THIS IS U OF T LAW
JD Admissions Guide 2019-2020
WELCOME TO OUR REMARKABLE HOME

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.

PROFESSOR MARTHA SHAFFER
(CRIMINAL LAW, FAMILY LAW, EQUALITY IN LAW) FOUR-TIME RECIPIENT OF STUDENT CHOICE MEWETT TEACHING AWARD
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. 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, 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, experiences 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 real-world 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 hope that you’ll take up our invitation to visit with us as you carefully consider the many options available to you.

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

We are widely considered to be the preeminent law school in Canada. In 2018, the respected Times Higher Education law school rankings placed us in the top 10 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.
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

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

JUTTA BRUNNÉE
DEF (DIJON), RJ & AJ (GERMANY), LLM (DALHOUSIE), DIR.IUR. (JOHANNES GUTENBERG)


FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Leslieville

HIDDEN TALENT: Photography

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

BRENDAN 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, Artificial Intelligence

FAVOURITE NEIGHBOURHOOD: Roncesvalles

HOBBY: Attempting to play the guitar
With its world class faculty, downtown campus, stunning new building and holistic admissions process, the Faculty of Law continually attracts a very talented and diverse student body. Its students are coveted by employers from Bay Street and beyond.

ARIE BLICKER, BA (McGILL) 1992, LLB (TORONTO) 1995, DIRECTOR, AIRD & BERLIS LLP

Ari is the Director of Student & Associate Programs at Aird & Berlis LLP. He is responsible for all aspects of the firm’s student program, including the recruitment, supervision and professional development of summer and articling students.

Before joining Aird & Berlis LLP in 2009, Ari was the Director of Student Programs at the Toronto office of a national law firm. Prior to that, he practiced corporate commercial law at another major Bay Street firm, and was in-house at IBM.
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

2017-2018 CDO SUPPORTS

285 Articling job postings

360 Combined first and second year summer job postings

40 Career workshops, information sessions and events

1,200 Counselling appointments including individual consultations, mock interviews, résumé and cover letter reviews
During the legal recruiting process, the Career Development Office provided me with ample information and one-on-one guidance. Being able to connect with our law school’s vast alumni network was invaluable to discovering the perfect career path for me. For securing my jobs in Toronto and New York, U of T’s leading resources and reputation made me feel confident and well-prepared.

CHRISTINA LIAO, BA HONOURS & BMSC HONOURS (WESTERN) 2015, JD (TORONTO) 2018, 2017 RECIPIENT, DEAN’S LEADERSHIP AWARD

ARTICLING STUDENT & 1L SUMMER STUDENT, GOODMANS LLP (TORONTO) AND 2L SUMMER ASSOCIATE, PAUL, WEISS, RIFKIND, WHARTON & GARRISON LLP (NEW YORK)
ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

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

2018 JD GRADUATES

Articling Positions

215 JD graduates
195 Full-time articling, clerkship and New York associate positions
4 Seeking articling positions
11 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

2018 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

Second Year Students

221 students completed 2nd year
192 secured summer jobs (law-related and other)

First Year Students

47 positions available at Toronto law firms for students across Canada
19 positions at Toronto law firms secured by U of T Law students

WE INVEST IN YOU

Each year the law school hires or places almost 90 students in paid summer jobs and internships.

TOP 10 ARTICLING PRACTICE AREAS

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

WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARTICLE

78% Toronto
9% New York City
5% British Columbia
4% Alberta
1% Ottawa
3% Elsewhere

Page statistics as of July 2018

WE INVEST IN YOU
My JD degree from UofT Law empowered me to turn my dream to become a human rights law expert into reality. It’s an instant marker of credibility in a highly competitive field. It’s the foundation for my relationships with the country’s brightest minds. It’s the source of friendships that sustain me personally and professionally. And, as a child of immigrants, it’s allowed me to access an incredible network.


Chief Commissioner Renu Mandhane is the former Executive Director of the award-winning International Human Rights Program at UofT Law. Renu began her practice focused on criminal law, and in that capacity she represented many survivors of sexual violence and prisoners. She sits on the Canada Committee of Human Rights Watch, and has appeared before the Supreme Court of Canada and the United Nations. Most recently, Renu was recognized by Canadian Lawyer magazine as one of Canada’s most influential lawyers for her advocacy related to solitary confinement.
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 10,300 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 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 is a series of 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. We focus on alumni who are early in their careers and moving the dial on important issues. Previous speakers have been leaders in film and media, food sustainability, health rights advocacy, animal rights, block chain consulting, etc.

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 skill-set before you enter the profession and start advising clients, both in non-profit and for-profit settings.

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.

2018-2019 LSP WORKSHOPS
COMMUNICATING IDEAS
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
NAVIGATING CONFLICT
NETWORKING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
THE FUTURE OF LAW AND INNOVATION SERIES
THE INCLUSIVE LEADER SERIES
WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT
WORKING WITH DIVERSE TEAMS
THIS IS U OF T LAW

INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY AT U OF T LAW

We strive to ensure that our community is 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.

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 will have at least five complete years of non-academic experience (outside of full-time study) by September 2019.

First-Year Admission Requirements

ACADEMIC RECORD

By the end of May 2019, 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 3.9 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 2019, we accept scores from tests taken from June 2014 to January 2019 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. 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.

RÉSUMÉS

A résumé is required for Mature student applications only.

INTERVIEWS, REFERENCES, GRE, GMAT

These are not required, and are not requested.
How to Apply

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 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 December to late January, and the final round in late February to mid-March. Most offers are issued by February.
OUR 2018 FIRST YEAR (1L) CLASS

213 STUDENTS
58% WOMEN

4% MATURE STUDENTS
(FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE)

35% STUDENTS OF COLOUR
9% LGBTQ STUDENTS
7% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

2388 APPLICANTS

21-39 AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS
23 AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS
AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2018

80% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL
7% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
29% BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

60% PARENTS/GUARDIANS BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA
10% GREW UP IN A RURAL AREA
39% IDENTIFY WITH A RELIGION

44 UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED

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

166 MEDIAN LSAT SCORE, 93rd PERCENTILE

21% Students with graduate education

TOP 4 COMBINED PROGRAMS
1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
2. GLOBAL AFFAIRS (MGA)
3. PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)
4. ECONOMICS (MA)
Most admired living Canadians:
1. Justice Beverly McLachlin
2. Drake
3. Chrystia Freeland
4. Margaret Atwood

Most iconic Canadian symbol:
- 33% The Maple Leaf
- 21% Hockey
- 17% Tim Hortons
- 15% Maple Syrup

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 music genre:
- 22% Hip-Hop/Rap
- 12% Pop
- 10% Alternative
- 8% Indie Pop

Prior undergraduate programs:
- 20% Political Science/International Studies
- 20% Business/Economics
- 17% Classics/History/Philosophy/Religion
- 16% Psychology/Criminology/Social Sciences
- 14% Engineering/Math/Science
- 8% English/Linguistics/Communications
- 3% Interdisciplinary/Other
- 2% Visual & Performing Arts

64% Graduated from Ontario universities
34% Graduated from universities in the rest of Canada and internationally

22% are bilingual in English and French

Top 10 legal areas of interest on entry:
- Aboriginal Law
- Business/Commercial Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Environmental Law
- Family Law
- Health Law
- Intellectual Property & Innovation Law
- International Human Rights Law
- Litigation/Dispute Settlement Law

Sample pre-law school experiences:
- Border Services Officer
- Cake Decorator
- Competitive Climber
- Concert Violinist
- Fire Ranger
- Physiotherapist
- Political Party Speechwriter
- Swim Academy Proprietor
- Theatre Festival Jurist
- TV Production Assistant
U of T Law has amazed me with its opportunities and people, who are absolutely first-rate, warm, supportive and driven to success. I’ve had the absolute awesome pleasure of learning something new and exciting from a peer every day. Through clinics, clubs, fund-raisers and student government, I’ve been able to give back to my communities and learn hands-on skills.

SOLOMON MCKENZIE, 3L, BA (MCGILL) 2013, MSW (MCGILL) 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 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
Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
Alumni Mentorship Program
Artists’ Legal Advice Services
Asia Law Society
Black Law Students Association
Business Law Society
Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers, U of T Student Chapter
Career Development Student Advisory Committee
Charity Law Interest Group
China Law Project
Christian Legal Fellowship
Criminal Law Students Association
Environmental Law Club
First Generation Students Association
Food Law and Policy Society
Health Law Club
In Vino Veritas - Wine Tasting Club
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
Law Students for Social Change
Law Students’ Association
Litigation Association
Muslim Law Students Association
Out in Law
Peer Mentorship Program
Runnymede Society
South Asian Law Students Association
SPINLAW
Sports and Entertainment Law Society
Student Animal Legal Defense
Students’ Law Society
Supreme Chords (a capella group)
Tax Law Society
Technology and Intellectual Property Society
Ultra Viros Student Newspaper
U of T Faculty of Law Conservatives
U of T Faculty of Law Liberals
U of T Faculty of Law Review
U of T Faculty of Law Union
U of T Law and Social Justice Society
Venture Law Society
Women in 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 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.
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.
YOUR UPPER YEARS: CHART YOUR PATH

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

FOCUS IN ONE OR SEVERAL AREAS, INCLUDING:

- Aboriginal Law
- Academic Research and Writing
- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Business Law
- Civil Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law and Procedure
- Environment 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 Economics
- JD/PhD in Philosophy
- JD/PhD in Political Science

In 2017-2018, our students performed admirably in mooting competitions.

- ARNUP CUP (TRIAL ADVOCACY), FINALISTS
- DAVIES MOOT (CORPORATE/SECURITIES), WINNERS
- DINSDALE MOOT (LABOUR ARBITRATION), 2ND PLACE
- GALE CUP (CRIMINAL), 2ND PLACE
- ISSAC DIVERSITY MOOT (EQUITY & DIVERSITY), FINALISTS
- LASKIN MOOT (ADMINISTRATIVE & CONSTITUTIONAL), WINNERS
- WILSON MOOT (HUMAN RIGHTS), FINALISTS
- WINKLER MOOT (CLASS ACTIONS), 2ND PLACE
INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES OFFICE

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 might 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 might 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.

For my June Callwood Fellowship at Aboriginal Legal Services, I was a research assistant for the development of a practitioner’s textbook on Indigenous people and the Canadian criminal justice system.

ZACHARY BIECH, 3L, CO-PRESIDENT, INDIGENOUS LAW STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION; SUMMER STUDENT, OLTHUIS, KLEER, TOWNSHEND 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 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.

IN-HOUSE CLINICS

U of T Law hosts multiple legal clinics which offer course credit in part-time, half-time and intensive, full-time formats. Students may 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.

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

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.

DOWNTOWN LEGAL SERVICES

DLS is the law school’s public legal clinic for low-income clients. Students critically examine the intersections of law and social inequality while developing the professionalism and ethical literacy that is essential to practicing law. DLS houses six clinics in criminal law, family law, refugee and immigration law, tenant housing law, employment law, and university affairs.
The IHRP’s Digital Verification Working Group (DVWG) is at the cutting edge of contemporary human rights investigation work. Due to the proliferation of smart phones and open media platforms, evidence of war crimes and other human rights abuses are increasingly first reported on social media.

Student volunteers assist researchers from Amnesty International to investigate and authenticate content including photographs and video.

U of T Law is a founding member of this project alongside the University of California Berkeley’s Human Rights Centre, the University of Cambridge’s Centre of Governance & Human Rights, Pretoria University’s Human Rights Centre in South Africa, and the University of Essex’s Human Rights Centre.
GO GLOBAL: STUDY, RESEARCH, WORK
Spend a semester at top law schools on academic exchange in some of the world’s best cities.

SYDNEY      TEL AVIV
BEIJING      AMSTERDAM
HONG KONG    AUCKLAND
LONDON       OSLO
LYON         GLASGOW
PARIS        SINGAPORE
BUDAPEST     UPPSALA

MAKING AN IMPACT

COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS
In addition to our in-house clinics, you can participate in a clinical placement for credit at a community clinic or organization. U of T Law offers dozens of placements with 13 externship partners.

EXTERNSHIP CLINICS AND ORGANIZATIONS
Aboriginal Legal Services clinic
Advocates for Injured Workers clinic
Appellate Criminal Litigation externship
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
City of Toronto externship
Connect Legal corporate law clinic
Environmental Law externship
Health Justice Initiative clinic at St. Michael’s Hospital
Legislative Assembly externship
Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation externship
Ontario Human Rights Commission externship
Pro Bono Ontario litigation externship
Structural Genomics Consortium externship

PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA
Founded by U of T Law in 1996, PBSC is a national, award-winning pro-bono organization with chapters in 22 law schools in Canada. Student volunteers provide supervised free legal services to organizations and individuals in need in all areas of law. For example, several of our students volunteer with PBSC’s Family Law Project. The breakdown of a relationship can be the most difficult time in a person’s life, particularly when children are involved. At the same time, legal fees have skyrocketed and the court process is daunting. U of T students provide legal services to low-income, vulnerable Canadians facing family breakdown, and offer a vital response to the family justice crisis in Canada.

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 development organization, or a Chinese law firm in Shanghai.
The Donner Fellowship allowed me to create my own opportunities to combine my passion for food affairs and law. I helped to author a report assessing and exposing worldwide violations of the right to food for presentation at a global summit. I am very thankful for the opportunity the Faculty has given me to pursue a career in food law.

INDIA ANNAMANTHADDU, 2L, CO-LEAD, U OF T FOOD LAW & POLICY SOCIETY; DONNER FELLOWSHIP WITH THE CIVIL SOCIETY MECHANISM FOR RELATIONS TO THE UN COMMITTEE ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY AND THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF FOOD LAW AND POLICY
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 debt for up to ten years after graduation. This 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.
- 2018-2019 tuition fee: $36,730
- Books and supplies: $1,100
- Incidental and ancillary fees: $1,500
- Room and board (if not at home): $11,000
- Personal expenses: $2,200

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

Kelly-Ann

Kelly-Ann, from Ontario, comes from a single-parent home with an annual parental income of $12,300. She received a U of T Law bursary of $13,000; a tuition tax credit of $7,000 and an OSAP grant of $7,400. Altogether this aid provided $27,400 which amounted to approximately 78% of her tuition.

Sunny

Sunny is leaving the home in Manitoba he shares with his parents and one younger sister who is also studying at university. With an annual parental income of $71,700 Sunny received a U of T Law bursary of $14,800; a tax credit of $7,000 and government student aid grant of $3,000. Altogether this aid provided $24,800 which amounted to approximately 71% of his tuition.

NOTE: THESE ARE SAMPLE PLANS FOR 2017-2018 ONLY YOUR U OF T LAW FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE WILL BE ASSESSED BASED ON THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE IN YOUR U OF T LAW FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION.
FINANCIAL AID

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 was able to focus on the law school experience with significantly less stress about financing my education.

ALVIN YAU, BBA (YORK) 2015, JD (TORONTO) 2018, ARTICLING STUDENT, WEIRFOULDS LLP (TORONTO)

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 2017-2018 year.

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FINANCIAL AID STATS
2017-2018

- **$4.3 million** awarded bursaries
- **$10,100** average first-year bursary
- **364** # of students who applied for financial aid
- **88%** % of financial aid applicants who received aid

**$11,000** average bursary (overall three years)

**$18,100** maximum bursary awarded

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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.

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
LAWS is an innovative and collaborative law-themed high school program aimed at students facing personal and systemic barriers to success who are interested in the law. Started at U of T Law in 2005, LAWS offers a cross-curricular exposure to legal and justice issues and provides supportive programming designed to encourage students to access post-secondary studies. LAWS is a partnership between the Faculty of Law and Osgoode Hall Law School at York University, and is delivered in seven Toronto District School Board high schools.

INDIGENOUS YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM
law.utoronto.ca/iysp
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 200 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. 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.
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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