



Graduate Scholarships in Reproductive and Sexual Health Law



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The Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto is one of the oldest and most prestigious law faculties in Canada. Since 1887, the Faculty has taken a leading position in the education of Canadian lawyers and legal academics. Its students come from across Canada and, especially in the graduate program, from around the world.

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Graduate Scholarships in Reproductive and Sexual Health Law at the University of Toronto, Canada

The Faculty of Law is pleased to announce the availability of Graduate Scholarships in Reproductive and Sexual Health Law. These scholarships are made possible through a generous grant from our donors, and are available to students pursuing a Master of Laws (LLM) degree within the Faculty's Graduate Program. These scholarships are designed to permit law graduates who have a demonstrated record in the protection of reproductive and sexual rights to undertake advanced research and study in this emerging field of law.

The Faculty's graduate program is one of the most prestigious and highly competitive in North America, admitting approximately 75-100 students each year from more than 20 countries around the world. One of the highlights of the graduate program, the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Program was established in 1997 by Professors Rebecca Cook and Bernard Dickens. This program enables graduate students to explore the legal and ethical issues in reproductive and sexual health, such as multiple causes of maternal mortality; barriers to availability of and access to reproductive health services; the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS; and abusive sexual relationships.

Value of Scholarship (Subject to Funding availability)

Scholarships cover academic tuition and student fees and provide a living stipend of up to CDN \$15,000. The cost of return travel from the student's home country to Toronto is also included.

Program Requirements and Scholarship Eligibility

Scholarship Candidates must:

- be citizens of a developing country;
- remain in residence for two academic terms (September to April);
- complete a course of studies and a thesis which, combined, are valued at 24 credit hours;
- complete a course of studies that shall involve a maximum of 20 credit hours of course work, including the graduate seminar, Alternative Approaches to Legal Scholarship, and the foundation courses, Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, and The Health Equity and Law Clinic. Students are encouraged to select other courses relevant to their plan of study, such as courses addressing medical law and ethics; national and international protection of human rights including women's rights; feminism and the law; law and development; and law and society issues. Course selection is subject to the approval of the Associate Dean;

- write a thesis on a topic relating to reproductive health law;
- return to their home country for a period of two years, following completion of the LLM degree, and work in the area of reproductive and sexual health law.

Internships

Candidates are encouraged to apply for a ten-week summer internship with an organization concerned with reproductive and sexual health. Internships provide an opportunity to build and strengthen collaborative relationships among faculty, students, and international organizations. Internships in the candidates' home country also facilitate post-graduate career opportunities.

Admission Standards

Applicants to the LLM degree program must hold a Bachelor of Laws or Juris Doctor (LLM or JD) degree from a recognized university, or possess equivalent qualifications in law, and must normally have achieved a B+ or comparable standing.

English Fluency – Written and Oral

It is essential that applicants have a sufficient command of the written and spoken English language. Applicants whose primary language is not English and who have not completed at least one year of coursework at a post-secondary institution where the language of instruction is English must have completed at least one of the following tests at the time an application is submitted: Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL); International English Language Testing System (IELTS); or the Michigan English Language Assessment Battery (MELAB). Details of these tests and minimum score requirements can be found in the application package.

More Information

about our International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme is available at: <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/programs/reprohealth.html>

Deadline for Application: February 1st of each year

Internationally renowned scholars **Professors Rebecca Cook** and **Bernard Dickens**, co-directors of the International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme.



OUR ALUMNI

Recent graduates, such as the four highlighted below, have completed internships with a number of organizations, including: the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto; Center for Reproductive Rights, New York; Federation for Women and Family Planning, Warsaw, Poland; International Council of AIDS Services Organizations, Toronto; Profamilia Legal Services for Women, Bogota, Colombia; the Women's Aid Collective (WACOL), Nigeria; and the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva.



Jonathan Berger
LLM 2001

Jonathan Berger's graduate work at the Faculty of Law examined the impact of international trade law on access to treatment for HIV/AIDS patients, especially in his native South Africa. Afterwards, he interned in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil with

Grupa Pela Vidda, an AIDS service and advocacy group, before returning to South Africa to take up a position with the AIDS Law Project, which is based at the Centre for Applied Legal Studies at the University of Witwatersrand. There, Berger seeks to use law as a tool to remove barriers to the access to treatment for HIV/AIDS.



Beatriz Galli
LLM 2002

While a student at the Faculty of Law, Beatriz Galli's research focused on the major causes of maternal mortality in her home country of Brazil. She divided her internship between two Brazilian non-

governmental organizations, SOS Corpo and Advocaci. At SOS Corpo in Recife, she consulted on legal cases involving sexual reproductive rights and studied maternal mortality in the Brazilian state of Pernambuco. For Advocaci, an organization that litigates to defend human rights, Beatriz helped to translate information on the Inter-American System of Human Rights from Spanish to Portuguese. She later became Executive Coordinator of Advocaci. Galli is now responsible for policy issues for Ipas Brazil.



The Rowell Room, a large solarium located in Flavelle House at the Faculty of Law, serves as a meeting place for students and faculty.



Eszter Kismodi
LLM 2002

Patients' rights and the right to safe motherhood in Eastern European and developing nations was the focus of Eszter Kismodi's academic work at the Faculty of Law, as well as her subsequent internship at the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York. Since completing her internship, Kismodi, a native of Hungary, has taken up a position with the World Health Organization in Geneva as a Human Rights Adviser in the Department of Reproductive Health and Research.

Kibrom Isaak Teklehaimanot
LLM 2001

Abortion law in his home country of Eritrea was the focus of Kibrom Isaak Teklehaimanot's LLM research at the Faculty of Law. His internship was spent with Ipas, an NGO concerned with women's reproductive health based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Teklehaimanot is an active scholar and an article of his appeared recently in the journal, *Reproductive Health Matters*. He has recently completed a book called *Legal Grounds: Reproductive and Sexual Rights in African Commonwealth Courts*, which is being used by the Nigerian Women's Aid Collective and other African women's health advocacy groups.



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Canada's largest urban centre with a metropolitan population of over 4.5 million people, Toronto is one of the most multicultural cities in the world. Its diversity is reflected in most aspects of city life ranging from the variety of languages spoken, to a number of distinctive neighbourhoods, to an abundance of restaurants serving all manner of international dishes. Toronto is at the centre of Canadian economic and cultural life, and is home to an array of important cultural and economic institutions.



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