

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:



# Justice Education Fellowship 2020–21

The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) invites applications from Ontario law students for its Justice Education Fellowships 2020–21.

**Fellowship Period:** May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be registered students at an Ontario law school in the 2020–21 standard academic year. All programming will be carried out in the city or county of your law school, but there are no restrictions on where applicants will be located during the summer. We do, however, require all applicants to attend a weekend training session in Toronto in June or July, timing TBD with accepted students (travel costs to be covered by OJEN for any students within Ontario).

**Positions Available:** One (1) Fellowship is available at each eligible law school:

- Queen's University Faculty of Law
- University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
- Lakehead University's Bora Laskin Faculty of Law
- University of Toronto Faculty of Law
- Osgoode Hall Law School
- University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law

**Compensation:** \$1000 honorarium

**Application Deadline:** Friday, March 13, 2020, 9:00 AM

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, and to explore our programming options, please see our website at [www.ojen.ca](http://www.ojen.ca).

OJEN's Justice Education Fellowships expand the reach of our programs and allow us to offer in-depth public legal education training to a select group of law students. This will include focused skill development in communications, community outreach, public speaking, and plain language work. We will offer supplementary professional development opportunities based on Fellows' needs and interests.

The 2020–21 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, at least one of which is classroom-based and in the Fall semester;
- Communicate regularly with the Fellowship supervisor;
- Participate in monthly group check-in and/or professional development calls;
- Complete training and professional development activities as assigned, including a two-day intensive training in June or July;
- Sit on OJEN's local justice education committee, if one exists in the local area; and
- Collect and report evaluation data on local justice education programs.

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 a cover letter and resume to [info@ojen.ca](mailto:info@ojen.ca), addressed to the attention of Kristy Pagnutti, with the subject line "Justice Education Fellow: [school name]". A small number of candidates will be selected for an interview. Interviews will take place by phone or Skype on **March 16–20, 2020**.