We acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit River. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island, and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.
CONNECT WITH A DIVERSE AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
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 remarkable faculty, who regularly win major research awards, and are thought leaders in academia, the legal profession and public policy. Studying at U of T Law will give you access to 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 might work on criminal appeals pending before the Ontario Court of Appeal or Supreme Court of Canada, help provide advice to legal aid clients in immigration or refugee matters, volunteer for the UN while on an international human rights internship, or help give legal advice to tech start-ups at law firms and incubators across the city.

Our commitment to inclusive excellence and the public interest means that as a student, you will be part of a community with a wide range of knowledge, experiences and perspectives. A legal education at U of T not only teaches legal doctrine, but also equips students with analytical tools that give them an edge in tackling complex real-world problems. Our graduates go on to leadership positions in public interest organizations, politics, business, on the bench and bar, and much more with an education that serves them well in making a transformative impact on our community.

I am excited about the future of our law school. Its faculty and students provide intellectual leadership for and engagement with the rapidly changing world around us. Our 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 create dynamic engagement opportunities for students, professors and the community.

I hope that you’ll take up our invitation to visit with us as you carefully consider the many options available to you.

JUTTA BRUNNÉE
DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW
JAMES M. TORY PROFESSOR OF LAW
BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY WITH AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

In 2021, the respected Times Higher Education law school rankings placed us in the top 14 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 at one of the world’s foremost research-intensive universities. Immerse yourself in a rigorous learning 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.

INTERDISCIPLINARY ADVANTAGE

Take advantage of countless opportunities to engage with U of T’s other top-ranked graduate faculties and schools such as its Rotman School of Management, Faculty of Medicine, Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, etc. Explore the interdisciplinary dimensions of the law through workshops and conferences featuring top academics and experts from around the world.
U OF T?

LIVE IN A GREAT CITY

Revel in the myriad of sights, sounds, and tastes to discover in one of the world’s most multicultural cities. Here, you can attend many festivals, check out the vibrant arts, culture, entertainment and professional sports scenes 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 amazing festivals include OVO and Unity (hip-hop); VELD and Dreams (EDM), Fringe and Summer-Works (theatre, art and dance); TIFF (film); Maker and Vector (technology and new media); Fan Expo and Comicon (comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming).

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

At U of T Law, you are minutes away from the provincial legislature, Ministry of the Attorney General law offices, several court houses including the Ontario Court of Appeal, dozens of legal aid offices, and over 3,000 law firms, including Canada’s largest national and international firms.
DOUGLAS SANDERSON
BA (SIMON FRASER),
JD (TORONTO), LLM (COLUMBIA)

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

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Davisville

HIDDEN TALENT: Charcuterie

CHRISTOPHER ESSERT
BA (McGILL), JD (TORONTO), LLM, JSD (YALE)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Equality and
Anti-Discrimination Law, Property Law,
Intellectual Property Law, Legal Theory,
Political Philosophy and Theory

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Parkdale

PERSONAL PASSION: Pizza

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: Juggles moderately well

TRUDO LEMMENS
CAND. JUR. & LIC. JUR. (K.U. LEUVEN),
LLM & DCL (McGILL)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Health Law and
Bioethics, Biotechnology & Human Rights,
Assisted Human Reproduction, Mental
Health Law

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Kensington
Market to hang out, Cabbagetown to live

HIDDEN TALENT: Relatively fast cycling in
the city (daily) and on country-roads, cooking

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.
EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The Faculty of Law’s acclaimed faculty will inspire your learning throughout your degree. 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.

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

ADRIANA ROBERTSON
HBA (TORONTO), JD, MA, MPHIL, PHD (YALE)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Law & Finance, Capital Markets Regulation, Securities Law & Regulation, Corporate Law, Empirical Legal Studies

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Harbord Village
HOBBY: Running

GILLIAN HADFIELD
BAH (QUEEN’S), JD, MA & PHD (STANFORD)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Artificial Intelligence Governance, Legal & Dispute Resolution, Contract Law, Legal Process & Theory, Economic Analysis of Law

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Cabbagetown
HOBBIES: Cooking (especially East Indian cuisine), cocktails and canoe trips

BRENDA COSSMAN
BA (QUEEN’S), LLB (TORONTO), LLM (HARVARD), FELLOW OF THE 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

ANNA SU
BA (ATENEO DE MANILA), JD (ATENEO DE MANILA), LLM, SJD (HARVARD)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: History of Human Rights, Law and Religion, Comparative Constitutional Law, Political Theory, Technology and the Law

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Queen West
HOBBIES: Playing guitar, crashing drones, cooking
Year after year, with each new summer student class, I’m deeply impressed with the calibre of U of T students who are exceptionally bright, kind, proactive, strategic-minded team players that enrich the fabric of firms like Torys. The class is increasingly reflective of the rich diversity of society at large which gives me great pride and optimism for the future of the Canadian legal profession.

Georgia Brown | HBA (Western) 2010, JD (Toronto) 2013
Head of Legal Recruitment & Diversity and Inclusion, Torys LLP

Georgia is responsible for the recruitment, onboarding and integration of summer and articling students and leads Torys’ student program in Toronto. She oversees the lateral recruitment of associates in Toronto and Montreal, and leads the firm’s D&I initiatives with a goal of ensuring that Torys is an inclusive, equitable workplace.

Prior to her role at Torys, Georgia practiced as a securities and corporate associate in both Toronto and New York. She was also a member of the growth team and internal legal counsel for onefinestay, an international vacation rental marketplace.
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.

TOP RECRUITERS FROM THE MAJOR LEGAL MARKETS COME ON CAMPUS TO HIRE OUR STUDENTS

VANCOUVER
CALGARY
TORONTO
OTTAWA
NEW YORK

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2020-2021 CDO SUPPORTS

140 Articling job postings

267 Combined first and second year summer job postings

119 Career workshops, information sessions, events and firm tours facilitated

1099 Counselling appointments including individual consultations, mock interviews, résumé and cover letter reviews
RECENT GRAD TO WATCH

At U of T Law, I had life-changing opportunities to meet interesting and inspiring speakers, professors, and friends, work at leading law firms in Toronto, New York, and London UK, plus support causes that are important to me through leadership in organizations like BLSA Canada and the U of T Black Future Lawyers program.

JOSH LOKKO | BA (WESTERN) 2016, JD/MBA (TORONTO) 2020
NATIONAL PRESIDENT, BLACK LAW STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION OF CANADA 2019-2020
ASSOCIATE, SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP (TORONTO)
ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

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

2021 JD GRADUATES

Articling Positions

211 JD graduates
193 Full-time articling, clerkship and New York associate positions
12 Seeking articling positions
1 Non-practicing careers, graduate studies or deferring articles
5 Unreported

Clerking positions at appellate and trial courts in Canada

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

2021 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

Second Year Students

229 Students completed 2nd year
212 Secured summer jobs (law-related and other)
17 Unreported

First Year Students

17 Positions at Toronto law firms (self-reported)
48 Research Assistantships with U of T Law faculty
61 Positions in clinics, fellowships and in-house at, and through, U of T Law.

WE INVEST IN YOU

U of T Law hires over 100 students in paid summer jobs through our Research Assistant Program and Student Employment Program.

TOP 10 ARTICLING PRACTICE AREAS

1 Full-service law firms
2 Government & Public Interest Law
3 Litigation
4 Labour & Employment Law
5 Intellectual Property Law
6 Tax Law
7 Family Law
8 Criminal Defence
9 Immigration Law
10 In-house positions

WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARTICLE

78% Greater Toronto Area
13% New York City
2% Ottawa
6% Alberta & British Columbia
1% Elsewhere

Page statistics as of July 2021. Percentages are rounded.

WE INVEST IN YOU

U of T Law hires over 100 students in paid summer jobs through our Research Assistant Program and Student Employment Program.
After practicing abroad, I returned home to Canada, in part, to reciprocate the support received as a student from professors and staff at U of T Law, where I have since been given the opportunity to teach, mentor and advocate. The U of T Law community has been incredibly supportive of the launch of Landings, the women-led, refugee, immigration and human rights law firm, that I co-founded with alumna Erin Simpson and Jacqueline Swaisland (Queen’s).

WARDA SHAZADI MEIGHEN | BAH (TORONTO) 2006, MSC (OXFORD) 2015, JD (TORONTO) 2009

Warda Shazadi Meighen is recognized as a leading lawyer in Canada under 40. For several years, she has been an adjunct professor of refugee law at U of T. She is the Canada Co-Chair of the International Justice Circle at Human Rights Watch, and sits on the executive committee of Human Rights Watch Canada and the Canadian of Association for Refugee Lawyers.
CONNECTING YOU TO LEADERS

U of T Law alumni are some of the top lawyers and leaders in Canada and around the world. Our alumni network, more than 10,953 strong, is an incredible resource both during law school and after graduation.

ALUMNI MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Get matched with an experienced lawyer who is practicing in an area of law that you are keen to learn about. Mentors provide invaluable guidance on how to navigate the profession and create contacts that will help your career development.

LAWYERS DOING COOL THINGS WITH THEIR LAW DEGREES

This popular series features lunch-time conversations with alumni about their cool jobs (both inside and outside the profession), the important issues they are tackling, and how their law degrees got them there. Previous speakers have been leaders in entertainment law, tech start ups, health law, cannabis law, sports law, military law, and international human rights.

FROM STELLAR STUDENTS TO SUCCESSFUL LAWYERS

LEADERSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM (LSP)

Succeeding in the legal profession requires outstanding academic skills and the ability to effectively communicate ideas, work with diverse colleagues, and manage conflict—all in a highly complex and sophisticated work environment.

Our LSP provides opportunities for you to work with leadership experts to develop the skills you need to transition from awesome student to successful lawyer.

ROTMAN@LAW

A partnership between U of T Law and the Rotman School of Management, Rotman@Law allows you to take online pre-MBA courses that cover the foundations of accounting, finance and statistics. You will build your business fluency, knowledge and skillset before you enter the profession.

PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

At the start of your first year 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.

2021-2022 LSP WORKSHOPS

COMMUNICATING IDEAS
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
NETWORKING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
TEAM WORK
THIS IS U OF T LAW

EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY AT U OF T LAW

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

For full details on our JD 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.

JD ADMISSION CATEGORIES

General – the majority of applicants.

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

Mature – those who will have at least five complete years of non-academic experience (outside of full-time study) by September 2022.

BLACK STUDENT APPLICATION PROCESS (BSAP)

Regardless of admission category, Black candidates can opt to apply to this stream, which aims to increase Black law student representation at U of T Law.

BSAP applicants will have their personal profiles reviewed by members of the Black community, including our staff, students, faculty and alumni.

You must meet the same LSAT and academic requirements for admission that we seek from all candidates. BSAP does not have a designated quota for admission.

To be considered for BSAP, apply to a JD program by our standard deadlines and procedures, and also select the BSAP option in the School Submissions section of the application form.

First-Year Admission Requirements

ACADEMIC RECORD & GPA

By the end of May 2022, you will have successfully completed at least a three-year undergraduate degree at a recognized institution.

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 3.88 out of 4.0 median GPA on their best three years of full-time undergraduate study.

LSAT: LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

For entry in August 2022, we accept scores from standard and Flex tests taken from June 2017 to January 2022 inclusive. Last year’s entering class had a median LSAT score of 168 (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. Try 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, obstacles to achievement, or how your identity, background and experiences will contribute to the diversity of the law school.

BSAP ESSAY

Black Student Application Process candidates must submit the standard admission materials plus an essay highlighting why they chose the BSAP stream.

RÉSUMÉS

Required for Mature applicants only.

INTERVIEWS, REFERENCES, GRE, GMAT, TOEFL, IELTS

These are neither required nor requested.
AUGUST 19, 2021
JD Applications open online for entry in 2022

AUGUST 14-17, 2021
LSAT test dates

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2021
U of T Law application information sessions
law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents

SEPTEMBER ONWARD
U of T Law campus tours*
law.utoronto.ca/campustour

WEEK STARTING OCTOBER 9, 2021
LSAT test dates

NOVEMBER 1, 2022
JD Year 1 application deadline

WEEK STARTING NOVEMBER 13, 2021
LSAT test dates

DECEMBER 2021 - MARCH 2022
JD Year 1 offers of admission made. Most offers are issued by February.

WEEK STARTING JANUARY 15, 2022
LSAT test dates (last acceptable test for 2022 JD Year 1 admission)

FEBRUARY 25, 2022**
Welcome Day for students offered admission

APRIL 1, 2022
Deadline for acceptance of JD Year 1 offers of admission made by April 1

JUNE 1, 2022
UofT Law JD Financial Aid application deadline

AUGUST 22, 2022**
Start of JD Year 1 classes

* Subject to public health directives
** Tentative date

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

How to Apply
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 usually review 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 2021 FIRST YEAR (1L) CLASS

215 STUDENTS
59% WOMEN
5% MATURE STUDENTS
(FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE)
37% STUDENTS OF COLOUR
15% LGBTQ+ STUDENTS
17% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES/HEALTH CONDITIONS

2779 APPLICANTS
20-36 AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS
24 AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS
AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

83% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL
11% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
29% BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA
59% PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) BORN OUTSIDE CANADA
12% GREW UP IN A RURAL AREA
40% IDENTIFY WITH A RELIGION

45 UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED
3.88 MEDIAN GPA OUT OF 4.0 ON THE BEST THREE FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE YEARS
168 MEDIAN LSAT SCORE, 95TH PERCENTILE

19% Students with graduate education

TOP 3 COMBINED PROGRAMS
1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
2. ENGLISH (MA)
3. (TIE) ECONOMICS (MA)
PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)

Class profile on August 16th, 2021
MY PERSONALITY IS
32% RESERVED AND TASK-ORIENTED (CAUTIOUS, COMPETENT, CONSCIENTIOUS)
24% OUTGOING AND PEOPLE-ORIENTED (INSPIRING, INFLUENTIAL, IMPRESSIONABLE)
23% RESERVED AND PEOPLE-ORIENTED (SUPPORTIVE, STEADY, STABLE, SENSITIVE)
21% OUTGOING AND TASK-ORIENTED (DOMINANT, DEMANDING, DECISIVE, DIRECT)

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UofT LAW

I EXPECT THE MOST THOUGHT-PROVOKING 1L COURSE WILL BE
34% CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
31% CRIMINAL LAW
12% CONTRACT LAW
6% PROPERTY LAW
6% LEGAL PROCESS
6% LEGAL WRITING & RESEARCH
5% TORT LAW

PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
23% POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
18% BUSINESS/ECONOMICS
15% CRIMINOLOGY/GENDER STUDIES/PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIAL SCIENCES
15% ENGINEERING/MATH/SCIENCE
10% CLASSICS/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION
10% ENGLISH/LINGUISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS
8% INTERDISCIPLINARY/OTHER
2% VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

65% GRADUATED FROM ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES
35% GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE REST OF CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY

SAMPLe PRE-LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCES
ARCHITECTURE CURATOR
ART PUBLICATIONS & EXHIBITIONS EDITOR
BASKETBALL TRAINER & COACH
COMPUTER HARDWARE ENGINEER
DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER
FREESTYLE DANCE INSTRUCTOR
FARM HAND
MAINTENANCE WORKER
REAL ESTATE AGENT
ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY RESERVIST
TV PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

19% ARE BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL
CONSTITUTIONAL
CRIMINAL
ENVIRONMENTAL
HEALTH
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INNOVATION
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
LAW & ECONOMICS
LITIGATION/DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
SOCIAL JUSTICE
JOIN A STUDENT BODY THAT RANKS AMONG THE STRONGEST IN NORTH AMERICA

At U of T Law, Aaqib and Saqib have found a strong support network. Both brothers have contributed in many ways to the law school community:

AAQIB (pictured, on left)
South Asian Law Students’ Association (Co-President)
United Nations (Summer intern)
Human Rights Watch (Summer Fellow)
Orientation Week 2018 (Co-Chair)
International Chamber of Commerce (Fall intern)
Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP (Summer Associate)

SAQIB (pictured, on right)
Muslim Law Students’ Association (President)
Students’ Law Society (1L rep)
United Nations (Intern)
Sierra Leone Ministry of Justice (Summer intern)
South African Society for Labour Law (Summer intern)
Fasken LLP (Summer Associate)

Our U of T Law experience has been transformative. Not only have we learned about the law, but the world around us and the complex interrelationships with which the world is held together. This learning comes together through the countless insights we have gained from interacting with our incredible professors, who are some of the brightest legal minds in the world, and from our vibrant colleagues, who enrich our everyday experiences at the law school.

AAQIB & SAQIB MAHMOOD, 4L JD/MBA
BAH (YORK) 2016, (YORK) 2017
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.

55+ STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

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 Society
AI and Law Club
Alternative Dispute Resolution Society
Arts’ Legal Advice Services
Asia Law Society
Athletics Association
Black Law Students’ Association
Business Law Society
Canadian Assoc. of Refugee Lawyers
Cannabis Law Club
Career Development Student
Advisory Committee
Charity Law Interest Group
China Law Project
Christian Legal Fellowship
Correctional Law Society
Criminal Law Students’ Association
Disabled Law Students’ Association
Environmental Law Club
Feminist Law Students’ Association
First Generation Network
Food Law and Policy Society
Forensic Science Group
Health and Wellness Student
Advisory Committee
Health Law Club
In Vino Veritas - Wine Tasting Club
Indigenous Law Journal
Indigenous Law Students’ Association
Insurance Law Society
International Law Society
JD/MBA Students’ Association
Jewish Law Students’ Association
Journal of Law & Equality
Labour & Employment Law Society
Law and Politics Club
Law Ball
Law Film Society
Law Follies
Law Games
Law Poets Society
Legal Hackers
Litigation Association
Muslim Law Students’ Association
Out in Law
Peer Mentorship Program
Philosophy in Law Association
Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Group
Runnymede Society
South Asian Law Students’ Association
SPINLAW
Sports and Entertainment Law Society
Students’ Law Society
Supreme Chords (a capella group)
Tax Law Society
Technology and Intellectual
Property Society
Ultra Vires Student Newspaper
U of T Animal Justice
U of T Faculty of Law Review
U of T Faculty of Law Union
Venture Capital Law Society
Women and the 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*.

**WELLNESS & ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

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

1L CORE COURSES
LEGAL METHODS
LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
CONTRACT LAW
CRIMINAL LAW
LEGAL PROCESS
PROPERTY LAW
TORT LAW
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. 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

Augment your JD studies with courses offered by other academic units at U of T. Complete a collaborative program or earn an additional certificate or a 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 Information
JD/Master of Public Policy
JD/Master of Social Work
JD/MA in Criminology
JD/MA in Economics
JD/MA in English
JD/MA in European & Russian Affairs
JD/PhD in Criminology
JD/PhD in Economics
JD/PhD in Philosophy
JD/PhD in Political Science

JANUARY INTERSESSION

U of T Law attracts leading visiting academics from the world’s top law schools. Held in early January, the intersession offers intensive, week-long courses taught by visiting professors offering diverse perspectives on a huge range of legal topics.
INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES OFFICE (IIO)

In accordance with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action, Indigenous and non-Indigenous students engage with Indigenous Elders, scholars, activists and professionals in classes and activities at the faculty, in the courts and in the community.

You can compete in the Kawaskimhon Moot, work on the student-run Indigenous Law Journal, and have opportunities to learn about Indigenous and Aboriginal law inside and outside the classroom.

You can also gain practical experience by participating in our clinical program with Aboriginal Legal Services, and deepen your academic experience with the Certificate in Aboriginal Legal Studies.

I am Métis from Treaty 6 territory in Saskatchewan and a co-president of the Indigenous Law Students’ Association, which is a highlight of my law school experience, since it provides Indigenous students with a sense of community and belonging. We work closely with the IIO to provide non-Indigenous students with opportunities to learn about the histories of our communities and the role of the law in our ongoing struggles.

KARLIE NORDSTROM 3L | BCOMM (SASKATCHEWAN) 2019 2L & 3L SUMMER STUDENT, AIRD & BERLIS LLP (TORONTO)
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Making the connection between the classroom and real-life lawyering will prepare you for practice in whatever area you choose.

At U of T Law the range of experiential opportunities is impressive. You can take a course in trial advocacy, compete in an intellectual property moot, immerse yourself in an international human rights clinic, do an externship with the municipal government, or volunteer at ProBono Students Canada. The possibilities are endless.

IN-HOUSE CLINICS

Exclusive to our law students, U of T Law houses several legal clinics that offer academic credit in part-time, half-time and intensive, full-time formats. Students can also volunteer. Our clinics are led by full-time directors who are highly-regarded experts in their fields.

THE DAVID ASPER CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

The Asper Centre focuses on advocacy, research and education about Canadian constitutional rights. Students work on leading constitutional and Charter rights cases at the highest courts in Canada and learn how to advocate for Charter-based law reform.

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM (IHRP)

The IHRP enhances the legal protection of existing and emerging international human rights obligations through advocacy, knowledge-exchange, and capacity-building initiatives. Students acquire the skills, knowledge and professional network to become effective human rights advocates.

SUPERB CLINICAL EDUCATION, EXCLUSIVE TO U OF T LAW STUDENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
CRIMINAL LAW
EMPLOYMENT LAW
FAMILY LAW
IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
INVESTOR PROTECTION RIGHTS
TENANT HOUSING RIGHTS
UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS

DOWNTOWN LEGAL SERVICES (DLS)

DLS is the law school’s community legal clinic. Students assist clients who are experiencing legal problems in a number of high priority areas of law including criminal, employment, family, housing, refugee and immigration and university affairs. In their work at DLS, students critically examine the intersections of law and social inequality while developing the professionalism and ethical literacy that is essential to practicing law.

INVESTOR PROTECTION CLINIC (IPC)

The U of T IPC provides free legal services and public legal education to members of vulnerable communities who are at risk of suffering harm, or may have suffered harm, relating to their investments. Law students assist clients with legal claims, develop and deliver public legal education, and collaborate with regulators and key stakeholders on policy projects and litigation.
The UofT Law Future of Law Lab explores the intersections between technology, entrepreneurship and innovation.

Discover how artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms are changing the practice of law. Discuss the many impacts of technology on society. Learn about design-thinking concepts as you formulate solutions to the most pressing issues affecting access to justice.

You’ll have the opportunity to participate in workshops that simulate real world problems, join our legal design labs, and collaborate with students from various faculties during our annual Hack-a-Thon competition.

There are also a host of practical experiences available including our Innovation & Entrepreneurship externship, research groups, and summer opportunities with start-up incubators and legal technology companies.
GO GLOBAL: STUDY, RESEARCH, WORK

Spend a semester at top law schools on academic exchange in some of the world’s best cities.

AUSTRALIA
- AUCKLAND
- SYDNEY
- BEIJING
- HONG KONG
- SINGAPORE
- TEL AVIV
- DUBLIN
- GLASGOW
- LONDON

EUROPE
- AMSTERDAM
- BRUSSELS
- LYON
- PARIS
- VIENNA
- BUDAPEST
- OSLO
- UPPSALA

MAKING AN IMPACT

COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS

In addition to our in-house clinics, you can participate in clinical placements for academic credit at community clinics and organizations. U of T Law offers placements with 19 externship partners.

EXTERNSHIP CLINICS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- Aboriginal Legal Services clinic
- Advancing the Right to Housing externship
- Advocates for Injured Workers clinic
- Appellate Criminal Litigation externship
- Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
- Black Legal Action Centre externship
- Board Governance externship
- City of Toronto externship
- Community Justice Collective externship
- Environmental Law externship
- Health Justice Initiative clinic at St. Michael’s Hospital
- Innocence Canada externship
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship externship
- Legislative Assembly Statutory Interpretation externship
- Media Law - Investigative Journalism Bureau/Toronto Star externship
- Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation externship
- Ontario Human Rights Commission externship
- Pro Bono Ontario litigation externship
- Structural Genomics Consortium externship

PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA (PBSC)

Founded by U of T Law in 1996, PBSC is the largest pro bono organization in Canada with chapters in 22 law schools. PBSC’s volunteer students and supervising lawyers partner with community organizations to provide free legal support to people facing barriers to justice. This includes legal research, creating public legal education resources, and supporting clients and self-represented litigants through specialized clinics, in multiple areas of law. U of T Law students have the unique opportunity to participate in two of PBSC’s award winning initiatives, the Family Law Project and Indigenous Human Rights Program.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS

U of T Law offers dozens of paid summer internships with public interest and community organizations. For example, students can spend the summer with the United Nations in Geneva, a grassroots human rights organization in Kenya, an Indigenous Band Council in Northern Ontario, a Toronto-based community advocacy organization, or a Chinese law firm in Shanghai.
As this year’s Lenzcner Slaght Advocacy Intern, I had the privilege of working on linking health and environmental legal advocacy in Northern Ontario with Ontario’s only specialty environmental legal aid clinic. I engaged directly with community leaders and studied scientific and health data, to produce a report on adverse health outcomes and legal redress for low-income communities in Northern Ontario.

JANE FALLIS COOPER 1L | BSCH (QUEEN’S) 2019, MBE (HARVARD) 2020 | LENZCNER SLAGHT ADVOCACY INTERN WITH CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION (NORTHERN SERVICES)
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.

**POST-GRADUATION DEBT REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE 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 for up to ten years after graduation. Ours is the only program of its kind in Canada.

**FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES**

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

- 2021-2022 tuition fee: $33,040
- Books and supplies: $1,100
- Incidental and ancillary fees: $1,600
- Room and board (if not at home): $11,000
- Personal expenses: $2,400

**PLANs THAT WORK**

**Ruby** came from a single parent home in Ontario with annual parental income of $24,822. She received a U of T Law bursary of $19,779; a tuition tax credit of $6,800 and government student aid grants of $6,058. Altogether, this non-repayable aid provided $32,637 which is approximately 99% of her tuition.

**Ruby's effective first-year tuition was $403**

**Dayton** annual parental income is $91,853. Dayton received a U of T Law bursary of $8,498; a tuition tax credit of $6,800 and government student aid grants of $6,058. Altogether, this non-repayable aid provided $21,356 which is approximately 65% of his tuition.

**Dayton's effective first-year tuition was $11,684**
Coming from a small town and being the first in my family to attend university, I thought my dream of attending U of T Law would be unachievable. This was prior to me learning about their incredible JD financial aid program.

For the last academic year I received a bursary that covered over 60% of my tuition as well as interest-free loans to cover the remaining expenses. Thanks to the aid support, I was unimpeded financially, which enabled me to land my dream job. I could completely focus on my studies, extracurriculars and building a great network without worrying about debt and affording tuition.

Vanessa Colton 3L | BSc (Western) 2019
Articling Student, Bennett Jones LLP (Toronto)
GET A HEAD START

We are proud to offer several programs and resources that aim to increase access to legal education.
BECOMING A LAWYER IN ONTARIO
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.

BLACK FUTURE LAWYERS
bfl.law.utoronto.ca

Black Future Lawyers (BFL) is a collaboration between U of T Law, our Black Law Students’ Association, members of our Black alumni community, and the broader legal profession. Funded by U of T’s Provost’s office and U of T Law, BFL offers supports and engagement opportunities to Black undergraduate students who aspire to go to law school and become lawyers. BFL’s goal is to increase the number of Black students who attend law school and join the legal profession.

LAW SCHOOL ACCESS PROGRAM (LSAP)
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

Founded by U of T Law in 2005, LAWS is Canada’s leading law school youth access program. As an award-winning model of collaboration that has transformative impact on high school students facing personal or systemic barriers, LAWS activities increase legal knowledge, encourage academic engagement and promote diversity and inclusion in the legal profession. LAWS works with over 1,200 youth and relies on the support of over 400 justice sector volunteers annually.

SEE YOURSELF HERE
law.utoronto.ca/syh

Each year, over 200 high school students visit the law school for one day of fun and educational programming. Students in grades 10 and 11 spend the day learning from law students, lawyers and professors. Originally started by the Black Law Students’ Association, the event is designed specifically for students who identify with communities that have been historically underrepresented in the legal profession.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM
ysp.utoronto.ca

In partnership with the Faculty of Medicine, every summer the Faculty of Law offers a unique summer camp opportunity for high school students who are keen about the law.
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.

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.

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