

Student Testimonials - Summer Fellowship 2023



Name: Hanaa Ameer

Year and Program: 2L, English Common Law

Fellowship: Amatul Rahman Malik Justice Fellowship

Host Placement: Legal Affairs Department at the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM)

Testimonial

As the recipient of the Amatul Rahman Malik Justice Fellowship, I spent my summer working in the Legal Affairs Department at the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM). The NCCM is a non profit organization with a mission to protect Canadian human rights and combat Islamophobia. I have an interest in human rights law and the fellowship allowed me to explore this area early in my legal career. Notably, I assisted my supervising lawyer in drafting a community impact statement for a mosque in Mississauga, Ontario where congregants were attacked during prayer. I highlighted the need to protect and uphold the Charter protected right, freedom of religion, explaining how the attack affected Muslim communities across Canada. Through this experience I witnessed the injustices that Muslims across Canada face everyday while learning about the legal and non-legal remedies available to help them. The fellowship allowed me to enhance my legal writing and research skills while understanding how access to justice initiatives can change the lives of people across the country. I would highly recommend the Amatul Rahman Malik Justice Fellowship to any student interested in advancing human rights for Muslim communities in North America.



Name: Rutvi Patel

Year and Program: 2L, English Common Law

Fellowship: Amatul Rahman Malik Social Justice Fellowship

Host Placement: The South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO)

Testimonial

I received the Amatul Rahman Malik Social Justice Fellowship and spent the summer working at the South Asian Legal Clinic of Ontario (SALCO). During my time at SALCO I was able to gain valuable client facing skills by working with individuals to build their case from the ground up. I was also able to build on my legal research and writing skills by learning how to draft motion briefs, produce demand letters, and research complex legal questions in several different areas of the law. As an aspiring litigator, the highlight of my fellowship was being able to attend multiple hearings before the Social Benefits Tribunal where I got to see advocates in action!

As a first-generation immigrant, I aspired to be a lawyer because I saw the hardships my parents faced when trying to access legal help. I will forever be grateful for receiving this fellowship because it gave me the opportunity to help so many individuals who also had difficulty accessing legal aid. The hands-on learning experience I gained at SALCO has taught me how to be a client-centered lawyer, helped strengthen my analytical thinking.

Témoignage étudiant·es - Bourse de stage d'été 2023



Nom: Dalia Dadi

Année et Programme: 2e, programme common law

Bourse de stage: Bourse de stage Fonds Nicole LaViolette

Placement: l'Association Nationale Femmes et Droit (ANFD)

Témoignage

La Bourse de stage Fonds Nicole LaViolette m'a permis de réaliser un stage extrêmement enrichissant auprès de l'Association Nationale Femmes et Droit (ANFD), un organisme dont je partage la vision et les valeurs, ainsi que d'acquérir de l'expérience juridique dès ma première année de droit. Les expériences dans le domaine du droit sont rares pour les étudiants de première année, et beaucoup de ces opportunités sont auprès d'organismes à but non lucratif n'ayant pas les fonds pour offrir un salaire à leurs stagiaires. Grâce à la bourse de stage Fonds Nicole LaViolette, je n'ai pas eu à choisir entre ma situation financière et de l'expérience de travail édifiante.