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INDIGENOUS HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

GET INVOLVED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO FACULTY OF LAW!

The Indigenous Human Rights Program is a PBSC pilot program launching Fall 2020. Managed by PBSC National at UofT Law, this program is a collaboration with the Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres. Under the guidance of an Advisory Council, PBSC and the OFIFC are launching two (virtual, for now) human rights legal clinics for self-identifying Indigenous people in Toronto and Ottawa, a public legal education program on Indigenous human rights, and a human rights and Indigenous Cultural Competency training program for PBSC law students and volunteer lawyers. PBSC is recruiting a total of **4-6 law students from UofT and Osgoode** to work together to bring the Toronto program to life. UofT law students must be in upper year to participate.

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WHAT VOLUNTEERS WILL DO

FALL 2020

PBSC volunteers will work under lawyer supervision to produce public legal education (PLE) materials on human rights for the OFIFC/participating Friendship Centres. Some volunteers will also produce a podcast focusing on the experiences of Indigenous people at human rights tribunals across Canada. PBSC volunteers will also undergo mandatory training (see below).

WINTER 2021

PBSC volunteers will finalize PLE with the support of supervising lawyers. They'll also start volunteering at the virtual human rights clinic. They'll conduct intake, coordinate and sit in on lawyer/client consultations, and help facilitate referrals.

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

All Indigenous Human Rights Program volunteers must participate in the following training:

Training for all PBSC volunteers

General PBSC Training: September 30, 2020, 12:30-2:00 pm (*online*).

WestlawNext Training: October 8, 2020, 12:30-2:00 pm (*online*).

Anti-Oppression Training: Self-directed training module (*online*).

Additional training for Indigenous Human Rights Program volunteers

Indigenous Cultural Competency Training: October 2, 2020, 4:00-7:00 pm and October 3, 2020, 9:30 am-12:30 pm (*online*). You will also complete an independent reflection exercise on your own time prior to October 2.

Human Rights Training: Two sessions the week of November 9; times TBD (*online*).

WHO CAN APPLY

You must be an upper year law student enrolled at UofT for 2020-2021 to apply to volunteer for this program.

DEADLINE TO APPLY

The deadline to apply to volunteer for the Indigenous Human Rights Program is **September 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. EDT**.

HOW TO APPLY

There is a **two-step process** to apply to volunteer.

FIRST, submit your CV and a Statement of Interest to your PBSC Chapter at: probonostudents.utoronto@gmail.com

The Statement of Interest should be max one page single-spaced. In it:

- a. Tell us why you wish to volunteer for this program;
- b. Outline your interest or experience in human rights, access to justice, and/or Indigenous legal issues (we value and welcome all forms of experience, including lived, professional, volunteer, academic, etc.);
- c. Explain what PBSC's values of dignity, equity and humility mean to you, and what they should mean to the Indigenous Human Rights Program.

SECOND, some students will be selected for a virtual "Tea & Talk" with PBSC and the OFIC. This is a 15-20 minute interview. These will be held September 14-16. Class comes first, so we'll work around your course schedule!

If you are selected for an interview, you will be notified on September 11 or 12. Volunteers will be confirmed on September 17, 2020.

If you aren't selected to volunteer for the Indigenous Human Rights Program, you can still apply to other public interest placements with PBSC! More information on PBSC placements and application deadlines can be found here: <https://pbsc.law.utoronto.ca/projects>