

# Innocence Canada



2021-2022 Articling Position

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**Employer:** Innocence Canada

**Location:** Toronto, Ontario

**Start Date:** August 2021

**Remuneration:** \$51,000 + benefits and licensing fees (10-month articling term)

**Application Deadline:** Friday, September 25, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Note that Innocence Canada's Articling Student recruitment process follows the policies and procedures as outlined by the Law Society of Ontario.

**Address Applications to:**

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**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, 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.

**Responsibilities:**

The articling student will assist in reviewing claims of wrongful conviction and, where applicable, in preparing for the litigation of those claims. This work will include managing case files, preparing legal research, and working collaboratively with Innocence Canada staff and pro-bono lawyers in the development of strategies for pursuing claims of wrongful conviction. Given that Innocence Canada is a national organization, French language proficiency will be considered an asset.

The student may also be involved with Innocence Canada's ongoing contribution to policy and law reform discussions relevant to the field of wrongful convictions and criminal justice in general. There is a possibility of involvement in matters before the courts related to specific Innocence Canada applicants or cases in which we are intervening.

The student will mainly be located at the office of Innocence Canada, however will on occasion be on assignment at the offices of other senior counsel as required. The student will also work closely with many of Innocence Canada's pro-bono counsel, who are drawn from the ranks of Canada's most accomplished criminal lawyers. The student will report to the Case Management Counsel and Director of Education at Innocence Canada's office.

**Application Requirements:**

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

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Law school transcripts (photocopy of official)
4. Postgraduate transcripts if applicable (photocopy of official)
5. Undergraduate transcripts (photocopy of official)
6. Two letters of reference
7. Writing sample (3-10 pages of a memo or research paper written by you alone)

**This position has been made available through The Law Foundation of Ontario, Public Interest Articling Fellowships program.**

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