



The Faculty of Law's Aboriginal Youth Summer Program

The Aboriginal Youth Summer Program (AYSP) is a new program offered by the U of T Faculty of Law for Aboriginal high school students who are interested in the study of law. Participating students will spend a week living on-campus at U of T and will explore a wide range of aspects of law and justice, and how they intertwine with the lives of Aboriginal Peoples. The Faculty is pleased to offer fully-subsidized spots to twenty Aboriginal youth in the summer of 2012.

The Aboriginal Youth Summer Program (AYSP) invites Aboriginal students currently enrolled in grades 10, 11 and 12 to spend one week at the Faculty of Law discussing legal concepts, learning about the reality of the Canadian legal system, and applying their knowledge to a variety of stimulating environments. There will be a strong focus on the intersection of law and the lives and circumstances of Aboriginal Peoples.

For Aboriginal high school students interested in the law and legal issues that affect their communities, the AYSPP offers an unprecedented opportunity to spend time in the fascinating world of Canadian and international law, legal thinking and advocacy. Taught by law students, professors, judges and lawyers, session topics may feature criminal justice, including sentencing and bail under Gladue court principles; property and Aboriginal title; constitutional law and the rights of Indigenous Peoples; international Aboriginal law; and intersections between Wampum and the common law. Students will observe these principles in action with field trips to such places as Toronto's Old City Hall Courthouse, Gladue Court, Aboriginal Legal Services Toronto, and Canada's premiere Aboriginal law firms.

In addition to the enriching academic content, students get a taste of university life, with classes held in law classrooms at the Faculty of Law, accommodation and meals at the University of Toronto's New College student dorms and participating in events that showcase the immeasurable cultural opportunities offered by city of Toronto.

During the AYSPP you will:

- Gain exposure to post-secondary education and law school
- Learn from Aboriginal law students, professors, judges and lawyers
- Step into the shoes of a lawyer and immerse yourself in the practice of law
- Hone your debating and analytic skills, and start "thinking like a lawyer"
- Go behind the scenes at some of Canada's largest courts and most prestigious Aboriginal law firms
- Share ideas with other high school students from across Ontario
- Apply what you learn through immersive, realistic, and complex legal simulations
- Receive valuable academic enrichment and career guidance





Accommodation and Food

During their stay at the University of Toronto, students live in the safe and secure environment of the New College Dormitory. New College is located on the University of Toronto's St. George Campus, where it houses over 850 undergraduate students each year. While living at New College, AYSP students gain first-hand experience of university life.

*There is a mixture of single and double rooms at New College. Room requests will be filled based on availability.

Each room has:

- Single Bed(s)
- Air-conditioning
- Desk + Desk Chair
- Wardrobe with a Mirror
- Side Chair
- Telephone
- High Speed Internet Dataport
- Window

The newly renovated Audrey Taylor Dining Hall provides students with a comfortable dining area to enjoy our "all-you-can-eat" menu. New College's unique "display style" kitchen, allows students to watch as professional chefs prepare delicious daily entrees at the Pizzarette, Grille, Classics, and International Food stations.

To complement the main dishes, students have unlimited access to a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, salad bar, drinks, daily soup selections, and everybody's favorite – the dessert and ice-cream bar.

Events and Supervision

In the evenings, students participate in activities that allow them to explore Toronto while getting to know their new friends. The events offer students the opportunity to visit many of Toronto's most popular destinations, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Eaton Centre, and the Toronto Harbourfront. Aboriginal culture will also be a focus, with opportunities to visit the various Indigenous centres in and around Toronto. Students will also enjoy interactive events led by our incredible staff of counsellors.

All events and trips are led by enthusiastic Canadian university students who act as counsellors and ensure the safety of all students. These counsellors are responsible for supervising the students during activities. Counsellors live in the residence with the students and have "on-call" duties to ensure that students observe curfew times and have someone to contact in case of overnight emergency.



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