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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 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, 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 2023, the respected Times Higher Education law school rankings placed us in the top 16 globally, ahead of all other Canadian law schools.



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 19 Supreme Court justices, four Canadian Prime Ministers, and ten 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 the opportunities to engage with U of T's other top-ranked graduate faculties and schools such as its Rotman School of Management, Temerty 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.



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.

UOF 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).



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



JOHN BORROWS

BA, MA, JD, LLM (TORONTO), PHD (YORK), LLD (DALHOUSIE, QUEEN'S, SIMON FRASER, YORK, LSO), DHL (TORONTO), FRSC, OC

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Indigenous Law, Aboriginal Law, Constitutional Law

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Roncesvalles
HOBBY: Collecting old-school hockey cards



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.

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





ABDI AIDID

BA (TORONTO), JD (YALE), LLM (TORONTO)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Tort Law, Legal Procedure, Law & Technology

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Downsview/ Black Creek

HOBBIES: Playing basketball with friends and soccer with my 3 year old child

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)

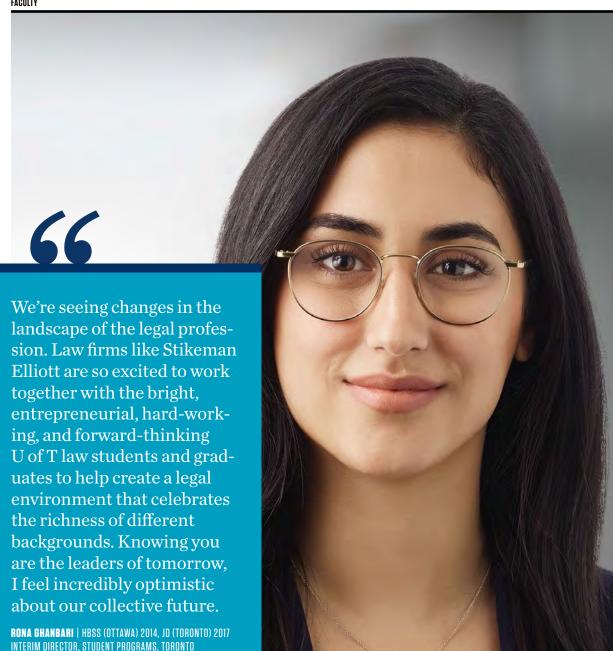
ACADEMIC INTERESTS: History of Human Rights, Law and Religion, Comparative Constitutional Law, Political Theory, Technology and the Law

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Queen West

HOBBIES: Playing guitar, crashing drones, cooking

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.



Rona is responsible for the recruitment, onboarding and integration of summer and articling students and leads the firm's student program in Toronto. Prior to her current role, Rona was an associate practising in the Corporate Group in the Toronto office. Rona volunteers with various not-for-profit organizations, such as Matthew House Toronto's Refugee Hearing Program, where she helps refugees prepare for hearings before the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada. At U of T Law Rona was the Editor-in-Chief of Rights Review Magazine, the independent student-led publication of the faculty's International Human Rights Program.

STIKEMAN ELLIOTT LLP

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 reviews, 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



2022-2023 CDO SUPPORTS

243 Articling job postings

303 Combined first and second year summer job postings

187
Career
workshops,
information
sessions,
events and
firm tours
facilitated

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



ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

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

2023 JD GRADUATES

Articling Positions

233 JD graduates

208 Full-time articling, clerkship and New York associate positions

- 1 Seeking articling positions
- 6 Non-practicing careers, graduate studies, deferring articles, or Law Practice Program
- 18 Unreported

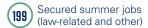
Clerking positions at appellate and trial courts in Canada

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

2023 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

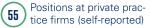
Second Year Students







First Year Students







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

- Full-service law firms
- 2 Business Law
- 3 Government & Public Interest Law
- Litigation
- 5 Labour & Employment Law
- Family Law
- 1 Personal Injury Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Criminal Law
- Real Estate Law

WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARTICLE

68%

Greater Toronto Area

19%

New York City

5%

Alberta & British Columbia

2%

Ottawa

6%

Flsewhere

Page statistics as of August 2023. Percentages are rounded.



Amma Anaman is Associate General Counsel at Nasdaq in New York. She advises current and prospective Nasdaq-listed companies on Nasdaq's listing rules and corporate governance standards, supports Nasdaq's public policy initiatives, and is Corporate Secretary for the Nasdaq Foundation, whose mission is to advance diversity in investor engagement.

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 11,500 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

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

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.

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.

SAMPLE LSP WORKSHOPS

COMMUNICATING IDEAS
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
NETWORKING AND
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
TEAM WORK





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 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 First Nations (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 2024, 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 3.90 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 2024, we accept scores from standard and Flex tests taken from June 2019 to January 2024 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. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



AUGUST 11-12, 2023

LSAT test dates

AUGUST 17, 2023

JD Applications open online for entry in 2024

SEPTEMBER 8-9, 2023

LSAT test dates

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2023

U of T Law application information sessions law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents

SEPTEMBER ONWARD

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

OCTOBER 13-14, 2023

LSAT test dates

NOVEMBER 1. 2023

JD Year 1 application deadline

NOVEMBER 10-11, 2023

LSAT test dates

DECEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024

JD Year 1 offers of admission made. Most offers are issued by mid-February.

JANUARY 12-13, 2024

LSAT test dates (last acceptable test for 2024 JD Year 1 admission)

FEBRUARY 23, 2024**

Welcome Day for students offered admission

APRIL 1, 2024

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

JUNE 1, 2024

UofT Law JD Financial Aid application deadline

AUGUST 19, 2024**

Start of JD Year 1 classes

*Subject to public health directives

** Tentative date

LSAT dates for Canada & USA are listed



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 mid-February, and the final round in mid-March. Most offers are issued by mid-February.

OUR 2023 FIRST YEAR (1L) CLASS

214 STUDENTS 58 % WOMEN

2% MATURE STUDENTS

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

41% STUDENTS OF COLOUR 13% LGBTQ+ STUDENTS

13 % WITH DISABILITIES/HEALTH CONDITIONS





20-51 AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS 23 AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS

AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

82 % FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL

3 % FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

33 % BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

64 % PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) BORN OUTSIDE CANADA

GREW UP IN A RURAL AREA

45 % IDENTIFY WITH A RELIGION

46 UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

3 90 MEDIAN GPA OUT OF 4.0 O THE BEST THREE FULL-TIN UNDERGRADUATE YEARS **167**

MEDIAN LSAT SCORE, 94TH PERCENTILE

Students with graduate education

COMBINED
PROGRAMS

- 1. GLOBAL AFFAIRS (MGA)
- 2. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
- 3. (TIE)

ECONOMICS (MA)
ENGLISH (MA)
PHILOSOPHY (PHD)
PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)

SHOULD AI BE REGULATED?

86% YES

12% UNSURE 2% NO

TO SAVE A LOVED ONE'S LIFE, I WOULD

30% ZIP LINE

26% SKY DIVE

23% CN TOWER EDGE WALK

21% BUNGEE JUMP



BAN TIKTOK ON WORK DEVICES?

9% STRONGLY AGREE

28% AGREE

38% NEUTRAL

21% DISAGREE

4% STRONGLY DISAGREE

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UnfT LAW

High academic quality & location

Calibre of students & faculty

Career opportunities

Variety of courses & clinics Student support & financial aid

"YES" TO A FREE BACKSTAGE **VIP PASS**

34% DRAKE

25% THE WEEKND

12% SHAWN MENDES

4% ALESSIA CARA

26% NONE OF THE ABOVE



PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

21% CLASSICS/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION

19% POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

16% CRIMINOLOGY/GENDER STUDIES/

PSYCHOLOGY/SOCIAL SCIENCES

14% BUSINESS/ECONOMICS

11% ENGINEERING/MATH/SCIENCE

9% INTERDISCIPLINARY/OTHER

7% ENGLISH/LINGUISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS

3% VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

64 % GRADUATED FROM ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES **GRADUATED FROM**

36 % GRADUATED FROM ONLY ENGINEERS OF CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY



SAMPLE PRE-LAW SCHOOL **EXPERIENCES**

ANALYTICAL CHEMIST

ADVISOR, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

FILM PROJECTIONIST

GLOBAL FRAUD AUTHENTICATOR

HARM REDUCTION COUNSELLOR

MARKETING DATA COORDINATOR

NEGIOTIATION ANALYST

SOCIAL MEDIA PRODUCER

STAND-UP COMEDIAN

THEATRE DIRECTOR & PLAYWRIGHT

$14\,\%$ are bilingual in english and french

TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY

BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL CONSTITUTIONAL **CRIMINAL EMPLOYMENT & LABOUR**

FAMILY

HEALTH

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INNOVATION INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LITIGATION/DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

SOCIAL JUSTICE



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

Diego relishes the strong support network at U of T Law. From his first day in 2021 he continues to be an amiable leader who is cherished by fellow students for his contributions to the law school community.

Students' Law Society

Vice President, Finance
1L & 2L rep., Social & Finance Committee

Latin American Law Students' Association reconstituted as the U of T Chapter of the Canadian Hispanic Bar Association Co-Founder & Co-President

The Hamish Stewart Cup Moot Team Member

International Human Rights' Program
Researcher, Venezuela Accountability Project

U of T Hatchery Intern, Go-to-Market Connector

Davis Polk & Wardell LLP (NYC) Summer Associate

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A big part of law school is the community itself and I enjoy playing a role in fostering a supportive and vibrant student community. This motivated me to be active in governance to serve all my fellow law students and create a new club that connects Latin American students across different law schools in Canada. I've enjoyed the camaraderie and friendships that arose from teamwork while mooting in 1L, helping to seek justice for victims of atrocious crimes in foreign countries and providing legal expertise and market research for start up companies. The opportunities here are simply amazing.

DIEGO JIMENEZ JURI 3L | BAH (MCMASTER) 2021











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 Artists' Legal Advice Services Asia Law Society Athletics Association Black Law Students' Association **Business Law Society** Canadian Assoc. of Refugee Lawyers Canadian Hispanic Bar Association Cannabis Law Club Career Development Student Advisory Committee China Law Project Christian Legal Fellowship Criminal Law Students' Association Disabled Law Students' Association **Emerging Practices Law Society** Environmental Law Club Feminist Law Students' Association First Generation Network 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 Commission of Jurists International Law Society JD/MBA Students' Association Jewish Law Students' Association Journal of Law & Equality Korean Law Students' Association 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 Out of Province Students' Association Peer Mentorship Program

Philosophy in Law Association

Planning & Development Law Assoc. Polar Law Group Privacy & Cybersecurity Law Group Real Estate Law Society Runnymede Society South Asian Law Students' Association SPINI AW Sports and Entertainment Law Society Student Animal Legal Defense Fund Students' Law Society Supreme Chords (a capella group) Tax Law Society Technology and Intellectual Property Group Ultra Vires Student Newspaper U of T Animal Justice U of T Faculty of Law Review U of T Faculty of Law Union U of T Tabletop Gaming Club Venture Capital Law Society Women and the Law



Our first year (1L) program encourages you to develop close connections with your peers and professors. We will provide you with a deep and rigorous legal foundation rooted in diverse academic views about law and legal methodology.

EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVITY (EDI)

We strive to create a sense of belonging to ensure that the law school community – and the profession – is inclusive.

In our first year EDI series, students interact with legal scholars, practitioners and experts who provide critical perspectives on the link between equity and the practice of law.

The Office of the Assistant Dean, EDI oversees the implementation of the law school's EDI strategies while our Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee also supports efforts to embed EDI principles in all law school activities and policies.



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 during the last two weeks in August, that introduces you to the foundational information and reasoning needed to make the most of the JD program.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

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

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND THE LAW

This pair of courses aims to address the range of considerations arising out of past and present interactions between Indigenous peoples and the Canadian legal system.

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 principal courses are single-term, taught in larger groups, and comprise of Constitutional Law, Contract Law, Criminal Law, Property Law, and Tort Law.

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.

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 ON 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.



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 deliver pro bono services to communities facing barriers to justice.

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)

Established in 1987, our IHRP serves as a centre for international human rights work, through which experienced lawyers, faculty members, and law students engage in meaningful social change. The IHRP serves as a partner in international and domestic social movements, that encourage Canada's adherence to its international human rights commitments, while training the next generation of movement lawyers in Canada. Students acquire litigation and advocacy experience in areas such as

SUPERB CLINICAL EDUCATION, EXCLUSIVE TO U OF T LAW STUDENTS

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

indigenous rights, social justice, climate justice, and corporate accountability.

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.

FUTURE OF LAW LAB

The lab explores the intersections between technology, entrepreneurship and innovation. Students discover how artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms are changing the practice of law, discuss the many impacts of technology on society, and learn about design-thinking concepts as they formulate solutions to the most pressing issues affecting access to justice.

INVESTOR PROTECTION CLINIC (IPC)

The IPC is committed to a diverse range of initiatives that empower and educate the community. Its work focuses on protecting vulnerable populations who are at risk of suffering harm and financial loss relating to their investments, including the elderly and newcomers to Canada. By participating in these ground-breaking projects, such as community education seminars and the development of policy recommendations, IPC students become active players in shaping the destiny of the financial sector while enriching the lives of those around them.



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 21 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 (services for women survivors of violence)

City of Toronto: Municipal Government Lawyering externship

Environmental Law externship

Health Justice Initiative clinic at St. Michael's Hospital

Health Law, Innovation and Policy Lab at Mount Sinai Hospital

Innocence Canada externship (wrongful convictions)

Innovation and Entrepreneurship externship

John Howard Society of Ontario externship

Legislative Assembly Statutory Interpretation externship

Media Law - Investigative Journalism Bureau/Toronto Star externship

Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation externship

Not-for-Profit Board Governance externship

Ontario Human Rights Commission externship

Pro Bono Ontario litigation externship

South Etobicoke Community Legal Services externship

Structural Genomics Consortium externship

The Citizen Lab externship (global affairs/public policy)

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 Justice Centre and the Indigenous Human Rights Program.

GO GLOBAL: STUDY, RESEARCH, WORK

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

AUCKLAND AMSTERDAM SYDNEY **BRUSSFIS BEIJING GENEVA** HONG KONG LYON **SINGAPORE PARIS TEL AVIV VIENNA DUBLIN BUDAPEST GLASGOW** 0.81.0 LONDON **UPPSALA**

SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

U of T Law offers dozens of paid positions with public interest and community organizations. For example, students can spend the summer with the United Nations in Geneva, a grass-roots human rights organization in Kenya, an Indigenous Band Council in Northern Ontario, a Torontobased community advocacy organization, or a Chinese law firm in Shanghai.

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.

Tawnshi! I'm a Métis Cree woman from Treaty 6 territory traditional lands in Alberta. At LAWS, I worked to research and recommend the mission, vision and design of a new Access to Law Program that will offer outreach, engagement and support to Indigenous students, spanning elementary school to the law school application process.

BRIANNA MORRISON 2L JD/MBA | BA (ALBERTA) 2021
1L REPRESENTATIVE, INDIGENOUS LAW STUDENTS' ASSOC.
CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF, INDIGENOUS LAW JOURNAL
CO-HOST, INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PODCAST, PBSC
1L SUMMER STUDENT, LAW IN ACTION WITHIN SCHOOLS
2L SUMMER STUDENT, ONTARIO MINISTRY OF CHILDREN,
COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES



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 from 2023-2024.

Ontario resident tuition: \$33,040 Non-Ontario resident tuition: \$35,730 Books and supplies: \$1,100

Incidental and ancillary fees: \$1,880
Room and board (if not at home): \$16,700

Personal expenses: \$2,550

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.

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.

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 tool for an aid package estimate tailored to your financial means at

law.utoronto.ca/ financial-aid-estimator

PLANS THAT WORK

Flora came from a single parent home in Ontario with annual parental income of \$63,121. She received a U of T Law bursary of \$28,862 and a government student aid grant of \$6,231. This non-repayable aid provided \$35,093 towards her tuition and expenses.

Flora's aid covered 100% of academic fees. Lark's parents earn an annual income of \$191,554. As an Alberta resident, Lark received a U of T Law bursary of \$10,854 and a government student aid grant of \$6,000. The non-repayable aid contributed \$16,854 toward tuition and expenses.

Lark received aid covered 50% of academic fees.

FINANCIAL AID STATS 2022-2023

\$5.1 million awarded bursaries

\$21,093 AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR BURSARY

\$39,004
MAXIMUM BURSARY
AWARDED

287

OF STUDENTS Who applied for Financial aid

82%

% OF FINANCIAL AID APPLICANTS WHO RECEIVED BURSARIES

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 example, during my second 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 JD (TORONTO) 2022 | BSC (WESTERN) 2019 Associate. 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.



ANYTIME

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.

DURING HIGH SCHOOL

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, including 100 law students, annually.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

vsp.utoronto.ca

In partnership with the Temerty 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. Students discuss advanced legal concepts, learn about the reality of the Canadian legal system, and apply their knowledge in a variety of experiential learning environments.

DURING UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE

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, U of T Law, and leading national law firms, 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.

INDIGENOUS MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

law.utoronto.ca/iio

We welcome Indigenous candidates who are curious about a legal career to contact us for guidance and support from Indigenous members of our law school community.

LAW SCHOOL ACCESS PROGRAM (LSAP)

law.utoronto.ca/lsap

For more than a decade, U of T Law offers a free summer LSAT preparation course enhanced with law school admissions support for high-potential current degree students or recent degree graduates from any university/college, who are any of: Black, Indigenous, from low-income families, or alumni of our LAWS youth access program.

LAW SCHOOL PREP PROGRAM (LSPP) @ UTSC

utsc.utoronto.ca/aacc/law-school-prep-program

Modelled after, and in collaboration with, the U of T Law School Access Program (LSAP), the U of T Scarborough campus offers free summer LSAT preparation for its undergraduate students.

U OF T CUP UNDERGRADUATE MOOT COMPETITION uoftmoot.ca

Established in 2016, U of T Law in partnership with the U of T Pre-Law Society undergraduate student club holds a weekend-long competition on a Supreme Court social justice case. This winter moot is open to undergraduate teams from universities across Canada and the USA.

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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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