

Windsor Law

*Social Justice Fellowships*

Information Session



# *Social Justice Fellowship Committee*

- Associate Dean Jillian Rogin, Chair
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# *Administrative Support*

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# *Eligibility and Funding*

1Ls and 2Ls who will  
continue at Windsor  
Law in the 2025-  
2026 academic year

Fellowships will be  
awarded in the  
amount of \$10,000  
CDN with the  
exception of  
Debwewin Placement  
(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
- 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
- Migrant Farmworkers Clinic
- Mental Health Justice Clinic

## *Past Social Justice Placements*





# *How to Apply*

1. Applications are due on **Friday, January 23, 2026** at **4:00pm**.
2. Indicate organization(s) of interest
  - List on webpage of existing and previous placements
  - Connect with Kristijana Gavrovski to help you with the search
3. Prepare application documents
  - One-page cover letter
  - Resume
  - Two references
  - Unofficial transcripts

\*consider booking an appointment with Kristijana Gavrovski, Legal Career Consultant, via Symplicity to review your applications materials and help with interview prep.

# *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 Internal Info session will be held online this November (TBD), more details to follow soon.

# *Faculty Advisors*

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

# *Student Experiences*

- Kimia Tahaei
- Ashley Lee
- Omer Malik
- Aya El-Hashemi
- Maryam Odeh
- Lynn Buschemeyer



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Thank you!

