



Summer 2026 Law Fellowships

Application Deadline: Friday, January 16, 2026 at 11:59pm EST

We are looking for law students who are passionate about social justice and wrongful conviction advocacy to join our team this summer!

Innocence Canada is a national non-profit organization dedicated to overturning wrongful convictions in Canada. Over the past 32 years, we have helped exonerate 33 people across the country and have over 100 cases in various stages of review. Wrongful conviction work is a highly specialized area of criminal law and we focus exclusively on homicide cases. We are a national leader in wrongful conviction education and reform, regularly lending our expertise to academic institutions, government bodies, and legal entities.

Fellowship Overview

Our Summer Law Fellowship offers law students the unique opportunity to develop their legal and professional skills while learning the intricacies of post-conviction work in Canada. It runs **full-time from mid-May to late August 2026**.

Fellowship students at Innocence Canada support our casework and legal education portfolios. On the casework side, students assist our legal team with post-conviction investigations, gaining hands-on experience analyzing case files, reviewing disclosure, and conducting legal research. On the education side, students support our legal education initiatives, which can include program and curriculum development for law students and lawyers, and training for criminal legal system professionals.

Given the nature of our work, this is a hybrid position out of our Toronto office, however, full remote work is possible for the right candidate.

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled in a JD or LLB program at an accredited law school
- Passionate about criminal law and wrongful conviction advocacy
- Demonstrated knowledge of Innocence Canada's mandate and work
- Familiarity with post-conviction work in Canada and the exoneration process
- Demonstrated knowledge of Canadian criminal law, including criminal law focused casework
- Case file management in a legal setting (preferred)
- Proficient in French (preferred)
- Strong skillset in all of the following areas: critical thinking, problem-solving, legal research and writing, taking initiative, working independently, and working collaboratively in a small team environment



Application Process

Your application package must include the following:

1. **Cover Letter:** one page maximum, size 12 font, addressed to Abigail Miller, Manager of Education.
2. **Curriculum Vitae:** two pages maximum.
3. **Post-Secondary Transcripts:** inclusive of law school, undergraduate, and any other applicable transcripts (e.g., graduate school, college, etc.). Unofficial transcripts are acceptable.
4. **Two References:** Provide two academic and/or employment reference letters.

How to Submit Your Application

1. Compile your application into one PDF document.
2. Using your school email, email your application package to education@innocencecanada.com.
3. In the subject line of your email, include your name and "Summer Fellowship Application 2026".

Interviews

We anticipate conducting interviews in early to mid-February. All interviews will be conducted via Zoom.

*Due to a large volume of applications, **only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted.***

Compensation/Funding

To facilitate multiple fellowship positions, successful candidate(s) must apply for external funding from their law school. Most law schools have funding for summer fellowships, and your Career Office will be able to provide you with details, including deadlines, on how to apply. Our Manager of Education is happy to assist you in this process. If your school has an upcoming deadline, please note that in both the body of your email and your cover letter. If you are unable to secure funding through your school, Innocence Canada will subsidize your fellowship (we will require documentation noting that you attempted to secure funding through your school).

Contact

Please direct all questions and inquiries to Innocence Canada's Manager of Education, Abigail Miller at amiller@innocencecanada.com.

Accommodations

We are an equal opportunity employer and encourage applications from everyone who meets the criteria set out in this posting. If you require accommodations for the application process, please reach out to Abigail Miller at the email listed above.