

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:

Justice Education Fellowship 2022–23



The Ontario Justice Education Network (OJEN) invites applications from Ontario paralegal students and law school students for its Justice Education Fellowships 2022–23.

Fellowship Period: May 2, 2022 – May 5, 2023

Eligibility: Applicants must be registered students at an Ontario college in a paralegal certificate program or an Ontario law school in the 2022–23 standard academic year. At this point in time, we anticipate that all programming will be online. If circumstances permit, programming should be carried out in the city or county of your school, but there are no restrictions on where applicants may be located during the summer. All applicants are required to attend an online training session over a weekend in June or July, timing TBD with accepted students. We prioritize safety for our staff and students during COVID–19 and will continue to adapt expectations based on the evolving public health situation.

Positions Available: One (1) Fellowship is available at each eligible Ontario college or law school:

- An Ontario college with an accredited paralegal certificate program (2 positions)
- Queen’s University Faculty of Law
- University of Ottawa Faculty of Law
- Bora Laskin Faculty of Law, Lakehead University
- University of Toronto Faculty of Law
- Osgoode Hall Law School
- University of Western Ontario Faculty of Law
- Lincoln Alexander School of Law at Ryerson University
- University of Windsor Faculty of Law

Compensation: \$1000 honorarium

Application Deadline: Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 10:00pm

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, paralegals, police officers, and 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.

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 paralegal students and 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 2022–23 Justice Education Fellows will be expected to:

- Co-ordinate a minimum of three (3) justice education programs for youth during the Fellowship period (likely online in this case), using OJEN's program templates;
- Communicate regularly with the Fellowship supervisor;
- Participate in 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 month of December and the exam period in April.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resume to 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 zoom between **March 14 – March 25, 2022**.