

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:



Justice Education Fellowships 2017–18

The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) proudly invites applications from Ontario law students for its Justice Education Fellowships 2017–18.

Fellowship Period: May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

Eligibility: 4 positions are available in total. All applicants should be entering 2L, 3L, or an LLM in the 2017–18 school year. We will accept one (1) Fellow from each eligible Faculty of Law:

Lakehead University Faculty of Law

Queen's University Faculty of Law

University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (Common Law section)

University of Western Ontario

Compensation: \$1000 honorarium

Application Deadline: March 6, 2017

OJEN is a charitable not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with a province-wide mandate. We develop innovative educational tools that introduce young people to the justice system, help them understand the law, and build their legal capability. We work to help prepare young people to manage the legal aspects of problems that arise in their own lives. Our programs are delivered across Ontario by a staff of 14 and a pool of approximately 1200 justice sector volunteers, including judges, lawyers, police officers, and law students.

Thousands of high school students and their teachers participate in OJEN programs each year. We also partner with community organizations, after-school groups, and summer programs to bring our workshops to hundreds of youth in under-served communities.

OJEN's approach to justice education is not just about giving youth information about the law; it's also about creating a forum for addressing difficult issues. When justice sector volunteers (like lawyers, judges, and paralegals) attend our programs, they share their knowledge and experience of working in the legal system. Youth participants, in turn, share their lived experiences and knowledge of their communities. Both volunteers and youth participants have an opportunity to challenge their assumptions of one another and to build better relationships. For more information, please see our website at www.ojen.ca.

This year, OJEN has created Justice Education Fellowships to expand the reach of our programs and offer in-depth public legal education training to a select group of law students. This will include focused skill development in communications, community outreach, and plain language work. We will accept one Fellow from each participating law school (including Queen's University, the University of Ottawa, Lakehead University, and the University of Western Ontario).

For 2017–18, Justice Education Fellows will be expected to:

- Co-ordinate a minimum of three (3) justice education programs for youth in their local area during the Fellowship period;
- Communicate regularly with the Fellowship supervisor;
- Attend conference calls of all Justice Education Fellows at Ontario law schools (as required, but no more than monthly);
- Complete training and professional development activities as assigned, including a two-day intensive training in May;
- Sit on the Local OJEN Committee, if one exists, and support its activity;
- Collect and report evaluation data on local justice education programs; and
- Contribute to OJEN's emerging projects, policy development, and strategic planning.

With the exception of training, Local OJEN Committee meetings (monthly at most), and Fellowship conference calls, Justice Education Fellows may set their own work schedules. In order to accommodate end of term exams, no work or correspondence are required during the months of December and April.

To apply, please send the following to info@ojen.ca, addressed to the attention of Michelle Thompson, with the subject line "Justice Education Fellow: [school name]":

- A covering letter;
- A CV;
- An academic transcript from your law school; and
- 1 letter of reference.

A small number of candidates will be selected for an interview. Interviews will take place by phone or Skype during the week of **March 13–17, 2017**.