

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 2025-  
2026 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*

- Justicia/Migrant Farmworkers Clinic
- 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
- IJDH
- 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

*2022, 2023, and 2024  
Social Justice Placements*





# How to Apply

1. Qualtrics survey—Applications are due on **January 24, 2025. To be released sometime in December, an announcement will be made.**
2. Indicate organization(s) of interest
  - List on webpage of existing and previous placements
  - Connect with Clinical and Experiential Learning Coordinator
2. Prepare application documents
  - One-page cover letter
  - Resume
  - **Contact information for two referees**
  - 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

# *Faculty Advisors*

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

# *Student Experiences*

- Meg Gregoire (LCO)
- Elaheh Ahmadi (IJDH)
- Naomi Richardson (ACPR)

Thank  
★ You! ★

# *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!

