EXCELLENCE HAS A NEW HOME
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 will 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 2016, the respected QS law school rankings placed us in the top 20 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.
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 scene 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 summer festivals include OVO and Unity (hip-hop); VELD and Digital Dreams (EDM), Fringe and Summerfest (theatre, art and dance); TIFF (film); Maker and Vector (technology and new media) and Fan Expo (comics, sci-fi, horror, anime and gaming).

WHERE LICENSED LAWYERS WORK IN ONTARIO

65% TORONTO
13% OTTAWA
22% REST OF ONTARIO

Source: Statistics Canada
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 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.
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.

WE BRING THE TOP EMPLOYERS FROM MAJOR LEGAL MARKETS ON CAMPUS TO RECRUIT OUR STUDENTS

ALBERTA
BRITISH COLUMBIA
CHICAGO
LONDON, UK
NEW YORK CITY
OTTAWA
TORONTO

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT 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 will need to successfully transition from stellar law student to highly-regarded legal professional.

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2015-16 CDO SUPPORTS

442 Articling job postings

521 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
NEW GRADS TO WATCH

Lane Krainyk (JD 2013) and Emma White (JD 2012) both travelled to Bangkok this year to participate in the law school’s post-graduate international human rights fellowship program, *International Fellowships for Canadian Lawyers*. This unique program provides training and funding to send twelve recent law school graduates to work in the field with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

Emma worked for the Country Office which provides essential services focussing on the protection and legal and community service needs of the urban asylum-seeking and refugee population, numbering around 10,000 people. Emma held weekly counseling sessions at the Bangkok Refugee Center, and frequently went to Immigration Detention Center to meet with applicants. She drafted Best Interests Assessments for children, and conducted numerous home visits to assess vulnerable applicants.

Lane worked for the Regional Office, which covers UNHCR’s operations in thirteen countries. In consultation with colleagues throughout the region, Lane developed and worked to implement a judicial engagement strategy in these countries.

Following their fellowships UNHCR hired them to continue their work. Emma conducts status determination interviews with applicants and writes legal assessments on whether they qualify for refugee status, and Lane is the project manager for an initiative aimed at providing employment access for refugees in the region. Emma credits the hands-on intensive course and volunteer experience gained at the law school’s Downtown Legal Services clinic for introducing her to the field of refugee and immigration law. Lane’s interest in this field emerged from his participation in student placements on the Thai-Burma border and in Uganda that he completed through the U of T Law’s International Human Rights Program.
ARTICLING AND EMPLOYMENT

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

2016 JD GRADUATES

Articling Positions

200 JD graduates

189 Full-time articling, clerkships and New York associate positions
8 Seeking articling positions
3 Non-traditional careers, graduate studies or deferring articles

Clerking Positions at appellate and trial courts in Canada

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

2016 SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS IN EARLY YEARS

Second Year Students

214 students completed 2nd year
186 secured jobs (law-related and other) at time of survey

First Year Students

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

Where Our Students Article

85% Toronto
4% New York City
4% British Columbia
3% Ottawa
3% Alberta
1% Elsewhere

TOP 10 ARTICLING PRACTICE AREAS

1 Full service firm
2 Government & Public Interest Law
3 Clerkship
4 Litigation
5 Intellectual Property Law
6 In-house Counsel
7 Criminal Law
8 Immigration Law
9 Labour & Employment Law
10 Family Law
THIS IS U OF T LAW

PROFESSOR MARTHA SHAFFER
(CRIMINAL LAW, FAMILY LAW, EQUALITY IN LAW)
FOUR-TIME RECIPIENT OF STUDENT CHOICE MEWETT TEACHING AWARD
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 – Aboriginal 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 2017.

Admission Requirements

ACADEMIC RECORD

By the end of May 2017, 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 86.9% median GPA on their best three years of full-time undergraduate study.

LSAT: LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION TEST

For entry in August 2017, we accept scores from tests taken from June 2012 to February 2017 inclusive. Last year’s entering class had a median LSAT score of 167 (94th percentile).

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This is your opportunity to introduce yourself to the selection committee, help it assess your likelihood of success at the Faculty of Law and predict what your contributions to the class will be. 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 23, 2016
JD Applications open online for entry in 2017

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2016
U of T Law Application Information Sessions
law.utoronto.ca/admissionevents

SEPTEMBER – NOVEMBER 2016
U of T Law School campus tours
law.utoronto.ca/campustour

SEPTEMBER 24, 2016
LSAT test date

NOVEMBER 1, 2016
JD Year 1 application deadline

DECEMBER 3, 2016
LSAT test date

DECEMBER 2016 - MARCH 2017
Early offers of admission made. Most offers are issued by February.

FEBRUARY 4, 2017
LSAT test date (last acceptable test for 2017 admission)

FEBRUARY 24, 2017
Welcome Day for students offered admission

APRIL 1, 2017
Deadline for acceptance of JD Year 1 early Offers of Admission

JUNE 1, 2017*
UofT Law JD Financial Aid application deadline

AUGUST 21, 2017*
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 2016 FIRST YEAR (1L) CLASS

206 STUDENTS
45% WOMEN
4% MATURE STUDENTS
(5-10 YEARS OF NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE)
35% STUDENTS OF COLOUR
11% LGBTQ STUDENTS
6% STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

21% Students with graduate education

2109 APPLICANTS

86.9% MEDIAN GPA ON BEST THREE FULL-TIME UNDERGRAD YEARS
35 STUDENTS OF COLOUR
11 LGBTQ STUDENTS
6 STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
43 UNDERGRADUATE INSTITUTIONS REPRESENTED
430 AGE RANGE OF STUDENTS
24 AVERAGE AGE OF STUDENTS

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

80% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND LAW SCHOOL
6% FIRST IN FAMILY TO ATTEND UNIVERSITY OR COLLEGE
23% BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA
53% PARENTS/GUARDIANS BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA
17% GREW UP IN A RURAL AREA
57% DO NOT IDENTIFY WITH A RELIGION

167 MEDIAN LSAT SCORE, 94TH PERCENTILE

TOP 3 JD/MASTER’S DEGREE COMBINED PROGRAMS
1. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (MBA)
2. ECONOMICS
3. TIE: PUBLIC POLICY
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CANADIANS YOU’D MOST LIKE TO MEET
1. JUSTICE ROSALIE ABELLA
2. LEONARD COHEN
3. MARGARET ATWOOD
4. CHRIS HADFIELD

DECEASED PERSON YOU WISH YOU’D MET
1. GRAND/GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENT
2. PIERRE TRUDEAU
3. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR
4. ARISTOTLE

4 IN 5 THINK THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT WILL BE FEMALE

TOP 5 REASONS FOR CHOOSING UofT LAW
- High academic quality
- Variety of courses & clinics
- Calibre of students & faculty
- Career opportunities
- Student support & financial aid

CAN’T LIVE WITHOUT IT
- 37% FACEBOOK
- 16% YOUTUBE
- 8% INSTAGRAM

PRIOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
- 21% POLITICAL SCIENCE/INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
- 19% CLASSICS/HISTORY/PHILOSOPHY/RELIGION
- 17% ENGINEERING/MATH/SCIENCE
- 16% BUSINESS/ECONOMICS
- 14% CRIMINOLOGY/GENDER STUDIES/SOCIAL SCIENCES
- 8% ENGLISH/LINGUISTICS/COMMUNICATIONS
- 3% VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS
- 2% INTERDISCIPLINARY/OTHER

65% GRADUATED FROM ONTARIO UNIVERSITIES
35% GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITIES IN THE REST OF CANADA AND INTERNATIONALLY

26% ARE BILINGUAL IN ENGLISH AND FRENCH

SAMPLE PRE-LAW SCHOOL EXPERIENCES
- PROFESSIONAL DANCER
- ROYAL CANADIAN NAVAL OFFICER
- MASON
- RESEARCH CHEMIST
- MUSIC PRODUCER (HIP-HOP/RAP)
- ADJUNCT PROFESSOR
- HR BUSINESS ANALYST
- FREELANCE DIGITAL ARTIST
- COURTROOM CLERK
- PUBLISHED NOVELIST

TOP 10 LEGAL AREAS OF INTEREST ON ENTRY
- ABORIGINAL LAW
- BUSINESS/COMMERCIAL
- CONSTITUTIONAL
- CRIMINAL
- ENVIRONMENTAL LAW
- HEALTH LAW
- INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & INNOVATION
- INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
- LITIGATION/DISPUTE SETTLEMENT
- SOCIAL JUSTICE
JOIN A DIVERSE STUDENT BODY THAT RANKS AMONG THE STRONGEST IN NORTH AMERICA

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

- U of T Faculty of Law Review (Assistant Editor)
- Downtown Legal Services (Volunteer)
- Pro Bono Students Canada
- Global Health Rights Working Group, International Human Rights Program
- International Human Rights Program (Summer intern at the International Development Law Organization in The Hague)
- Student Exchange to the University of Hong Kong

I came in without a set idea of what I wanted to do with the degree, so to find my niche I dabbled in different things. Those experiences reaffirmed my interest in international public and private law, allowed me to gain tangible skills and a better idea of what it’s like to actually work in this field.

SHERNA TAMBOLY, 3L, MSC (LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS & POLITICAL SCIENCE) 2014, BHSC HONOURS (MCMASTER) 2013
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 Students Association
Alternative Dispute Resolution Club
Artists Legal Advice Services
Asia Law Society
Business Law Society
Black Law Students Association
Board Games Club
Career Development Student Advisory Committee
China Law Project
Christian Legal Fellowship
Criminal Law Students Association
Environmental Law Club
Fashion Law Society
Feminist Law Students Association
Health and Wellness Student Advisory Committee
Indigenous Law Journal
International Law Students Association
Intramural Sports
Jewish Law Students Association
JD/MBA Students Association
Journal of International Law and International Relations
Journal of Law and Equity
Law and Politics Club
Law Follies
Law Games
Litigation Association
Muslim Law Students Association
Natural Resources Law Club
Out in Law
Peer Mentorship Program
South Asian Law Students Association
Spin Law
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 Group
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*.

**1L Core Courses**

- Legal Methods
- Legal Research and Writing
- Constitutional Law
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Legal Process
- Property Law
- Tort Law

**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.
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
- 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 Studies
- 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 to complete a collaborative program, earn an additional certificate or 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 Public Policy
- JD/Master of Social Work
- JD/MA in Criminology
- JD/MA or PhD in Economics
- JD/MA in English
- JD/MA European and Russian Affairs
- JD/Master of Information Studies
- JD/PhD Philosophy
- JD/PhD Political Science

In 2015-2016, our students won six mooting (mock trial) competitions contested by Canadian law schools.

- ARNUP CUP (trial advocacy)
- CORPORATE SECURITIES MOOT
- HAROLD G. FOX INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY MOOT
- JULIUS ALEXANDER ISAAC DIVERSITY MOOT (equity and diversity cases)
- WILSON MOOT (women and minorities cases)
- WARREN K. WINKLER CLASS ACTIONS MOOT
ABORIGINAL LAW PROGRAM

We offer a wide variety of classroom and experiential learning opportunities to students who are interested in Aboriginal issues.

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

They engage with Aboriginal scholars and professionals with activities such as the Gladue Practicum Program and the Aboriginal Peoples and Canadian Law Practicum.

They 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.
TRANSCEND YOUR TEXTBOOKS

Experience hands-on learning in some of North America’s most established public interest programs, clinics and centres

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)
Students focus on international human rights advocacy through clinical projects and working groups that have them advocating before courts and tribunals. In the summer of 2016, the IHRP 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.
CO-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES

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

HANNA 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

CLINICS AND COMMUNITY EXTERNSHIPS
Aboriginal Legal Services clinic
Advocates for Injured Workers clinic
Appellate criminal litigation externship
Barbra Schlifer Commemorative Clinic
City of Toronto municipal law externship
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

GO GLOBAL: STUDY, RESEARCH, WORK
Spend a semester at the top law schools 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
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 eligible law school debt 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 $66,000. After applying for financial aid, she received a bursary of $13,500 (41% of tuition), making her effective tuition $19,800. Here’s how she funds her first year:

Sanjay is leaving the home in Montreal he shares with his parents and a younger sister who is also studying at university. With an annual parental income of $123,000 Sanjay received a bursary of $8,000 (24% of tuition) making his effective tuition $25,300. Here’s how he funds his first year:

NOTE: These are sample plans only your financial aid offering will be assessed based on the information you provide on your financial aid application.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE

FEES & ESTIMATED EXPENSES

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

- 2016-2017 tuition fee: $33,300
- Books and supplies: $1,100
- Incidental and ancillary fees: $1,400
- Room and board (if not at home): $10,500
- Personal expenses: $2,200

ALL FIGURES LISTED ARE IN CANADIAN CURRENCY, ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST $100

NOTE: These are sample plans only your financial aid offering will be assessed based on the information you provide on your financial aid application.
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.

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FINANCIAL AID STATS
2015-2016

$24,490  AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR TUITION AFTER BURSARIES FOR THOSE RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

$9,640  AVERAGE BURSARY (OVERALL THREE YEARS)

$3.2 million+  AWARDRED BURSARIES

$14,600  MAXIMUM BURSARY AWARDED

$9,130  AVERAGE FIRST-YEAR BURSARY

370  # OF STUDENTS WHO APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID

82%  % 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.

LSAP: LAW SCHOOL ACCESS PROGRAM
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.

ABORIGINAL YOUTH SUMMER PROGRAM
law.utoronto.ca/aysp
Aboriginal youth, ages 14-18, from across Canada come to U of T Law for a week to learn about Canadian law and Aboriginal 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. Participants stay on-campus in residence at U of T.

SEE YOURSELF HERE
law.utoronto.ca/syh
Each year, over 100 high school students come 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
Ivy Lawrence Maynier, class of 1945, was the first woman of colour to graduate from U of T Law.

After graduating from McGill University, where she was President of the Women’s Debating Union and the first woman to be awarded the McGill Debating Key, Ivy received a scholarship to attend U of T Law at a time when there were few students of colour.

Her pioneering spirit stayed with her throughout her career. After her call to the bar in England in 1947 and a five year appointment with the United States Information Service in Paris, Ivy moved to Trinidad and Tobago. There she pursued her lifelong passion for adult education and developing courses, programs and lectures that would make university more accessible to marginalized groups and communities in her country.

In 1959 she married a career diplomat and moved to Jamaica where she continued her career in education at the University of the West Indies. Ivy is remembered as a leader who instilled in others the courage to pursue their goals.
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.