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 help give legal advice to tech start-ups at law firms and incubators across the city.

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

In 2019, the respected Times Higher Education law school rankings placed us in the top 11 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.
WHY U OF T?

LIVE IN A GREAT CITY

Revel in the myriad of sights, sounds, and tastes to discover in one of the world’s most multicultural cities. Here, you can attend many festivals, check out the vibrant arts, culture, entertainment and professional sports scenes and discover your inner foodie. With a population smaller than New York City but larger than Chicago, Toronto has it all.

The Faculty of Law is steps away from Museum Station where you can hop on the subway to get around this great city in just minutes. Toronto is known for its 140 distinctive neighbourhoods. Our students’ local favourites – Yorkville, Kensington Market and Queen West – are all within easy walking distance of the campus.

Toronto’s amazing festivals include OVO and Unity (hip-hop); VELD and Dreams (EDM), Fringe and Summer-Works (theatre, art and dance); TIFF (film); Maker and Vector (technology and new media); Fan Expo and Comicon (comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming).

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

At U of T Law, you are minutes away from the provincial legislature, Ministry of the Attorney General law offices, several court houses including the Ontario Court of Appeal, dozens of legal aid offices, and over 3,000 law firms, including Canada’s largest national and international firms.
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.
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.

**ARI 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

2018-2019 CDO SUPPORTS

209 Articling job postings

226 Combined first and second year summer job postings

37 Career workshops, information sessions and events

860 Counselling appointments including individual consultations, mock interviews, résumé and cover letter reviews
U of T Law’s New York recruit allowed me to prove myself in the world’s most sophisticated legal market. During my interviews, it was clear that NY firms value the high calibre and well-roundedness of U of T students. My firm even celebrates Canada Day with Tim Hortons and poutine!

JERRY LEE | BSC (MCGILL) 2015 | JD (TORONTO) 2018 | NAMED A NEXT GENERATION WOMEN LEADER BY MCKINSEY & COMPANY 2017
ASSOCIATE WHITE & CASE LLP (NEW YORK) | 1L SUMMER STUDENT, DAVIES WARD PHILLIPS & VINEBERG LLP (TORONTO)
ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

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

2019 JD GRADUATES

Articling Positions
220 JD graduates
194 Full-time articling, clerkship and New York associate positions
7 Seeking articling positions
6 Non-practicing careers, graduate studies or deferring articles
13 Unreported

Clerking positions at appellate and trial courts in Canada
Supreme Court of Canada
Federal Courts
Provincial Courts of Appeal
Provincial Superior Courts

2019 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

Second Year Students
200 students completed 2nd year
185 secured summer jobs (law-related and other)

First Year Students
66 positions available at Toronto law firms for students across Canada
23 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. Labour & Employment Law
5. Litigation
6. Intellectual Property Law
7. Criminal Law
8. Family Law
9. In-house positions
10. Tax Law

WHERE OUR STUDENTS ARTICLE

86%
Greater Toronto Area

9%
New York City

2%
Ottawa

2%
Alberta & British Columbia

1%
Elsewhere

Page statistics as of July 2019

WE INVEST IN YOU
I couldn’t think of a better place to launch my legal career than at U of T. I learned from committed, thoughtful faculty, and was supported by excellent staff. The law school has also supported me as an alumna. By giving me opportunities to teach, and promoting my Bencher candidacy, U of T Law has demonstrated a real commitment to my professional success.

ATRISHA LEWIS | BCOMM (MCGILL) 2009 | JD (TORONTO) 2012 | RECIPIENT, DEAN'S KEY AWARD & GORDON CRESSY AWARD

Atrisha Lewis is a senior associate in McCarthy Tétrault’s Litigation Group in Toronto. In 2019, Atrisha was elected Bencher of the Law Society of Ontario. In 2018, she was recognized as a “Precedent Setter” by Precedent magazine.
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 10,570 strong, is an incredible resource both during law school and after graduation.

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

LAWYERS DOING COOL THINGS WITH THEIR LAW DEGREES
This is a popular 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, cannabis, advising the Canadian military, 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.

2019-2020 LSP WORKSHOPS
COMMUNICATING IDEAS
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT
EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE
NETWORKING AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
TEAM WORK

PEER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM
At the start of your first year you’ll be matched 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.

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.
DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIVITY 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.

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

Mature – those who will have at least five complete years of non-academic experience (outside of full-time study) by September 2020.

First-Year Admission Requirements

ACADEMIC RECORD

By the end of May 2020, you will have successfully completed at least a three-year undergraduate 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 2020, we accept scores from tests taken from June 2015 to January 2020 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.
AUGUST 22, 2019
JD Applications open online for entry in 2020

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2019
U of T Law application information sessions
law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2019
U of T Law campus tours
law.utoronto.ca/campustour

SEPTEMBER 21, 2019
LSAT test date

OCTOBER 28, 2019
LSAT test date

NOVEMBER 1, 2019
JD Year 1 application deadline

NOVEMBER 25, 2019
LSAT test date

DECEMBER 2019 - MARCH 2020
Early offers of admission made. Most offers are issued by February.

JANUARY - MARCH 2020
U of T Law campus tours
law.utoronto.ca/campustour

JANUARY 13, 2020
LSAT test date (last acceptable test for 2020 admission)

FEBRUARY 21, 2020
Welcome Day for students offered admission

APRIL 1, 2020
Deadline for acceptance of JD Year 1 early offers of admission

JUNE 1, 2020
UofT Law JD Financial Aid application deadline

AUGUST 17, 2020*
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 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 January, and the final round in mid-March. Most offers are issued by February.
OUR 2019 FIRST YEAR (1L) CLASS

210 STUDENTS
58% WOMEN
3% MATURE STUDENTS
(FIVE OR MORE YEARS OF NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE)
35% STUDENTS OF COLOUR
14% LGBTQ STUDENTS
12% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

2186 APPLICANTS

20-38 AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS
24 AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS
AGE ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

83% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL
10% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
33% BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

41% PARENTS/GUARDIANS BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA
14% GREW UP IN A RURAL AREA
38% IDENTIFY WITH A RELIGION

48 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 4 COMBINED PROGRAMS
1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
2. SOCIAL WORK (MSW)
3. PUBLIC POLICY (MPP)
4. PHILOSOPHY (PHD)
ARE BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UofT LAW

- High academic quality
- Calibre of students & faculty
- Career opportunities
- Variety of courses & clinics
- Student support & financial aid

LIKELIHOOD OF ATTENDING A TORONTO RAPTORS GAME IN FIRST YEAR

- 38% Extremely/Very
- 22% Slightly
- 21% Moderately
- 19% Not at All

PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

- 20% Political Science/International Studies
- 19% Business/Economics
- 17% Engineering/Math/Science
- 14% Classics/History/Philosophy/Religion
- 13% Criminology/Gender Studies/Psychology/Social Sciences
- 9% English/Linguistics/Communications
- 6% Interdisciplinary/Other
- 2% Visual & Performing Arts

65% GRADUATED FROM ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES

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

SAMPLE PRE-LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCES

- Aerospace Engineer
- Bike Courier
- Health Policy Associate
- High School Teacher
- Immigration Case Analyst
- Menswear Fashion Buyer
- Piano Studio Owner & Teacher
- Political Speechwriter
- Royal Canadian Air Cadet
- World Champion Powerlifter

18% ARE BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY

- Business/Commercial
- Constitutional
- Criminal
- Environmental
- Health
- Intellectual Property & Innovation
- International Human Rights
- Law & Economics
- Litigation/Dispute Settlement
- Social Justice
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 | BA (McGill) 2013 | MSW (McGill) 2015 | JD (Toronto) 2019 | Recipient, Dean’s Leadership Award | Recipient, Gordon Cressy Award & John Willis Award | Valedictorian 2019 | Articling Student, McCarthy Tétrault LLP
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 Society  
Artists’ Legal Advice Services  
Asia Law Society  
Black Law Students Association  
Business Law Society  
Canadian Assoc. of Refugee Lawyers  
Cannabis Law Club  
Career Development Student Advisory Committee  
Charity Law Interest Group  
China Law Project  
Christian Legal Fellowship  
Criminal Law Students Association  
Environmental Law Club  
Feminist Law Students Association  
First Generation Network  
Food Law and Policy Society  
Health and Wellness Student Advisory Committee  
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  
Labour & Employment Law Society  
Law and Politics Club  
Law Ball  
Law Follies  
Law Games  
Law Students for Social Change  
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 Fund  
Students’ Law Society  
Supreme Chords (a capella 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 Capital Law Society  
Women in the Law
Our first year (1L) program encourages you to develop close connections with your peers and professors. In addition to six substantive law courses, you take two courses that prepare you to study law: *Legal Methods* and *Legal Research and Writing*.

**WELLNESS & ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

Let’s be honest—law school is amazing but it also can be challenging at times.

Like other professional programs, law school is a rigorous academic and co-curricular program that demands a lot from students. That’s why we offer a broad range of student supports to make sure that you get the most out of your law school experience.

Through tutoring programs, peer and alumni mentoring programs, resilience coaching and in-house mental health counselling, we support you to thrive in law school and your future career.
LEGAL METHODS INTENSIVE

One of the central goals of our JD Program is to train you to “think like a lawyer.” The first year begins with a legal methods intensive course delivered during the last two weeks in August. The course introduces you to the foundational information and reasoning needed to make the most of the JD program from the minute you set foot in your first substantive class in September.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

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

SUBSTANTIVE LAW COURSES

Every student takes one of the principal first year courses in a year-long small group of 16 students. The remaining five substantive law classes are taught in larger groups over a single term (two in first term and three in second term).

Collectively, our first year provides you with a deep and rigorous legal foundation rooted in diverse academic views about law and legal methodology.

1L CORE COURSES

LEGAL METHODS
LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW
CONTRACT LAW
CRIMINAL LAW
LEGAL PROCESS
PROPERTY LAW
TORT LAW
YOUR UPPER YEARS: CHART YOUR PATH

Building on the foundation of your 1L year, in the upper years you have the freedom to shape your studies to suit your interests and professional goals. 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
- 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 Economics
- JD/PhD in Philosophy
- JD/PhD in Political Science

JANUARY INTERSESSION

U of T Law attracts leading visiting academics from the world’s top law schools.

Held in early January, the intersession offers intensive, week-long courses taught by visiting professors offering diverse perspectives on a huge range of legal topics.
INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES OFFICE

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.

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 | BAH (TORONTO) 2016 | JD (TORONTO) 2019 | RECIPIENT DEAN’S LEADERSHIP AWARD | RECIPIENT GORDON CRESSY AWARD

ARTICLING STUDENT & 2L 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 can take a course in trial advocacy, compete in an intellectual property moot, immerse yourself in an international human rights clinic, do an externship with the municipal government, or volunteer at ProBono Students Canada. The possibilities are endless.

IN-HOUSE CLINICS

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

THE DAVID ASPER CENTRE FOR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

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

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

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 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.

SUPERB CLINICAL EDUCATION, EXCLUSIVE TO U OF T LAW STUDENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS
CRIMINAL LAW
EMPLOYMENT LAW
FAMILY LAW
IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
TENANT HOUSING LAW
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 smartphones 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.
MAKING AN IMPACT

COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS

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

EXTERNSHIP CLINICS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Aboriginal Legal Services clinic
Advocates for Injured Workers clinic
Appellate Criminal Litigation externship
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
Board Governance externship
Centre for Equality Rights externship
Citizen Lab externship
City of Toronto externship
Environmental Law externship
Health Justice Initiative clinic at St. Michael’s Hospital
Human Rights Watch externship
Innocence Canada externship
Innovation and Entrepreneurship externship
Legislative Assembly externship
Mergers and Acquisitions Litigation externship
Ontario Human Rights Commission externship
Pro Bono Ontario litigation externship
Rexdale Health Justice Initiative 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. 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 advocacy organization, or a Chinese law firm in Shanghai.

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
DUBLIN
The Donner Fellowship allowed me to pursue my lifelong goal of learning how to advocate legally for animals. I helped with preparing intervention applications so that animals have a voice in the courtroom, and co-organized the student-led portion of Canada’s first Animal Law Conference. I also learned how animal law interacts with constitutional, criminal, administrative and municipal law. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity so early in my legal career.

ADA ROBERTS 1L | PRESIDENT, ANIMAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATION | DONNER CIVIC LEADERSHIP FELLOW WITH ANIMAL JUSTICE, CANADA’S SOLE NATIONAL ANIMAL LAW ORGANIZATION
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 RELIEF PROGRAM

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FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES

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

- 2019-2020 tuition fee: $33,040
- Books and supplies: $1,100
- Incidental and ancillary fees: $1,600
- Room and board (if not at home): $11,000
- Personal expenses: $2,200

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

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

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PLANS THAT WORK

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NOTE: THESE ARE SAMPLE PLANS FOR 2019-2020 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.
As the first in my family to attend university with the support of my hard-working single mother, I initially thought I would have to sacrifice U of T’s top-notch legal education for a less expensive program. The financial aid program gave over 35% of my tuition in bursaries, and the interest-free loans will cover my remaining tuition and bar admission fees. Without the law school’s financial aid I would not have been able to spend my 1L summer on a human rights internship in Sierra Leone, or spend a term of my final year in Australia as an exchange student.

Hiam Kogiashvili-Amar 3L | BA Honours (York) 2011 | Mature Student

FINANCIAL AID STATS 2018-2019

$4.3 million awarded bursaries
$10,400 average first-year bursary
$11,100 average bursary (overall three years)
$17,700 maximum bursary awarded
375 # of students who applied for financial aid
85% % of financial aid applicants who received aid
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

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)

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

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.

BLACK FUTURE LAWYERS PROGRAM

The Black Future Lawyers program at the Faculty of Law is a collection of initiatives designed to support Black students who aspire to join the legal profession. A collaboration between the Faculty of Law, our Black Law Student Association, our Black alumni, and other members of the legal profession, the program offers outreach and engagement opportunities to support Black high school and undergraduate students to access legal education.

YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM

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

SEE YOURSELF HERE

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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