

Windsor Law

Social Justice Fellowships

Information Session



Social Justice Fellowship Committee

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Eligibility and Funding

1Ls and 2Ls who
will continue at
Windsor Law in
the 2024-
2025 academic
year

Fellowships will
be awarded in
the amount of
\$10,000 CDN (no
academic credit)

Not considered
income so no
impact on
OSAP/bursary
calculations

Program Mandate

The Social Justice Fellowship program:

- facilitates a sustained and rigorous inquiry into the contexts of socio-legal problems and oppressive dimensions of the law and the legal system, including dispossession, domination, colonization, subordination, privilege, poverty, and racialization and/or occupation, settlement, and conquest;
- promotes and furthers an anti-racist, anti-oppression perspective where the central goal is to engage in transformative systemic change to ameliorate the lived experiences of marginalized people;
- selects students from a pool of outstanding upper year candidates with a demonstrated commitment to anti-racism, anti-oppression, and decolonization; and
- **requires students to satisfy a SUPERVISED RESEARCH PAPER requirement once the fellowship is completed.**

Placements

- Debwewin Summer Program, IJD MAG
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti (IJDH)
- Adayalaam Centre for Policy Research - Sri Lanka
- Law Commission of Ontario
- Organization(s) of the student's choice, to be approved by the SJF Committee

Program Requirements

10 weeks of
full-time work
(35/week) over
the summer
months

Experience
Report

Critical
Reflection
Paper

Supervised
Research Paper
requirement

- Yellowhead Institute
- Indigenous Bar Association
- Spark Law Professional Corporation
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
- Law Commission of Ontario
- Black Life, Arts and Culture
- National Council of Canadian Muslims
- Access Now!
- South Etobicoke Community Legal Clinic
- Barbra Schlifer Clinic
- Amnesty International

- Canadian Institute for the Administration of Justice
- Collective of Child Welfare Survivors
- Integra Health Centre
- Willowdale Community Legal Services
- Durham Community Legal Clinic
- South Asian Legal Clinic
- Canadian Centre for Housing Rights
- Ontario Justice Education Network
- Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
- Advocacy Centre for Tenants Ontario
- Michigan Immigrants Rights Centre
- FCJ Refugee Centre

*2021, 2022, and 2023
Social Justice Placements*



How to Apply

1. Qualtrics survey—Applications are due on **Friday, November 24, 2023 at 12:00pm.**
2. Indicate organization(s) of interest
 - List on webpage of existing and previous placements
 - Connect with Clinical and Experiential Learning Coordinator
3. Prepare application documents
 - One-page cover letter
 - Resume
 - Two references
 - Unofficial transcripts

*consider booking an appointment with Katie Behan, CSO Social Justice Career Advisor, via Symplicity to review your applications materials.

Selection

- Successful candidates will be assigned to an existing fellowship, or
- will seek out a placement at an organization of their choice to be approved by the SJF Committee
- Debwewin has its own application process, due at the start of February
- Debwewin Info session will be held online this January, more details to follow soon.

Faculty Advisors

- Advisor and mentor
- Guidance and feedback on final papers
- Supervised Research Paper requirement

Student Experiences

- Sarika Navanathan
- Luis Lara Palacios
- Jamie Holmes





Guiding Questions

- Reflection on bias and learning
- Reflection on work and supervision
- Reflection on access to justice and structural inequality

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Thank you!

