the Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Moot and work on the student-run Indigenous Law Journal.

They engage with Aboriginal scholars and professionals with activities such as the Gladue Practicum Program and the Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Law Practicum.

They also gain practical experience by participating in the Clinical Program with Aboriginal Legal Services, and can deepen their academic experience with the Certificate in Aboriginal Legal Studies.

BRENT HILL, JD (TORONTO) 2015,  
MATURE STUDENT AND FATHER OF  
TWO, ALUMNUS OF THE ABORIGINAL  
LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



## TRANSCEND YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Experience hands-on learning in some of North America's most established public interest programs, clinics and centres

### CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Each year, 140+ students provide direct legal services to low-income clients through Downtown Legal Services. Students draft pleadings, develop case strategies, and conduct negotiations. Additional clinical opportunities include: Advocates for Injured Workers; the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; the Asper Constitutional Advocacy Clinic; and the International Human Rights Clinic.

### PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA (PBSC)

Founded at the Faculty in 1996, PBSC is a national, award-winning pro-bono organization with chapters at 21 law schools in Canada. PBSC provides legal services without charge to organizations and individuals in need in all areas of law. As one example, PBSC's Family Law Project places students in family law courts across Canada, where they work with duty counsel lawyers to provide legal information and document preparation assistance to low-income clients.

### INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM (IHRP)

Students focus on international human rights advocacy through clinical projects and working groups that have them advocating before courts and tribunals. In the summer of 2016, the IHRP placed students at some of the most prestigious organizations in the world including the International Criminal

Court and Human Rights Watch, and grassroots organizations around the world.

### DAVID ASPER CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Clinic students have the opportunity to work on leading constitutional and Charter rights cases at the highest courts in Canada, while working group students can learn legal researching skills through projects on current issues in constitutional law. Past topics have included internet surveillance legislation and practices, as well as Canadian citizenship and immigration laws. Summer students work with the Asper Centre on these issues through research and casework, and with domestic human rights organizations within Canada.

### LAW IN ACTION WITHIN SCHOOLS (LAWS)

This unique three-year high-school program, also founded at the law school, partners with Osgoode Hall Law School and the Toronto District School Board to provide inner-city students with interactive learning experiences related to legal and social issues, the justice system, and legal sector careers. LAWS is a critical part of our commitment to ensuring legal education is accessible to talented, diverse students. As a law student, you can volunteer as a LAWS after-school tutor, workshop facilitator, mock trial coach and field trip leader.





We researched child trafficking, examining the root causes of the growing problem and how the law is seeking to address it.

**HANNA GROS, JD (TORONTO) 2016 (CIRCLED LEFT) AND LEDYA YOHANNES, JD (TORONTO) 2016 (CIRCLED RIGHT), ON THEIR 1L INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER INTERNSHIP WITH POPULATION COUNCIL, IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

## GO GLOBAL: STUDY, RESEARCH, WORK

Spend a semester at the top law schools in some of the world's best cities.

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| SYDNEY    | TEL AVIV  |
| BEIJING   | AMSTERDAM |
| HONG KONG | AUCKLAND  |
| LONDON    | OSLO      |
| LYON      | GLASGOW   |
| PARIS     | SINGAPORE |
| BUDAPEST  | UPPSALA   |
| DUBLIN    |           |

### CLINICS AND COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS

- Aboriginal Legal Services clinic
- Advocates for Injured Workers clinic
- Appellate criminal litigation externship
- Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
- City of Toronto municipal law externship
- Criminal law clinic
- David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights clinic
- Employment law clinic
- Family law clinic
- International human rights law clinic
- Pro Bono Ontario litigation externship
- Refugee and immigration law clinic
- Structural Genomics Consortium externship
- Tenant housing law clinic
- University affairs clinic

ALL FIGURES LISTED ARE IN CANADIAN CURRENCY, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST \$100

**FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

When assessing financial aid applications, the same budget is applied to all eligible domestic students.


- 2016-2017 tuition fee: **\$33,300**
- Books and supplies: **\$1,100**
- Incidental and ancillary fees: **\$1,400**
- Room and board (if not at home): **\$10,500**
- Personal expenses: **\$2,200**

**FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE**

Choosing to go to law school is a significant and rewarding investment in your life. If you are offered admission, tuition should not be a barrier to your education or your career. The Faculty of Law’s approach to financial aid is different than most law schools. With less than a handful of merit scholarships available, we apply an equitable and transparent approach to giving aid, where the students with the greatest financial need receive the most assistance.

**UNIQUE IN CANADA, POST-GRADUATION DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM**

The rumours are true: most law students in North America graduate with some debt. They also go on to fulfilling positions in a range of fields. Many of our students choose to dedicate themselves to legal aid clinics or specialty law firms that offer relatively lower-paying salaries. To support their career choices, we assist these students with the repayment of their eligible law school debt eligible law school debt for up to ten years after graduation. This is the only program of its kind in Canada.

**NO GUESSING** 

**GET AN INSTANT AID ESTIMATE**

We make it easy for you to know the amount of financial aid you may receive. Use our exclusive online calculator for an aid package estimate tailored to your financial means at [law.utoronto.ca/financial-aid-calculator](http://law.utoronto.ca/financial-aid-calculator)

**PLANS THAT WORK**

**Sarah**, from Ontario, comes from a single-parent home with an annual parental income of \$66,000. After applying for financial aid, she received a bursary of \$13,500 (41% of tuition), making her effective tuition \$19,800. Here’s how she funds her first year:

- 47%**  
INTEREST-FREE LOAN & PERSONAL SAVINGS
- 27%**  
BURSARY
- 26%**  
GOVERNMENT LOAN

**Sanjay** is leaving the home in Montreal he shares with his parents and a younger sister who is also studying at university. With an annual parental income of \$123,000 Sanjay received a bursary of \$8,000 (24% of tuition) making his effective tuition \$25,300. Here’s how he funds his first year.

- 29%**  
INTEREST-FREE LOAN
- 10%**  
PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION
- 26%**  
BURSARY
- 14%**  
PERSONAL SAVINGS
- 21%**  
GOVERNMENT LOAN

**NOTE:** THESE ARE SAMPLE PLANS ONLY. YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFERING WILL BE ASSESSED BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE ON YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.



I am the first in my family to attend both university and law school, which, for me, is possible only with financial aid. U of T Law was there for me financially before I joined the law school via its free LSAT prep program (LSAP) and application fee waivers. In my first year, the law school's aid program enabled me to combine my aid options to cover about 80% of my tuition. With the guidance of the wonderful financial aid staff I'm able to focus on the law school experience with significantly less stress about financing my education.

ALVIN YAU, 2L, BBA (YORK) 2015

## FINANCIAL AID STATS 2015-2016

**\$24,490**

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR  
TUITION AFTER  
BURSARIES FOR  
THOSE RECEIVING  
FINANCIAL AID

**\$9,640**

AVERAGE BURSARY  
(OVERALL THREE YEARS)

**\$14,600**

MAXIMUM BURSARY  
AWARDED

**\$3.2 million+**

AWARDED BURSARIES

**370**

# OF STUDENTS  
WHO APPLIED FOR  
FINANCIAL AID

**\$9,130**

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR  
BURSARY

**82%**

% OF FINANCIAL  
AID APPLICANTS WHO  
RECEIVED AID







## SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

Let's be honest—law school is amazing but it also can be challenging at times.

Like other professional programs, law school is a rigorous academic and extra-curricular program that demands a lot from students. That's why we offer a broad range of student supports to make sure that you get the most out of your law school experience.

Through tutoring programs and writing coaching, peer and alumni mentoring programs, resilience coaching and in-house mental health counselling, we support you to thrive in law school and your future career.

## INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY AT U OF T LAW

We strive to ensure that our community is accessible and inclusive. Our vision is a law school and legal profession that fully reflects the diversity of our society.

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

**SARA-MARNI HUBBARD**  
MA (CONCORDIA) 2011,  
BAH (TORONTO) 2009,  
STUDENT PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

**YUKIMI HENRY**  
JD/MSW (TORONTO) 2001,  
MANAGER, ACADEMIC/PERSONAL  
COUNSELLING AND WELLNESS

**AMANDA CARLING**  
JD (TORONTO) 2013  
ABORIGINAL LAW PROGRAM  
COORDINATOR

## GET A HEAD START

We offer inclusive programs that provide an early introduction to, and preparation for, legal studies.

### BECOMING A LAWYER IN ONTARIO

[law.utoronto.ca/getstarted](http://law.utoronto.ca/getstarted)

This resource is your starting point if you're thinking about becoming a lawyer. Prepared by U of T Law, it provides a comprehensive overview of the path from high school to becoming licensed to practice law.

### LSAP: LAW SCHOOL ACCESS PROGRAM

[law.utoronto.ca/lsap](http://law.utoronto.ca/lsap)

A free LSAT preparation course for high-potential, low-income undergraduate students who are in 3rd or 4th year or are recent university graduates.

### LAWS: LAW IN ACTION WITHIN SCHOOLS

[lawinaction.ca](http://lawinaction.ca)

A free law and justice-themed program that brings high school students together with law students and faculty to help them achieve their full potential. Includes streams for youth who are aboriginal or newcomers to Canada.

### ABORIGINAL YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

[law.utoronto.ca/aysp](http://law.utoronto.ca/aysp)

Aboriginal youth, ages 14-18, from across Canada come to U of T Law for a week to learn about Canadian law and Aboriginal legal traditions. Participants stay on-campus in residence at U of T.

### YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

[ysp.utoronto.ca](http://ysp.utoronto.ca)

A mini-law school summer camp for students in grades 10-12. Participants stay on-campus in residence at U of T.

### SEE YOURSELF HERE

[law.utoronto.ca/syh](http://law.utoronto.ca/syh)

Each year, over 100 high school students come to the law school to hear from law students, lawyers and other legal professionals about how to pursue a career in the law. The event is designed specifically for students who identify with communities that have been historically underrepresented in the legal profession.



### TRAILBLAZER

Ivy Lawrence Maynier, class of 1945, was the first woman of colour to graduate from U of T Law.

After graduating from McGill University, where she was President of the Women's Debating Union and the first woman to be awarded the McGill Debating Key, Ivy received a scholarship to attend U of T Law at a time when there were few students of colour.

Her pioneering spirit stayed with her throughout her career. After her call to the bar in England in 1947 and a five year appointment with the United States Information Service in Paris, Ivy moved to Trinidad and Tobago. There she pursued her lifelong passion for adult education and developing courses, programs and lectures that would make university more accessible to marginalized groups and communities in her country.

In 1959 she married a career diplomat and moved to Jamaica where she continued her career in education at the University of the West Indies. Ivy is remembered as a leader who instilled in others the courage to pursue their goals.

## VISIT US!

Visiting us is the best way to experience our law school community. Book your student-led tour today at [law.utoronto.ca/campustour](http://law.utoronto.ca/campustour).

Can't make it to the law school? Check out our admissions events page to see when we will be visiting a location near you at [law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents](http://law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents).



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