



Innocence Canada is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications from law students (1st and 2nd year) for summer fellowship positions.

Location: Remote or Toronto, Ontario

Start date: May 2021

Duration of internship: 3 months

Hours per week: 35 hours

Application deadline: February 26, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. (EST)

Preamble:

Innocence Canada is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to assisting innocent individuals who have been wrongly convicted of serious offences, particularly homicides. Since 1993, Innocence Canada has played a leading role both in rectifying wrongful convictions and in identifying their systemic causes. Innocence Canada has been directly involved in most high-profile Canadian cases of wrongful conviction, including those of: Guy Paul Morin, Steven Truscott, Glen Assoun, and William Mullins-Johnson. Innocence Canada's established reputation for criminal justice expertise and advocacy extends to governments, legal entities, and other not-for-profit organizations at the provincial, federal and international levels.

Nature of Fellowship:

Students will split their time between Innocence Canada's two mandates: cases of wrongful conviction and education on wrongful convictions.

Students will work with Innocence Canada's staff lawyers to provide legal services for the purposes of establishing that a wrongful conviction has occurred and exonerating that wrongly convicted person. They will also work with Innocence Canada's Director of Education to research and develop educational programming with the goal of preventing future wrongful convictions.

Through their case and education work, in partnership with staff lawyers, experts and case reviewers at Innocence Canada, students learn about the criminal justice process, the correctional system, the rules of evidence, aspects of forensic investigation and other related matters. What students take away from this work is a deeper understanding of criminal law and the importance of getting it right the first time.

In 2021, the projects may include:

- Case work, including preparing intake files, reviewing applications, liaising with counsel, and identifying and locating relevant transcripts and reports
- Creation of course material on influences and causes of wrongful convictions
- Creation of online training materials for actors in the criminal justice system
- Presenting legal education workshops to high school students in Ontario
- Legal research on specific criminal law issues related to wrongful conviction applications currently adopted by Innocence Canada

Remuneration:

Fellowship positions with Innocence Canada are unpaid. Students may apply for funding or credit through any applicable program available to them. We encourage students to speak with their Career Development Office in order to determine what funding or credit opportunities are available. Innocence Canada will support students in their application process.

Application Requirements:

Applications must be submitted **as a single pdf file** with the following application materials in order listed:

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. One letter of reference
4. Writing sample (3 pages of a memo or research paper written by you alone)

Please use “2021 Fellowship Application” as your subject line. Ability to speak, read and write French will be an asset. We thank all applicants for their interest in Innocence Canada and its work, but only applicants selected for interviews will be contacted.

Submit applications to:

Stéphanie Nowak, Director of Education, snowak@innocencecanada.com

Innocence Canada is an equal opportunity employer.