**United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD)**

International adjudication, policymaking, and disability rights advocacy. Make a real contribution.

Persons with disabilities comprise 15% of the world’s population and over 22% of Canadians. The United Nations enacted the *Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* (CRPD) in 2006. It is the first human rights treaty of the 21st century and focuses on furthering the rights of persons with disabilities around the world. Canada ratified the Convention in 2010.

This Project-Based External Placement provides students with the opportunity to work with Dr. Laverne Jacobs, the first Canadian member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Students will gain an up-close look at the functioning of the UN, adversarial advocacy before it, policymaking and norm generation of disability equality law. Through a seminar and hands on research, students will develop in-depth understanding of disability rights law at the international level. Through reflective work, students will also gain a cloise appreciation of Canadian domestic disability rights law and its relationship to international law.

This Project-Based External Placement is worth four (4) credits. In the Winter semester, students will participate in weekly lectures in preparation for the placement at the UN in Geneva. The placement will fall between March 4-22, 2023. Students will have the opportunity to travel to the UN in Geneva for at least two weeks to take part in this PBEP. 1-2 students will be selected. In order to be eligible for this placement, you must be a 2L or 3L student with interest and/or experience in disability rights law and human rights. Travel expenses will be covered.

**APPLY NOW!**

Applications due by **Monday, November 20th, 2023 at 12:00pm.**

Applications include the following documents, to be uploaded in one pdf:

* A cover letter describing why you would like to be selected for this PBEP placement. Please provide highlights of your experiences and learning that would contribute to a placement. Your letter should be addressed to Dr. Laverne Jacobs.
* Your CV;
* Your transcript (an unofficial transcript will be accepted); and
* A writing sample (max 10 pages, double-spaced).

Please submit using the following form:

<https://uwindsor.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Jvbsz5pftwWLLU>