

THIS IS U of T LAW

JD Admissions Guide
2018-2019



UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
FACULTY OF LAW

**EXCELLENCE
HAS A
REMARKABLE
HOME**





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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 esteemed faculty, who frequently win major research awards, and are significant thought leaders in academia, the legal profession and public policy. I hope you will take the time to discover our unique programs and 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 may work on criminal appeals pending before the Ontario Court of Appeal or Supreme Court of Canada, volunteer for the UN while on an international human rights internship, or participate in a business law moot court competition.

Our commitment to accessibility, diversity and the public interest means that as a student, you will experience a community with a wide range of knowledge and perspectives. A legal education at U of T not only teaches legal doctrine, but equips our students with analytical tools that can be brought to bear on a range of legal and other problems. Our graduates go on to leadership positions in public interest organizations, politics, business, and on the bench and bar with an education that serves them well in making a positive impact on our community.

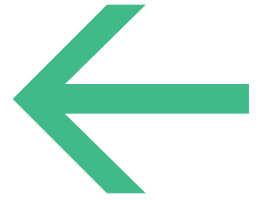
I am excited about the future of our law school. Our new Jackman Law Building, which opened in 2016, includes innovative technology and houses many of the programs and centres that make this faculty truly unique. Expanded classrooms and social spaces create dynamic engagement opportunities for students, professors and the community.

I sincerely hope that you'll take up the opportunity to visit with us as you carefully consider the many options available to you.



EDWARD IACOBUCCI
DEAN, FACULTY OF LAW
JAMES M. TORY PROFESSOR OF LAW

BECOME PART OF A COMMUNITY WITH AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR *EXCELLENCE*



We enjoy an illustrious history and reputation as the preeminent law school in Canada. In 2017, the respected QS law school rankings placed us in the top 18 globally, ahead of all other Canadian law schools.

WHY

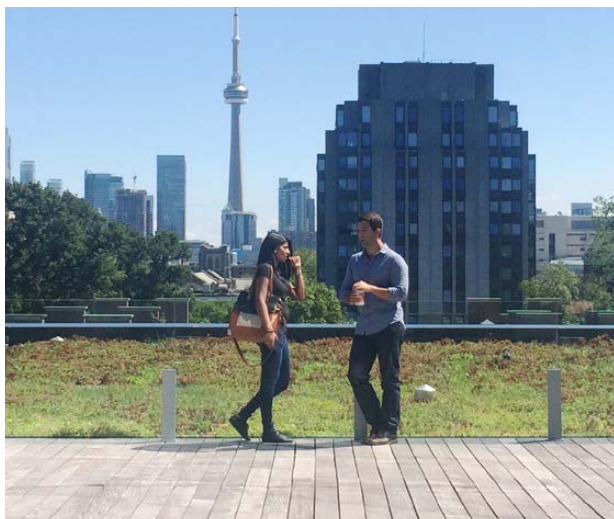
BELONG TO A GREAT UNIVERSITY

Reap the benefits of academic, cultural, social, athletic and recreational opportunities waiting for you as a student of one of the world's foremost research-intensive universities. Immerse yourself in an 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.



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

Take advantage of our location in the heart of Toronto, home to more than 3,000 law firms, which makes it the largest legal centre in Canada. Here, law is practiced in both the public and private sectors, by professionals ranging from sole providers to small boutique firms, legal clinics and government agencies, and large national and international firms.



WHERE LICENSED LAWYERS WORK IN ONTARIO

65% TORONTO

13% OTTAWA

22% REST OF ONTARIO

Source: Statistics Canada

UoF T?

LIVE IN A GREAT CITY

Revel in the myriad of sights, sounds, and tastes to discover in one of the continent'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).





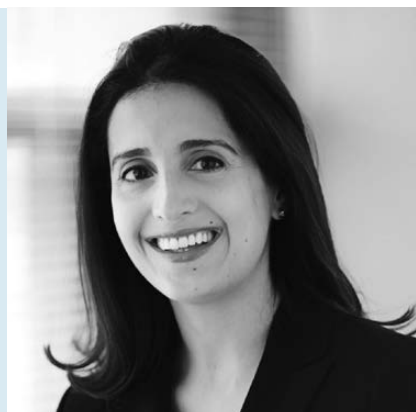
DOUGLAS SANDERSON

BA (SIMON FRASER),
JD (TORONTO), LL.M (COLUMBIA)

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

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Davisville

HIDDEN TALENT: Charcuterie



ANITA ANAND

BA (QUEEN'S), BA (HONS JURIS) (OXFORD),
LLB (DALHOUSIE), LL.M (TORONTO)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Business
Corporations, Economic Analysis of Law,
Legal Ethics, Securities Regulation

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Little India

PERSONAL PASSION: Loves all forms
of music and years ago chose academic
life instead of classical piano



ANVER EMON

BA (BERKELEY), JD (UCLA), MA (TEXAS),
LL.M (YALE), PH.D (UCLA), J.S.D (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



BENJAMIN ALARIE

BA (LAURIER), MA (TORONTO),
JD (TORONTO), LL.M (YALE)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Contracts,
Economic Analysis of Law, Judicial
Decision-Making, Tax Law

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Yorkville

HIDDEN TALENT: Can complete 1,000m
in under three minutes on a Concept 2
indoor rower



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



BRUCE CHAPMAN

BA (CARLETON), LLB (TORONTO),
PHD (CAMBRIDGE)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Economic Analysis of Law, Legal Theory, Tort Law and Tort Theory

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Cedarvale

HIDDEN TALENT: Very sharp dresser



ANNA SU

BA (ATENEO DE MANILA), JD (ATENEO DE
MANILA), LLM (HARVARD), 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



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



ANTHONY NIBLETT

BCOM (MELBOURNE), LLB (HONS)
(MELBOURNE), PHD (HARVARD)

ACADEMIC INTERESTS: Contracts, Economic Analysis of Law, Judicial Decision-Making

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD:
Roncesvalles

HOBBY: Attempting to play the guitar

EXPERIENCE EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND RESEARCH

The Faculty of Law's acclaimed faculty will inspire your learning throughout your three years. Our faculty members win major teaching and research awards, publish in prominent scholarly journals, address global policymakers and advise Canadian governments at all levels on the most pressing issues facing society today. From a range of backgrounds, law schools, countries and perspectives, our faculty provide you with insights into cutting-edge legal, social, economic and political issues to keep you at the top of your field.

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As a graduate of U of T Law and now as a partner at Torys LLP, I know firsthand that each organization is committed to selecting and nurturing top talent. Here at Torys LLP our clients expect exemplary advice, and so we strive to attract and develop the leading lawyers of tomorrow. Naturally, each year many of our new recruits come from U of T Law.

CORNELL WRIGHT, BA (MCGILL) 1996, LLB/MBA
(TORONTO) 2000, TORYS LLP PARTNER

Cornell Wright is co-head of the Mergers and Acquisitions (M&A) Practice at Torys and a leading corporate lawyer with extensive experience in M&A and corporate finance transactions. He also advises senior management, boards of directors and shareholders on corporate governance matters. He has acted for some of Canada's largest companies on their most significant transactions, including George Weston/Loblaw, Thomson Reuters, Woodbridge and Brookfield.

Cornell is a member of Torys' Executive Committee. He is actively involved in the community and currently serves on the boards of the National Ballet of Canada and University Health Network. He is a former director of The Learning Partnership and the Loran Foundation.



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

LEADERSHIP SKILLS PROGRAM

Succeeding in the legal profession requires outstanding academic skills and the ability to effectively communicate ideas, work with a diverse team, and manage conflict in highly complex and sophisticated professional environments.

Our new Leadership Skills Program provides opportunities for you to work with leadership experts to develop the skills you need to successfully transition from stellar law student to highly-regarded legal professional.

2016-2017 WORKSHOPS

BUILDING YOUR DIGITAL BRAND
DISCOVER YOUR LEADERSHIP STYLE
FUTURE OF LAW AND INNOVATION
HIGH IMPACT PRESENTATIONS
NAVIGATING CONFLICT
NETWORKING

2016-2017 CDO SUPPORTS

350

Articling job
postings

925

Combined
first and
second year
summer
job postings

50

Career
workshops,
information
sessions
and events

1,200

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

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Canadian attitudes toward animals have shifted drastically in the past few decades, yet Canada has the worst animal protection laws in the western world. My goal is to ensure our laws catch up to societal attitudes by giving animals a voice in our legal and political systems, whether it be in the courtroom, in legislatures, or simply in the media. Animal law is still a very small field in Canada, but it's exciting to be at the forefront of the movement and be able to shape the direction it takes.

CAMILLE LABCHUK, BA (MOUNT ALLISON) 2005, JD (TORONTO) 2012, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ANIMAL JUSTICE CANADA



ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

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

2017 JD GRADUATES

Articling Positions

- 204 JD graduates
- 189 Full-time articling, clerkships and New York associate positions
 - 6 Seeking articling positions
 - 5 Non-traditional careers, graduate studies or deferring articles
 - 4 Unreported

Clerking positions at appellate and trial courts in Canada

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

2017 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

Second Year Students

- 218 students completed 2nd year
- 187 secured jobs (law-related and other)

First Year Students

- 42 positions available at Toronto law firms for students across Canada
- 21 positions at Toronto law firms secured by U of T Law students

TOP 10 ARTICLING PRACTICE AREAS

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

WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARTICLE

- 76% Toronto
- 11% New York City
- 6% British Columbia
- 1% Ottawa
- 1% Alberta
- 5% Elsewhere

Page statistics as of August 2017



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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.

ADMISSION CATEGORIES

For entry to the first year, there are three main admission categories:

General – the majority of applicants.

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

Mature – those who have at least five complete years of non-academic experience (outside of full-time study) by September 2018.



Admission Requirements

ACADEMIC RECORD

By the end of May 2018, you will have successfully completed a minimum of three years of full-time undergraduate study (or equivalent), leading to a degree at a recognized university.

No particular courses are recommended. Almost all of our students have completed a four-year undergraduate university degree. Over the last decade, all of the admitted Mature applicants had some university education.

GPA

Last year's entering class had a 3.8 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 2018, we accept scores from tests taken from June 2013 to February 2018 inclusive. Last year's entering class had a median LSAT score of 166 (93rd percentile).

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the selection committee, help it assess your likelihood of success at the Faculty of Law and predict what your contributions to the class will be. Strive to demonstrate how your academics, experience (work and personal) and career goals make you an excellent fit for the program.

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL ESSAY

You may provide further personal information from a choice of topics we suggest, such as a meaningful intellectual experience, a vision of your future goals, or obstacles to achievement.

RÉSUMÉS

A résumé is required for Mature student applications only.

INTERVIEWS, REFERENCES, GRE, GMAT

These are not required, and are not requested.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



AUGUST 24, 2017

JD Applications open online for entry in 2018

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2017

U of T Law Application Information Sessions
law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2017

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

SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

LSAT test date

NOVEMBER 1, 2017

JD Year 1 application deadline

DECEMBER 2, 2017

LSAT test date

DECEMBER 2017 - MARCH 2018

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

JANUARY - MARCH 2018

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

FEBRUARY 10, 2018

LSAT test date (last acceptable test for 2018 admission)

FEBRUARY 23, 2018

Welcome Day for students offered admission

APRIL 1, 2018

Deadline for acceptance of JD Year 1 early Offers of Admission

JUNE 1, 2018

UofT Law JD Financial Aid application deadline

AUGUST 20, 2018*

Start of Year 1 classes, JD program

*Tentative date



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 receive 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 2017 FIRST YEAR
(1L) CLASS

208 STUDENTS

53% WOMEN

3% MATURE STUDENTS

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

33% STUDENTS OF COLOUR

14% LGBTQ STUDENTS

9% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES



20-40 AGE
RANGE OF
STUDENTS
24 AVERAGE
AGE OF
STUDENTS

84% FIRST IN FAMILY TO
ATTEND LAW SCHOOL

9% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND
UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE

23% BORN OUTSIDE
OF CANADA

59% PARENTS/GUARDIANS BORN
OUTSIDE OF CANADA

12% GREW UP IN A
RURAL AREA

52% DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH
A RELIGION

38 UNDERGRADUATE
INSTITUTIONS
REPRESENTED

3.8 MEDIAN GPA OUT OF 4.0 ON
THE BEST THREE FULL-TIME
UNDERGRADUATE YEARS

166 MEDIAN LSAT
SCORE, 93RD
PERCENTILE

19% Students  with graduate
education

TOP 3
COMBINED
PROGRAMS

1. GLOBAL AFFAIRS (MGA)
2. BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
3. SOCIAL WORK (MSW)

CANADIANS YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET

- 1 JUSTIN TRUDEAU
- 2 BEVERLY MCLACHLIN
- 3 DRAKE
- 4 MARGARET ATWOOD

MOST DESIRABLE CANADIAN REGION STILL TO VISIT

- 1 BRITISH COLUMBIA
- 2 YUKON
- 3 NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
- 4 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UofT LAW

High academic
quality

Calibre of
students & faculty

Career
opportunities

Variety of
courses & clinics

Student support
& financial aid

FAVOURITE LITERARY GENRE

40% FICTION

30% NON-FICTION

9% FANTASY

6% SATIRE



PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- 19% PSYCHOLOGY/CRIMINOLOGY/SOCIAL SCIENCES
- 18% BUSINESS/ECONOMICS
- 16% POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- 15% CLASSICS/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION
- 13% ENGINEERING/MATH/SCIENCE
- 8% ENGLISH/LINGUISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS
- 7% INTERDISCIPLINARY/OTHER
- 4% VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

59% GRADUATED FROM
ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

41% GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE
REST OF CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY



SAMPLE PRE-LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

CAR SALESMAN
PHYSICIAN
PROFESSIONAL SINGER
JOURNALIST
PHARMACEUTICAL CHEMIST
FASHION MODEL
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER
MAGICIAN
SYSTEMS ENGINEER
ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS COACH



22%



ARE BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY

ABORIGINAL LAW
BUSINESS/COMMERICAL LAW
CONSITUTIONAL LAW
CRIMINAL LAW
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
HEALTH LAW
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INNOVATION LAW
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
LITITGATION/DISPUTE SETTLEMENT LAW
SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW



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

At U of T Law, Christina found a strong support network. Upper year students and lawyers offered her valuable insights and guidance. Christina's law school activities include:

Orientation Week (Coordinator)

Students' Law Society (VP Social Affairs)

Pro Bono Students Canada (Intern)

Litigation Association (President)

Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers – Ontario Chapter (Student Director)

Varsity Figure Skating Team
(2016 & 2017 champions)

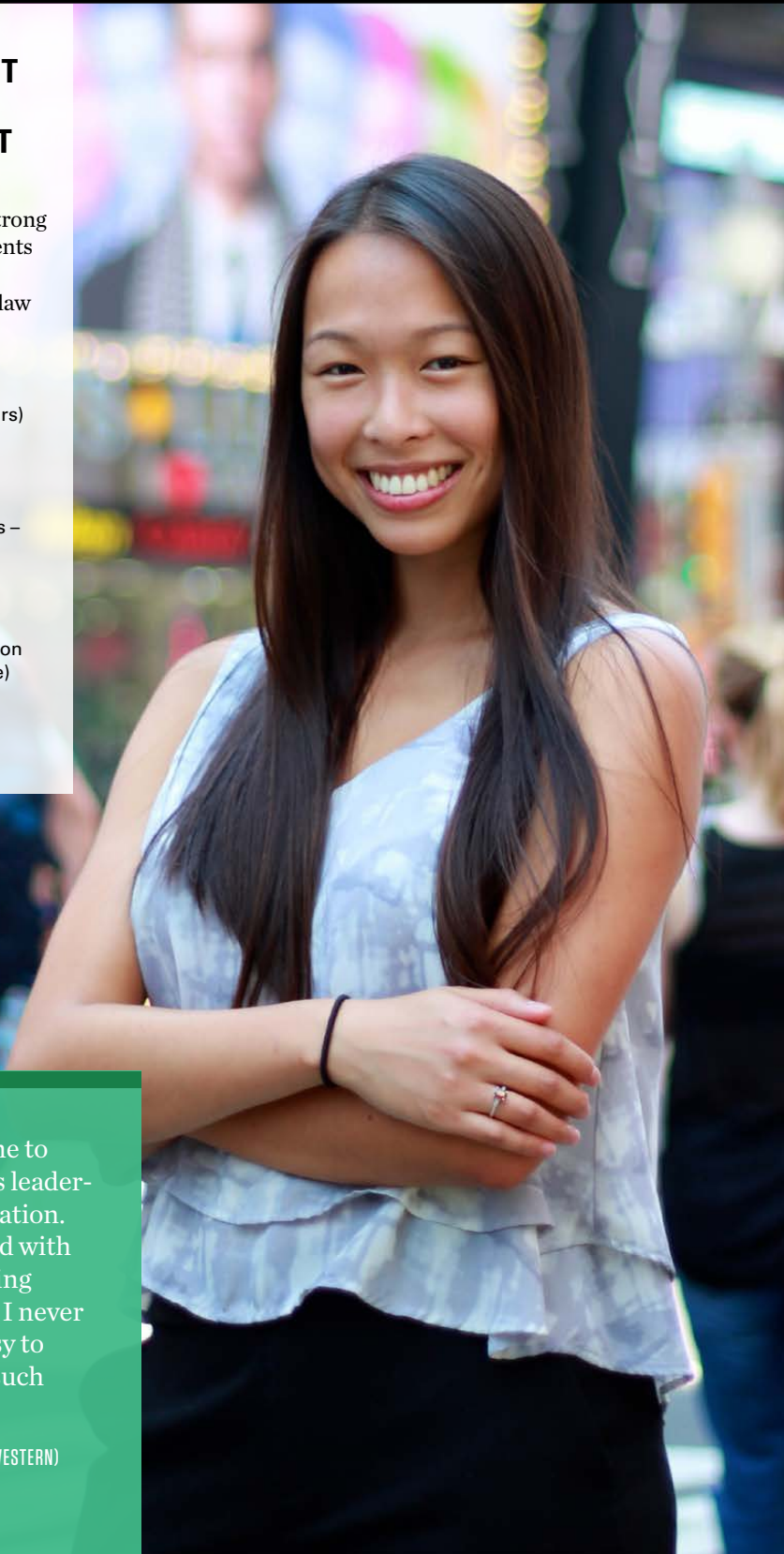
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, New York City (Summer Associate)

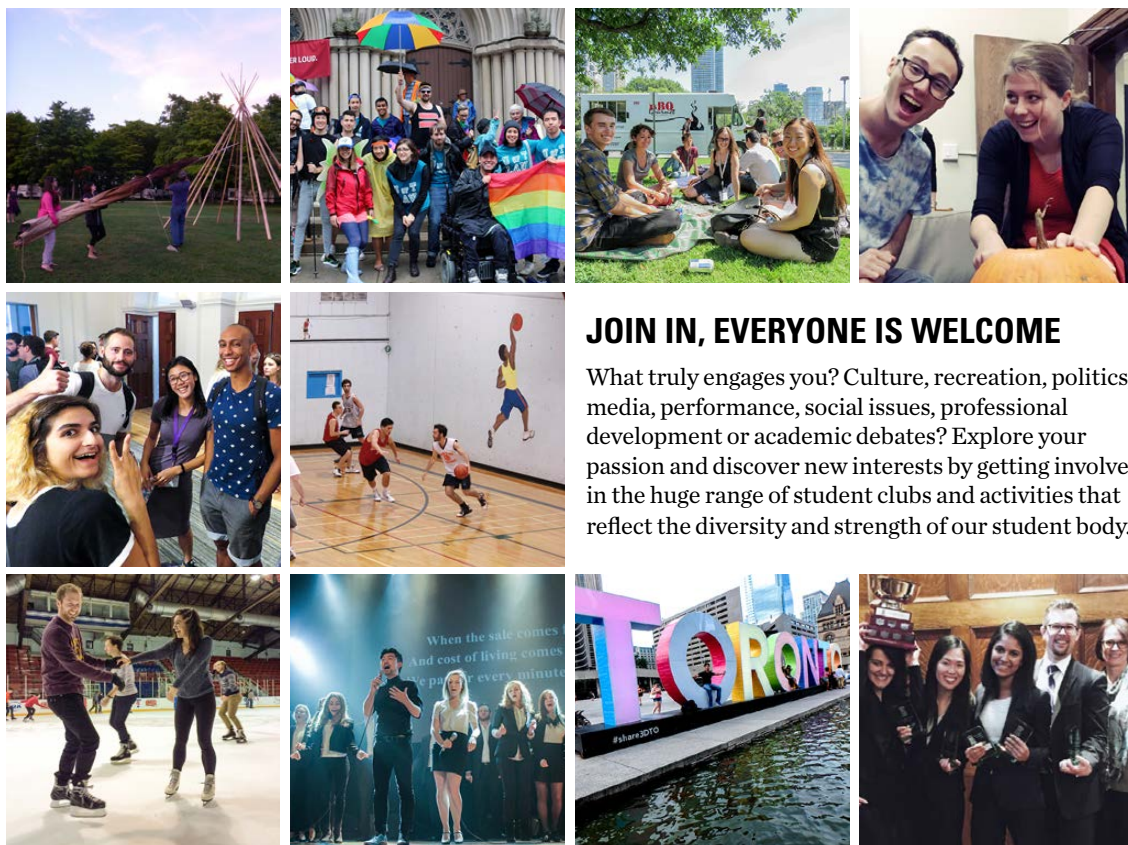
Goodman's LLP, Toronto
(Summer Student)



My law school activities allow me to develop important skills such as leadership, teamwork, and communication. By being involved I've connected with a wide range of peers with varying interests across different years. I never imagined that it would be so easy to meet and become friends with such amazing classmates.

CHRISTINA LIAO, 3L, BA HONORS & BMSC HONORS (WESTERN)
2015, 2017 RECIPIENT, DEAN'S LEADERSHIP AWARD





JOIN IN, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

What truly engages you? Culture, recreation, politics, media, performance, social issues, professional development or academic debates? Explore your passion and discover new interests by getting involved in the huge range of student clubs and activities that reflect the diversity and strength of our student body.

40+ STUDENT CLUBS

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


Aboriginal Law Society
Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
Artists Legal Advice Services
Asia Law Society
Black Law Students Association
Board Games Club
Business Law Society
Career Development Student Advisory Committee
Charity Law Interest Group
China Law Project
Christian Legal Fellowship
Criminal Law Students Association
Environmental Law Club
Fashion Law Society
Feminist Law Students Association
First Generation Students Association
Health and Wellness Student Advisory Committee

Indigenous Law Journal
Indigenous Law Students Association
International Law Society
Intramural Sports
JD/MBA Students Association
Jewish Law Students Association
Journal of International Law and International Relations
Journal of Law and Equity
Labour & Employment Law Society
Law and Politics Club
Law Ball
Law Follies
Law Games
Litigation Association
Muslim Law Students Association
Out in Law
Peer Mentorship Program

South Asian Law Students Association
SPINLAW
Sports and Entertainment Law Society
Student Animal Legal Defense
Students' Law Society
Supreme Chords (acapella group)
Tax Law Society
Technology and Intellectual Property Society
Ultra Vires Student Newspaper
UofT Faculty of Law Conservatives
UofT Faculty of Law Liberals
UofT Faculty of Law Review
UofT Faculty of Law Union
UofT Law and Social Justice Society
Venture Law Society
Women in Law



1L



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*.

PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

You'll be matched with an upper-year student mentor who will provide the "inside scoop" about making your first year a success, from academic support to co-curricular and social activities.

1L CORE COURSES

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



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.

IN 2017-2018

55%

OF OUR
FIRST YEAR
STUDENTS
SPEAK
ENGLISH
AND ONE
OTHER
LANGUAGE
FLUENTLY

YOUR UPPER YEARS:
CHART YOUR PATH

Building on the foundation of your 1L year, in the upper years you have the freedom to shape your studies to suit your interests and professional goals. With the guidance of faculty and career officers, choose from over 180 courses that span the spectrum of legal practice and scholarship.

FOCUS IN ONE
OR SEVERAL AREAS,
INCLUDING:

Aboriginal Law	Environmental Law and Natural Resources	Law and Development
Academic Research and Writing	Family Law and Children	Legal Ethics and Professionalism
Administrative and Regulatory Law	Health Law	Legal Theory/Interdisciplinary Legal Studies
Business Law	Intellectual Property and Innovation Law	Private Law
Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution	International, Comparative and Transnational Law	Social Justice and Equality
Constitutional Law	Judges and Courts	Taxation Law
Criminal Law and Procedure	Labour 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 Economics
JD/PhD in Philosophy
JD/PhD in Political Science

In 2016-2017, our students won five mooting (legal debating) and negotiation competitions

DAVIES CORPORATE / SECURITIES MOOT

DONALD G.H. BOWMAN NATIONAL TAX MOOT

WALSH FAMILY LAW MOOT

WALSH FAMILY LAW NEGOTIATION

WILSON MOOT
(human rights cases)

ABORIGINAL LAW PROGRAM

Through our Indigenous Initiatives Office, students engage with Indigenous elders, scholars, activists and professionals in activities such as the Gladue Practicum Program, the Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Law Practicum and the Anishinaabe Law Intensive, held over a weekend at Cape Croker.

Students compete in the Kawaskimhon Aboriginal Moot and work on the student-run Indigenous Law Journal.

Students also gain practical experience by participating in the Clinical Program with Aboriginal Legal Services, and can deepen their academic experience with the Certificate in Aboriginal Legal Studies.

BRENT HILL, JD (TORONTO) 2015,
MATURE STUDENT AND FATHER OF
TWO, ALUMNUS OF THE ABORIGINAL
LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION



SOLVE REAL-WORLD PROBLEMS

You are unique, and so is your path through law school. Along the way, enrich and direct your education both inside and outside the classroom.

At U of T Law the range of experiential opportunities is impressive. You might 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.

CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION

Each year, 140+ students provide direct legal services to low-income clients through Downtown Legal Services. Students draft pleadings, develop case strategies, and conduct negotiations. Additional clinical opportunities include: Advocates for Injured Workers; the Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic; the Asper Constitutional Advocacy Clinic; and the International Human Rights Clinic.

PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA (PBSC)

Founded at the Faculty in 1996, PBSC is a national, award-winning pro-bono organization with chapters at 21 law schools in Canada. PBSC provides legal services without charge to organizations and individuals in need in all areas of law. As one example, PBSC's Family Law Project places students in family law courts across Canada, where they work with duty counsel lawyers to provide legal information and document preparation assistance to low-income clients.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM (IHRP)

Celebrating its 30th anniversary in 2017, the IHRP continues to equip students with the skills, the knowledge and the professional network to become

effective human rights advocates through clinical projects and working groups that have them advocating before courts and tribunals. The IHRP has placed students at some of the most prestigious organizations in the world including the International Criminal Court and Human Rights Watch, and grassroots organizations around the world.

DAVID ASPER CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Clinic students have the opportunity to work on leading constitutional and Charter rights cases at the highest courts in Canada, while working group students can learn legal researching skills through projects on current issues in constitutional law. Past topics have included internet surveillance legislation and practices, as well as Canadian citizenship and immigration laws. Summer students work with the Asper Centre on these issues through research and casework, and with domestic human rights organizations within Canada.

LAW IN ACTION WITHIN SCHOOLS (LAWS)

This unique three-year high-school program, also founded at the law school, partners with Osgoode Hall Law School and the Toronto District School Board to provide inner-city students with interactive learning experiences related to legal and social issues, the justice system, and legal sector careers. LAWS is a critical part of our commitment to ensuring legal education is accessible to talented, diverse students. As a law student, you can volunteer as a LAWS after-school tutor, workshop facilitator, mock trial coach and field trip leader.



We researched child trafficking, examining the root causes of the growing problem and how the law is seeking to address it.

HANINA GROS, JD (TORONTO) 2016 (CIRCLED LEFT) AND LEDYA YOHANNES, JD (TORONTO) 2016 (CIRCLED RIGHT),
ON THEIR 1L INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS SUMMER INTERNSHIP
WITH POPULATION COUNCIL, IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA

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Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
City of Toronto municipal law externship
Connect Legal corporate law clinic
Criminal law clinic
David Asper Centre for Constitutional Rights clinic
Employment law clinic
Family law clinic
International human rights law clinic
Pro Bono Ontario litigation externship
Refugee and immigration law clinic
Structural Genomics Consortium externship
Tenant housing law clinic
University affairs clinic

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.

- 2017-2018 tuition fee: \$35,000
- Books and supplies: \$1,100
- Incidental and ancillary fees: \$1,500
- Room and board (if not at home): \$10,500
- Personal expenses: \$2,200

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.

UNIQUE IN CANADA, POST-GRADUATION
DEBT RELIEF PROGRAM

The rumours are true: most law students in North America graduate with some debt. They also go on to fulfilling positions in a range of fields. Many of our students choose to dedicate themselves to legal aid clinics or specialty law firms that offer relatively lower-paying salaries. To support their career choices, we assist these students with the repayment of their eligible law school for up to ten years after graduation. This 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 calculator for an aid package estimate tailored to your financial means at

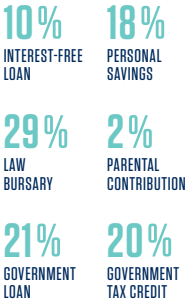
law.utoronto.ca/financial-aid-calculator

PLANS THAT WORK

Sarah, from Ontario, comes from a single-parent home with an annual parental income of \$32,000. She received a law bursary of \$14,000; a tuition tax credit of \$6,600 and an OSAP grant of \$7,200 (together 85% of tuition), making her effective tuition \$4,940. Here’s how she funds her first year:



Sanjay is leaving the home in Montreal he shares with his parents and two younger sisters who are also studying at university. With an annual parental income of \$88,000 Sanjay received a law bursary of \$9,720; a tax credit of \$6,660 and government student aid grant of \$7,220 (together 70% of tuition), making his effective tuition \$9,720. Here’s how he funds his first year:



NOTE: THESE ARE SAMPLE PLANS ONLY FOR 2016-2017. YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFERING WILL BE ASSESSED BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE ON YOUR FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.



EFFECTIVE TUITION AFTER TAX CREDITS & FINANCIAL AID

Most domestic students benefit from government tuition tax credits. Students eligible for government student loans (e.g. OSAP for Ontario residents) and the Faculty of Law’s financial aid funding, can get a further reduction of their effective tuition. Here’s an example from the 2016-2017 year.

I am the first in my family to attend both university and law school, which, for me, is possible only with financial aid. U of T Law was there for me financially before I joined the law school via its free LSAT prep program (LSAP) and application fee waivers. In my first year, the law school’s aid program enabled me to combine my aid options to cover about 80% of my tuition. With the guidance of the wonderful financial aid staff I’m able to focus on the law school experience with significantly less stress about financing my education.

ALVIN YAU, 3L, BBA (YORK) 2015

U OF T LAW AID	NOT ELIGIBLE	ELIGIBLE
TUITION	\$33,320	\$33,320
TUITION TAX CREDIT	-\$6,660	-\$6,660
OSAP GRANT	-\$7,220	-\$7,220
U OF T LAW AVERAGE BURSARY	-\$0	-\$9,990
EFFECTIVE TUITION	\$19,440	\$9,450

**FINANCIAL AID STATS
2016-2017**

\$3.5 million
AWARDED BURSARIES

\$16,000
MAXIMUM BURSARY
AWARDED

\$9,900
AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR
BURSARY

365
OF STUDENTS
WHO APPLIED FOR
FINANCIAL AID

\$9,400
AVERAGE BURSARY
(OVERALL THREE YEARS)

89%
% OF FINANCIAL
AID APPLICANTS WHO
RECEIVED AID



SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

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

INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY AT U OF T LAW

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

GET A HEAD START

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

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.

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

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

INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

law.utoronto.ca/aysp

Indigenous youth, ages 14-18, from across Canada come to U of T Law for a week to learn about Canadian law and Indigenous legal traditions. Participants stay on-campus in residence at U of T.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

ysp.utoronto.ca

A mini law school summer camp for students in grades 10-12.

SEE YOURSELF HERE

law.utoronto.ca/syh

Each year, over 100 high school students come for a day to the law school to hear from law students, lawyers and other legal professionals about how to pursue a career in the law. The event is designed specifically for students who identify with communities that have been historically underrepresented in the legal profession.



TRAILBLAZER

Nitya Iyer, class of 1986, is one of the first South Asian women to graduate from the U of T Faculty of Law. In 2017 she was appointed appointed to the Supreme Court of the Supreme Court of British Columbia.

Soon after she was born in Mumbai, India, Justice Iyer's family immigrated to Canada. After law school, she clerked at the Supreme Court of Canada and earned a graduate degree at Harvard University. She was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of her volunteer work in 2012 and became a Queen's Counsel in 2016.

Justice Iyer has forged a path true to her own values and vision, often defying the mainstream. Throughout her career in academe, the public sector and private practice she has been a forceful advocate for human rights and equality. As an advisor and consultant to governments and employers, Justice Iyer has helped to shape human rights and pay equity policies.

In 2004, she was appointed the first Equal Pay Commissioner of the Government of the Northwest Territories for a four-year term. She has written extensively on human rights and equality, and practiced law in Vancouver in the areas of constitutional law, human rights and pay equity.

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