About Us

The Canada we live in tomorrow will be shaped by the leaders we nurture today. It’s here—at the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Common Law Section—that our country’s future is being formed. Scholars at the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law are confronting the most pressing issues of the day—from understanding social justice, to reconciliation, to the ethics of artificial intelligence and the regulation of our privacy. And here, in our nation’s capital, steps away from the Supreme Court and Parliament, that young people are being trained in the common law, in both English and French, to create the Canada of tomorrow.

An investment in students is an investment in the future. Supporting a scholarship, prize, or bursary award for the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law ensures that the school can continue to attract and support the best and brightest students. It ensures that students are recognized for their excellence, supported when in financial need, and encourages them to give back when they are able.

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Awards and Prizes
My three years studying law at the University of Ottawa were a truly special time in my life. One of the highlights was discovering and developing my passion for international law. Receiving a prize in this area has helped motivate me to nurture the international law passions of future students—people who, just like me, may not have been exposed to this fascinating field of law before attending law school. I cannot thank enough the generous donors who made this possible for me, and I hope many more students have the same opportunity in the years to come.

Dan Malone

Coming from an immigrant and low income family, I have always struggled to finance my education. Bursaries have helped me get to where I am today. I am the first woman in my family to make it past high school, in my culture and where I come from education is a luxury only a few can afford. I’ve worked for as long as I can remember and I rely heavily on bursaries, scholarships, and loans to be able to make it through school. To be able to make it to law school will always be my biggest achievement. Thank you for allowing people like me to have a fair shot at school, for helping us pay for another semester and for giving us the opportunity to continue on with our studies.

Annie Javaid

Testimonials

The bursary I received has helped me tremendously in my studies. I maintained at least two to three jobs throughout school to support my studies. Working so many jobs while also balancing the rigour of law school definitely took a toll on my personal well-being. But financial support through the school, helped me immensely with balancing these various obligations and also succeeding in my studies. I am so grateful to have received this support. I am hopeful to give back through a bursary in the future too! Thank you so much!

Priya Dube
New awards and bursaries at the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section

McDougall Family Scholarship
Generously supported by the McDougall Family, this is one of the highest value awards in the Common Law Section. Each year 4 students will be awarded up to $20,000 each over the course of their studies. This scholarship was created to support law students who are members of a racialized community, Indigenous, or identify as LGBTQIA2S+.

Common Law Class of 1971 Bursary
This endowed bursary was generously established by the Common Law Section Class of 1971 on the occasion of its 50th anniversary. Together, the class raised over $30,000 to establish this fund, which will award $1,000 each year to a first-year student enrolled in the JD program who demonstrates financial need.

Chad Bayne Entrance Scholarship in Engineering and Law
Established in 2019 to attract talented JD candidates who hold either an undergraduate or a graduate degree in engineering, this entrance scholarship provides $10,000 to an incoming JD student with a degree in engineering who displays academic excellence. This year, Mr. Bayne (LLB ’01) generously pledged additional funds to convert the fund to an endowment to provide long-term support and stability.

Janine and Charles Henry Entrance Scholarship
This new scholarship was generously established by Michael Henry (LLB ’86), founding partner at Howie, Sacks & Henry LLP, to honour the support of his parents during his education. This entrance scholarship will provide $5,000 for a first year JD student who may not have the same opportunities, and whose education would otherwise be compromised.
Wildeboer Dellelce LLP Contract Law Prizes

This Prize was generously created by Wildeboer Dellelce LLP to recognize excellence in contract law and motivate students to excel, and will award $5,000 annually among the highest performing students in each of the first year Contracts courses.

George Hua and Matthew Tai JD Scholarship

Created by recent graduates George Hua (JD ’23) and Matthew Tai (JD ’23), this new scholarship will award $1,000 to a student who demonstrates involvement and leadership in the Chinese community and a commitment to diversity and inclusion. As first-generation law students, George and Matthew cared deeply about achieving excellence and advancing diversity and inclusion in their communities, at the Faculty of Law, and within the legal profession. They hope that this scholarship will encourage others to prioritize leadership and community service in their personal and professional endeavors.

Lambda Scholarship Foundation Canada Common Law Scholarship

Created by the Lambda Scholarship Foundation Canada and generously funded by an anonymous donor and the Lambda Board, this new $1,000 scholarship will support up to five undergraduate Black students at the Faculty of Law, Common Law Section, who identify as LGBTQ2S+.

The Faculty of Law, Common Law Section is grateful to all the donors that support awards, prizes, and bursaries for students in the Common Law section. The full list of available awards and details can be found online https://www.uottawa.ca/faculty-law/common-law/financial-aid-bursaries.
Thank you for supporting the future leaders of tomorrow.

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