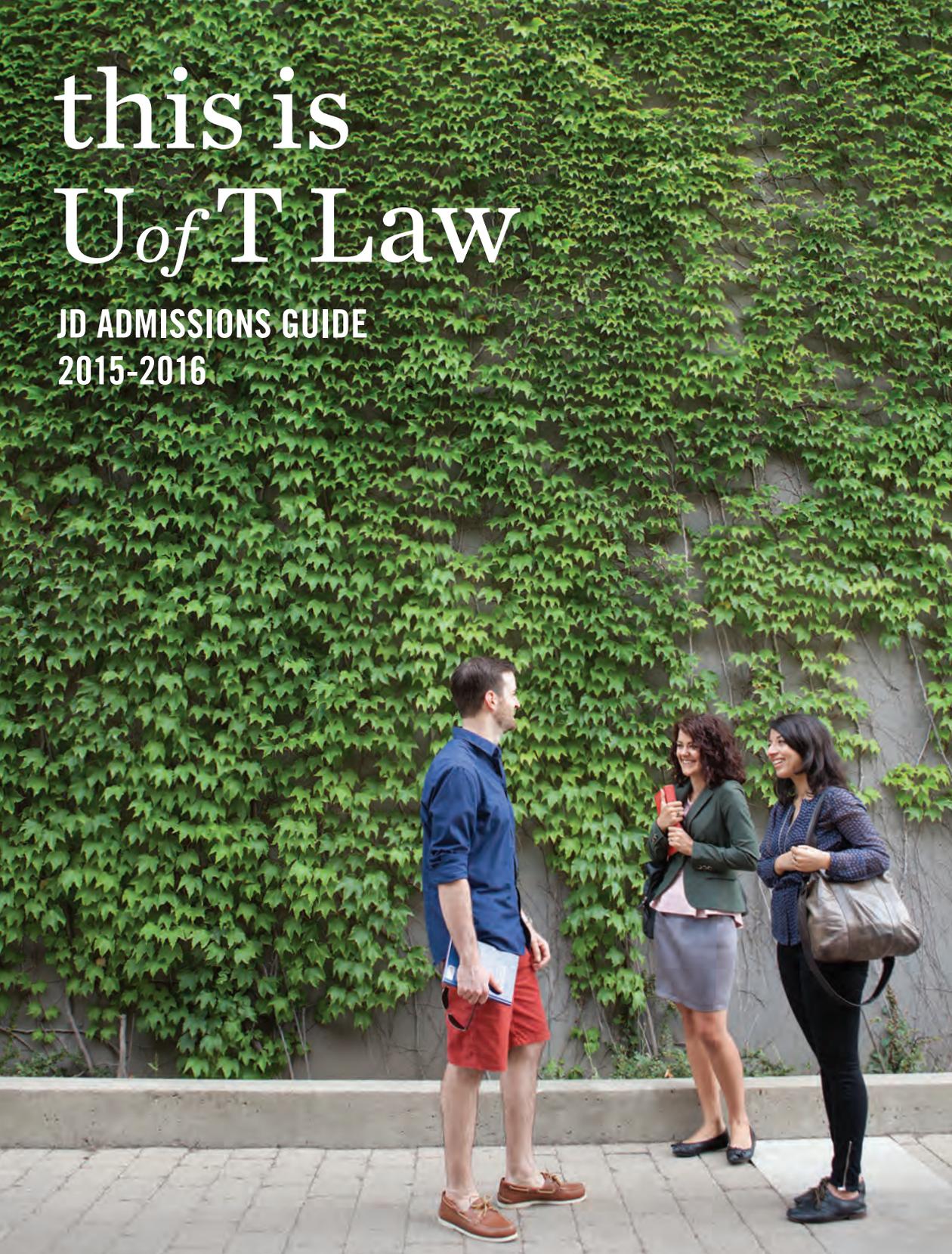


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JD ADMISSIONS GUIDE
2015-2016



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF LAW

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your path
to success.





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connect
with a diverse
and supportive
community.





JACKMAN LAW BUILDING, OPENING 2015-16

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 win major research awards and address global policymakers. I hope you will take the time to discover our unique programs and some of North America's most established "out-of-class" programs 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 or volunteer for the UN while on an international human rights internship.

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 reflects our belief that law is a powerful tool for social change. Our graduates go on to

leadership positions in public interest organizations, politics, business, and on the bench and bar with the tools to make a positive impact on our community.

I am excited about the future of our law school. Our new building, set to open in the 2015-16 academic year, will include innovative technology and will house 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.

If you haven't visited us yet, I encourage you to get to know the Faculty of Law first-hand.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Alarie".

BENJAMIN ALARIE
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR &
ASSOCIATE DEAN, FIRST YEAR PROGRAM



become
part of a
community
with an
international
reputation
for excellence.

Learn from
world-renowned
faculty in an
incredible
new facility

Engage in
an intimate
learning
experience
in Canada's
largest city

Join a diverse
student body
that ranks among
the strongest in
North America



seek
what's
possible in
the heart of
Toronto.



SUIT YOUR STYLE

Our students' favourite local neighbourhoods—Yorkville, Kensington and Queen West—are all within easy walking distance of our campus.





SAMPLE THE WORLD

Toronto is known for its 140 distinctive neighbourhoods. Grab an espresso in Little Italy, go shopping in Little India and take in a Peking Opera in Chinatown.



CONNECT WITH EXPERTS

Our city is home to more than 3,000 law firms. You'll be next door to the provincial legislature, the Superior Court of Justice, and the Ontario Court of Appeal.

SEE, HEAR, TASTE

Attend many of the 1,000+ festivals in the city, check out the vibrant arts, culture and entertainment scene and discover your inner foodie. With a population smaller than New York City but larger than Chicago, Toronto has it all.

MOVE WITH EASE

The Faculty of Law is just steps away from Museum Station where you can hop on the subway to get around this great city in just minutes.



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.



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



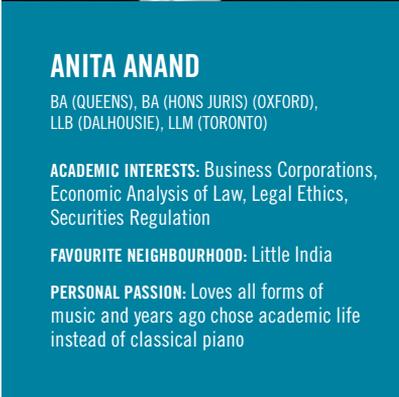
ANVER EMON

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: Can juggle moderately well



ANITA ANAND

BA (QUEENS), 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



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 COZMAN

BA (QUEENS), LLB (TORONTO), LLM (HARVARD)
FELLOW, ROYAL SOCIETY OF CANADA

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Family Law, Legal
Regulation of Sexuality, and 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.



TOP STUDENTS ATTRACT TOP EMPLOYERS

Our students' unmatched success in the job market tells our story best. Each year, the top employers in Canada, New York and the UK actively recruit our students.

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 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.

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



OUR GRADUATES INCLUDE...

In 2013-14, 11 of our students secured coveted clerking positions with the most prestigious courts in Canada:

Supreme Court of Canada – 5 students
Provincial Courts of Appeal – 4 students
Ontario Superior Court – 1 student
Tax Court of Canada – 1 student

CLASS OF 2014 EMPLOYMENT

AS OF AUGUST 25, 2014

215 IN GRADUATING CLASS

212 RESPONDENTS

189 FULL-TIME ARTICLING OR NEW YORK ASSOCIATE POSITIONS

9 SEEKING ARTICLING POSITIONS

9 NON-TRADITIONAL CAREERS, GRADUATE STUDIES, DEFERRING ARTICLES

5 NO CONFIRMED PLANS

New Grads to Watch

Promise Holmes Skinner (JD 2013) is the only person in her extended family to attend law school and the only person in her immediate family to have entered university. Promise pursued her passion in criminal law by articling at the prominent criminal defence firm, Greenspan Humphrey Lavine. There, she assisted in preparing material for the defences of Clifford Kokopenace (*R v. Kokopenace*) – a case concerning First Nations people in Northern Ontario, currently before the Supreme Court of Canada, and Justin Bieber (*R v. Bieber*).

Outside the courtroom, Promise volunteers for Aboriginal and LGBT initiatives. As an executive member of the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Section of the Ontario Bar Association, she co-led Ontario lawyers in their first ever march in the 2014 World Pride Parade.

A woman of Anishinaabe descent, Promise provides supportive counselling to current and prospective Aboriginal law students, as the Aboriginal Law Program Coordinator at the Faculty of Law.



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U of T Law

Apply to the JD Program

For full details on our admission policies, requirements and application procedures, visit 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 2015.

Admission Requirements

Academic Record

By the end of May 2015, 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.

Last year’s entering class had a 85.5% median GPA on their best three years of full-time study.

LSAT: Law School Admission Test

For entry in August 2015, provide scores from tests taken from June 2010 to February 2015 inclusively.

Last year’s entering class had a median LSAT score of 167 (95th 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.

How To Apply

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 at its website.

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

Mark your calendar



AUGUST 21, 2014

JD Applications open online

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2014

UofT Law Application Information Sessions
law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents

SEPTEMBER 27, 2014

LSAT test date

NOVEMBER 1, 2014

JD Year 1 application deadline

DECEMBER 6, 2014

LSAT test date

DECEMBER 2014 - MARCH 2015

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

JANUARY 2015 AND ONWARDS

Financial Aid applications open for
students offered admission

FEBRUARY 7, 2015

LSAT test date (last acceptable test for
September 2015 admission)

FEBRUARY 20, 2015*

Welcome Day for students
offered admission

MARCH 2015 AND ONWARDS

Financial Aid provisional
assessment results are issued

APRIL 1, 2015

Deadline for acceptance of early
Offers of Admission

JULY 15, 2015

Financial Aid application deadline

AUGUST 17, 2015*

Start of Year 1, JD program

** Tentative date*

GET A HEAD START

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

LSAP: Law School Access Program
law.utoronto.ca/admissions/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

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

Youth Summer Program
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.

Our 2014 1L class

Based on survey responses of 93% of the entering class

200 STUDENTS



54% WOMEN

3% MATURE STUDENTS

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

28% STUDENTS OF COLOUR

8% LGBTQ STUDENTS

6% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



applicants



60% GRADUATED FROM ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

40% GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE REST OF CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY



35

INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

22%



STUDENTS WITH GRADUATE EDUCATION

85.5%

MEDIAN GPA FOR BEST THREE FULL-TIME YEARS

167

MEDIAN LSAT SCORE 95% PERCENTILE

11%

STUDENTS IN JD COMBINED PROGRAMS

TOP 5 JD/MASTER'S DEGREE COMBINED PROGRAMS

1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
2. GLOBAL AFFAIRS
3. ENGLISH
4. PUBLIC POLICY
5. SOCIAL WORK



63%
IPHONE USERS

30%
ANDROID



WOULD PREFER TO BE THE LAWYER FOR KANYE WEST OVER MILEY CYRUS, JUSTIN BIEBER OR CHRIS BROWN

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UofT LAW

High academic quality

Calibre of students & faculty

Career opportunity

Variety of courses & clinics

Location

10% STUDENTS ARE FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

24% STUDENTS BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

52% PARENTS/GUARDIANS BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

75% OFFERED ADMISSION TO 3 OR MORE CANADIAN LAW SCHOOLS

25% UNDECIDED ON LEGAL AREA TO PURSUE

\$150,000 HIGHEST SCHOLARSHIP DECLINED IN ORDER TO ATTEND U OF T LAW

PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

2% VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

8% ENGLISH/LINGUISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS

10% CRIMINOLOGY/GENDER STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES

11% INTERDISCIPLINARY/OTHER

13% ENGINEERING/MATH/SCIENCE

14% BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

15% CLASSICS/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

27% POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

56%

INTERESTED IN A STUDENT EXCHANGE



49%

CONSIDER ART GALERIES AND MUSEUMS THE MOST APPEALING TORONTO ATTRACTIONS

83%

SLEEP 7 OR MORE HOURS A NIGHT, ON AVERAGE



22-39 AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS
24 AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS



TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY

ABORIGINAL

BUSINESS/CORPORATE

CRIMINAL/LITIGATION

ENTERTAINMENT/SPORTS

ENVIRONMENT

HEALTH/BIOETHICS/MEDICAL

HUMAN RIGHTS/IMMIGRATION/INTERNATIONAL

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY/TECHNOLOGY

LABOUR/EMPLOYMENT

LEGAL THEORY/JURISPRUDENCE/ACADEMIA





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At UofT Law
I am surrounded
by an incredibly
warm and supportive
group of colleagues.
I learn something
new from them
every single day.

BRENDAN STEVENS,
CLASS OF 2014
SLS PRESIDENT 2013-14
HBA (WESTERN), 2011

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

Aboriginal Law Student Association

Alternative Dispute Resolution Club

Afghan-Iranian Law Student Association

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

Environmental Law Club

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Review

Feminist Law Students Association

Health and Wellness Student Advisory Committee

Health Law Club

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 Defence

Tax Law Society

Technology and Intellectual Property Society

Ultra Vires Student Newspaper

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Conservatives

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Liberals

University of Toronto Faculty of Law Union

U of T Law and Social Justice Society

Venture Law Group

Women in Law



LAW BALL



LAW BALL

END OF YEAR MOUSTACHE COMPETITION



PRIDE 2014



INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL GAME



SLS COFFEE HOUSE



PEER MENTORING 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.

YOUR 1L YEAR

Our 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.

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 (LRW)

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 has 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.

1L CORE COURSES

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



Augment your JD studies with courses offered by other academic units at UofT 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 Russian and East European Studies

JD/Master of Information Studies

JD/PhD Philosophy

JD/PhD Political Science

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

Academic Research And Writing

Administrative and Regulatory Law

Business Law

Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution

Constitutional Law

Criminal Law and Procedure

Environmental Law and Natural Resources

Family Law and Children

Health Law

Intellectual Property and Innovation Law

International, Comparative and Transnational Law

Judges and Courts

Labour Law

Law and Development

Legal Ethics and Professionalism

Legal Theory/Interdisciplinary Legal Studies

Private Law

Social Justice and Equality

Taxation Law



BRENT HILL, 3L MATURE STUDENT AND FATHER OF TWO, MEMBER OF THE ABORIGINAL LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION

DEVELOP & PRACTICE YOUR LEGAL SKILLS

We offer exceptional opportunities for you to gain the competencies and confidence to excel in any legal environment.

CLINICS AND COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS

Aboriginal Legal Services of Toronto Clinic
Advocates for Injured Workers Clinic
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
City of Toronto externship
Criminal law clinic
David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights clinic
Family law clinic
International Human Rights clinic
Refugee and Immigration law clinic
Tenant housing clinic
University affairs clinic

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. Services include drafting pleadings, developing case strategies, and conducting 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): Focus on international human rights advocacy through clinical projects and working groups that will have you drafting United Nations submissions or advocating before courts and tribunals.

In the summer of 2014, the IHRP placed students at some of the most prestigious human rights organizations in the world including the International Criminal Tribunal for Yugoslavia, the UN Refugee Agency in Senegal, 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 such as internet surveillance legislation and practices, as well as Canadian citizenship and immigration laws (among other topics that change yearly). Summer internship opportunities exist to 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 issues, the justice system and the legal profession. A critical part of our commitment to ensuring legal education is accessible to all students, you can volunteer as an after-school tutor, workshop facilitator or mock trial coach.



GO GLOBAL: STUDY, RESEARCH, WORK

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

Sydney
Beijing
Hong Kong
London
Lyon
Paris
Budapest
Dublin

Tel Aviv
Amsterdam
Auckland
Oslo
Glasgow
Singapore
Uppsala

Some festival-goers laughing at my first taste of kenkey with hot pepper sauce after inviting me to share a meal with them.

SARAH BEAMISH 3L, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM SUMMER INTERN, CENTRE FOR PUBLIC INTEREST LAW (CEPIL) IN ACCRA, GHANA

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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.

Apply for financial aid as soon as you have an offer in hand and we will provide an estimate of the support available to you for your first year.

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 by repaying their eligible law school debt for up to ten years after graduation. This is the only program of its kind in Canada.



FINANCIAL AID IN ACTION

“When I started first year, I had no assets or savings, and I came from a single-parent family that could not afford to help me out. I received a significant amount of bursaries that offset tuition and allowed me to pay my bills. In the summer after first year, I worked at a Bay Street law firm and earned a Bay Street salary. In keeping with my ability to pay, I received much less financial aid [in 2L]. I think the program is very fair because it is designed to reflect what students are actually able to pay.”

LAURA MACGEE, JD (TORONTO) 2014, BA (WESTERN) 2010, MA (WESTERN) 2011, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO STUDENT LAW SOCIETY, LAW IN ACTION WITHIN SCHOOLS PROGRAM VOLUNTEER

All figures listed are in Canadian currency, rounded to the nearest \$100

FINANCIAL AID STATS 2013-2014

FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES

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

2014-2015 tuition fee: \$30,200

Books and supplies: \$1,100

Incidental and ancillary fees: \$1,100

Room and board (if away from home): \$11,000

Personal expenses: \$2,200

\$18,700

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

\$9,300

AVERAGE BURSARY (OVERALL THREE YEARS)

\$24,100

MAXIMUM BURSARY AWARDED

\$2.8 MILLION+

AWARDED BURSARIES

336

OF STUDENTS WHO APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID

\$9,800

AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR BURSARY

86%

% OF STUDENTS WHO APPLIED AND RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

PLANS THAT WORK

Sarah, from Ontario, comes from a single-parent home with an annual parental income of \$60,100. After applying for financial aid, she received a bursary of \$14,000 (46% of tuition), making her effective tuition \$16,200. Here's how she funds her first year:

39%

INTEREST-FREE LOAN

26%

PERSONAL SAVINGS

35%

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.

Mario is leaving the home he shares with his parents and younger sister in Montreal to attend the Faculty of Law. With an annual parental income of \$155,300 Mario received a bursary of \$8,800 (29% of tuition) after applying for financial aid. Here's how he covers the cost of his effective tuition of \$21,400:

27%

INTEREST-FREE LOAN

41%

PARENTAL CONTRIBUTION

32%

GOVERNMENT LOAN



Plan Your Visit Today

DISCOVER OUR CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY

The best way to experience our law school community to decide if it's a good fit for you is to visit us. We offer campus tours throughout the fall and spring.

Book your student-led tour today 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 law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents.



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