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# THE PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

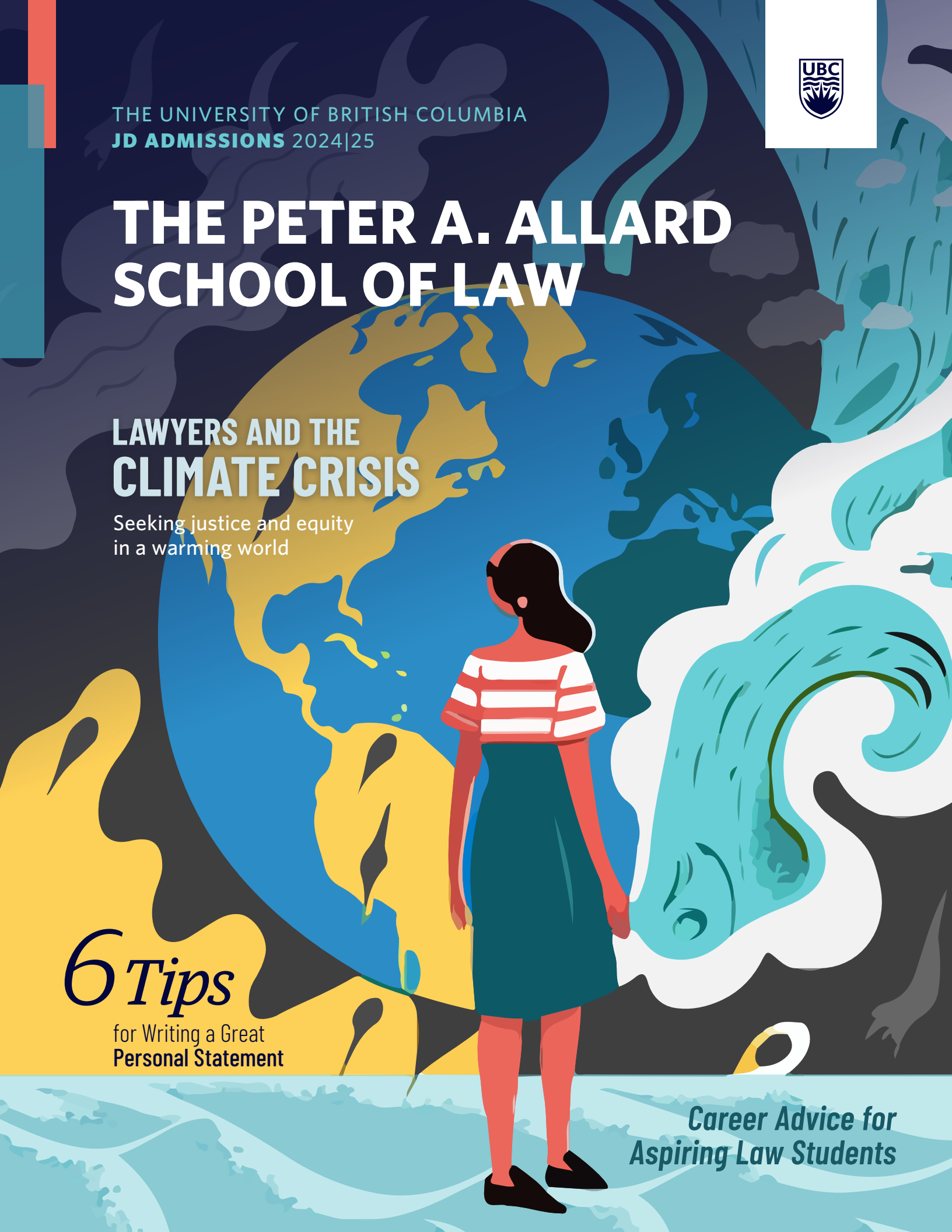
## LAWYERS AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Seeking justice and equity  
in a warming world

*6 Tips*

for Writing a Great  
Personal Statement

*Career Advice for  
Aspiring Law Students*







*Between classes, the Martha Piper Plaza Fountain — located in the center of campus — turns on to tell you how much time you have to get to class.*





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The House Post of 'qiyāplenəx' (Capilano), carved by Musqueam artist Brent Sparrow Jr., represents the historic and ongoing relationship between the Peter A. Allard School of Law and the Musqueam people in the pursuit of Indigenous justice and education.

The Peter A. Allard School of Law is located on the UBC Point Grey (Vancouver) campus, which sits on the traditional, ancestral, unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) First Nation. The land we are situated on has always been a place of learning for the Musqueam, who for millennia have passed on their culture, history and traditions from one generation to the next on this site.





# Commitment to Truth and Reconciliation

**The challenge of reconciliation is for all Canadians, all law schools and all lawyers. At the Allard School of Law, we are committed to meeting this challenge and to providing the educational foundation for young lawyers to contribute to reconciliation throughout their careers.**

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Call to Action number 28 specifically addresses Canadian law schools, ensuring that all law students take a course in Aboriginal people and the law. Allard Law's Indigenous Settler Legal Relations course builds on Call to Action 28, but the relationship of legal education to the Commission's Calls to Action neither begins nor ends here.

Law mediates the relationship between Indigenous peoples and their governments and Canadian governments on local, provincial and national levels, and we are committed to training lawyers, Indigenous and non-Indigenous alike, who will respond to the Calls to Action and to the challenge of reconciliation. Reconciliation demands that we integrate Indigenous perspectives into all our courses, and we continue to work to meet this objective.

The Reconciliation Pole, carved by 7idansuu (Edenshaw), James Hart, Haida Hereditary Chief and Master Carver, encourages everyone who comes across it to learn more about the history of Indian residential schools and to understand their role in reconciliation.  
*Photo: Hover Collective / UBC Brand & Marketing*



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EXPERIENCE.**



## YOUR JOURNEY

### YEAR 1

Build a solid foundation in legal principles through a thorough curriculum taught by inspiring faculty experts.

First-year core courses include Aboriginal and Treaty Rights, Advocacy, Contracts, Criminal Law & Procedure, Indigenous Settler Legal Relations, Introduction to Public Law and the Charter, Legal Research & Writing, Property Law, and Torts.

Learn in small cohorts to build life-long friendships and connections that fuel success.

Find the career you want with the support of a dedicated team of Career Services professionals who will work with you throughout your law school journey.

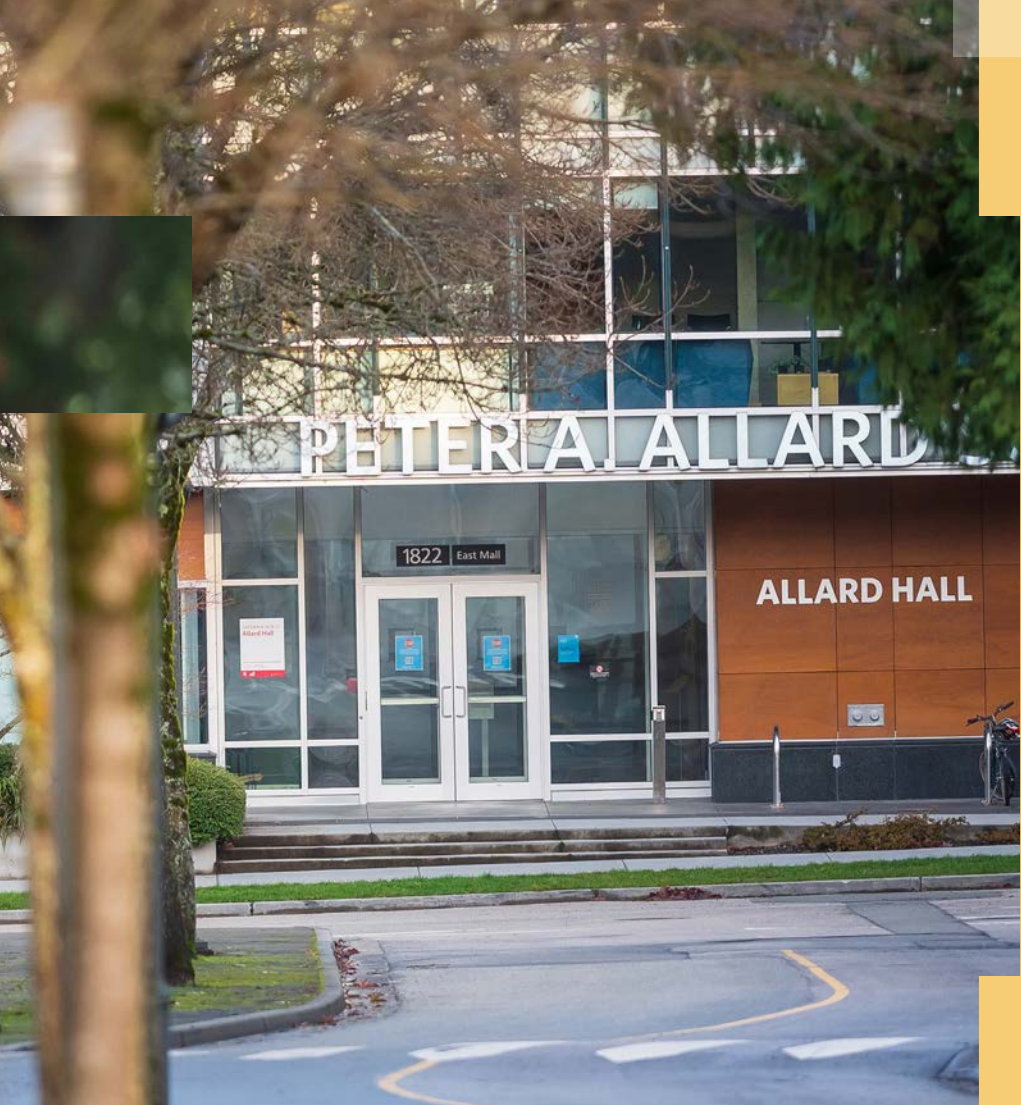
### YEAR 2 AND 3

Expand your interests through an expansive offering of mandatory and elective upper-year courses.

Build your practical experience and apply your classroom learning to real-life situations through an array of clinical programs, moots and experiential courses.

Hone your skills and deepen your knowledge by completing an optional concentration or specialization.





## CONCENTRATIONS AND SPECIALIZATIONS

Specialization in Indigenous  
Legal Studies

Business Law Concentration

Specialization in Law  
& Social Justice

Specialization in Environmental and  
Natural Resource Law

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**ALLARD.UBC.CA/CONCENTRATION**

## JOINT-DEGREES WITH PARTNER UNIVERSITIES

University of Hong Kong (LLB/JD)  
Melbourne Law School (JD/LLM)

## GRADUATION AND BEYOND

Go on exchange to leading law schools around the world through our Go Global Program.

*Go on exchange at one of our numerous partner universities around the world, including the University of Copenhagen in Denmark or Keio University in Japan.*



With the support of our Career Services Office, over 99% of graduates from the class of 2023 who were seeking articling positions were able to secure an articling position within nine months of graduation.

Join a community of more than 350,000 UBC alumni and over 11,000 Allard Law alumni working in all areas of the legal profession around the globe.

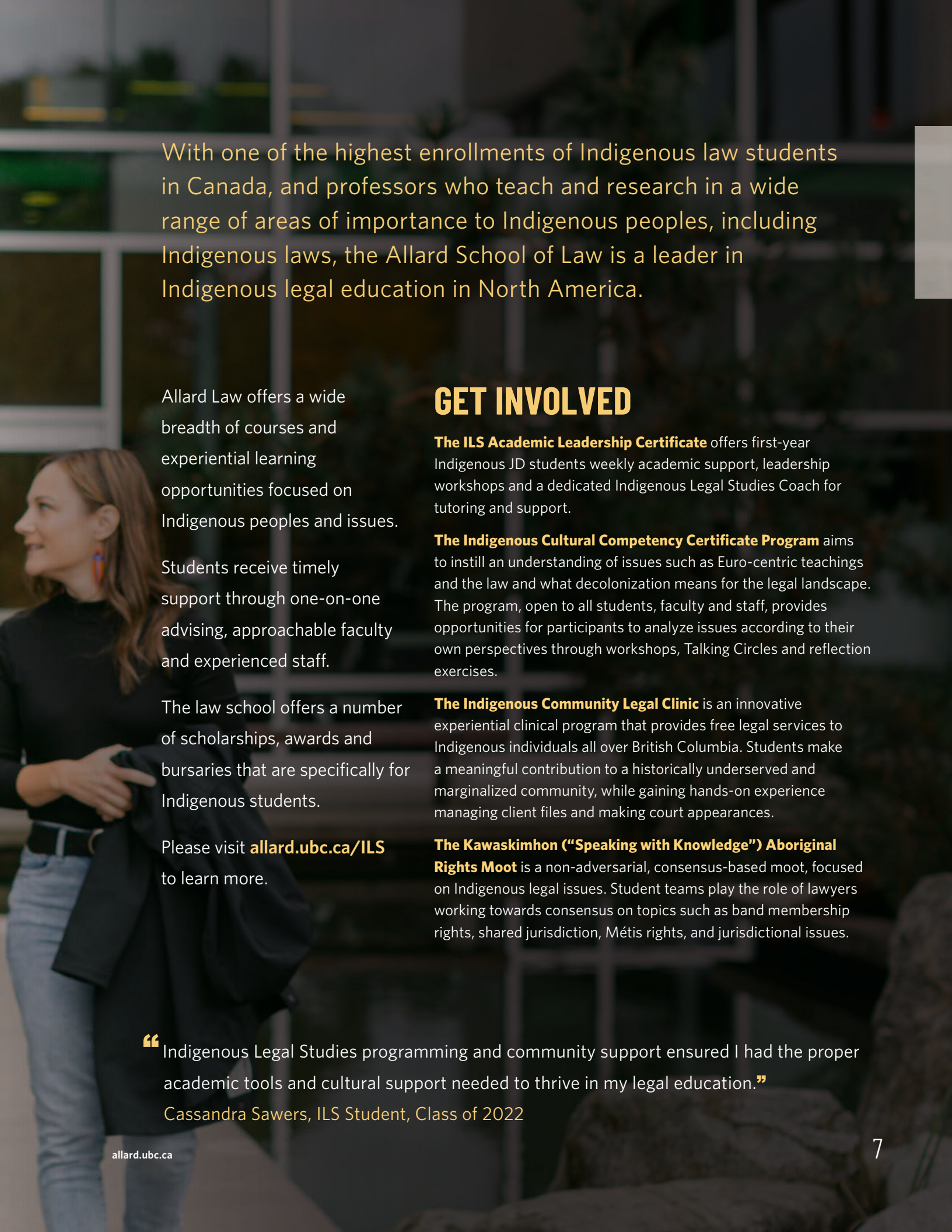
Notable alumni include Chief Justices of the Supreme Court of Canada, a former Prime Minister of Canada, Attorney Generals of Canada, ambassadors and diplomats, government leaders, executive directors of non-profits, CEOs of multinational corporations, and internationally acclaimed authors.



# INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES







With one of the highest enrollments of Indigenous law students in Canada, and professors who teach and research in a wide range of areas of importance to Indigenous peoples, including Indigenous laws, the Allard School of Law is a leader in Indigenous legal education in North America.

Allard Law offers a wide breadth of courses and experiential learning opportunities focused on Indigenous peoples and issues.

Students receive timely support through one-on-one advising, approachable faculty and experienced staff.

The law school offers a number of scholarships, awards and bursaries that are specifically for Indigenous students.

Please visit [allard.ubc.ca/ILS](https://allard.ubc.ca/ILS) to learn more.

## GET INVOLVED

**The ILS Academic Leadership Certificate** offers first-year Indigenous JD students weekly academic support, leadership workshops and a dedicated Indigenous Legal Studies Coach for tutoring and support.

**The Indigenous Cultural Competency Certificate Program** aims to instill an understanding of issues such as Euro-centric teachings and the law and what decolonization means for the legal landscape. The program, open to all students, faculty and staff, provides opportunities for participants to analyze issues according to their own perspectives through workshops, Talking Circles and reflection exercises.

**The Indigenous Community Legal Clinic** is an innovative experiential clinical program that provides free legal services to Indigenous individuals all over British Columbia. Students make a meaningful contribution to a historically underserved and marginalized community, while gaining hands-on experience managing client files and making court appearances.

**The Kawaskimhon (“Speaking with Knowledge”) Aboriginal Rights Moot** is a non-adversarial, consensus-based moot, focused on Indigenous legal issues. Student teams play the role of lawyers working towards consensus on topics such as band membership rights, shared jurisdiction, Métis rights, and jurisdictional issues.

“Indigenous Legal Studies programming and community support ensured I had the proper academic tools and cultural support needed to thrive in my legal education.”

Cassandra Sawers, ILS Student, Class of 2022



# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Step outside the lecture hall and develop your skills with hands-on, real-life opportunities. Our diverse programs will help you find your interests and gain the confidence and experience employers are seeking.

**COMPLETE YOUR MANDATORY EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT BY CHOOSING A WIDE VARIETY OF CLINICS, EXTERNSHIPS OR MOOTS DURING YOUR 2ND OR 3RD YEAR.**



# CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

By working in one of our legal clinics, you will gain practical skills such as legal drafting and evidence analysis and learn how to advocate for clients before the courts and tribunals. You will also make a significant contribution to providing access to justice by serving community members who would otherwise be unable to afford legal services. When participating in our externship programs, you will gain valuable experience in a specific practice area while working alongside lawyers and judges.

## BUSINESS LAW CLINIC

Students provide supervised, business-oriented legal advice to small businesses, entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations.

## CORPORATE COUNSEL EXTERNSHIP

Students are placed in the legal department of a business where they learn directly from experienced corporate counsel in a supportive educational environment and apply concepts learned in the classroom to practical legal and business matters.

## CRIMINAL CLINIC

Students work as counsel on a number of criminal files, as either defense counsel or Crown counsel. Students' work focuses on trial preparation, plea negotiations and conducting trials and sentencing hearings.

## JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP

Students work for a group of provincial court judges and engage in legal research and memoranda drafting and editing.

## INDIGENOUS COMMUNITY LEGAL CLINIC

The Clinic serves the Indigenous community. Students focus on representing persons in numerous areas of law, including Indigenous legal issues, criminal charges, civil claims, family law, residential tenancy, wills and access to social assistance.

## UBC INNOCENCE PROJECT

Students focus on investigating whether a wrongful conviction of serious crimes may have occurred, evaluating new evidence, and assisting in making innocence applications to the Department of Justice.

## INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND HUMAN RIGHTS CLINIC

Students work on pressing human rights and global justice concerns through hands-on work on international cases and projects.

## RISE WOMEN'S LEGAL CLINIC

Students help provide legal advice to clients of low to moderate income who identify as women, with a focus on family law matters and practice in related areas of law.

## LAW STUDENTS' LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM

Students help provide legal research, representation and advocacy services to low-income residents of the Greater Vancouver region on a range of civil and criminal matters.

“Working at Rise Women’s Legal Clinic provided an invaluable opportunity to gain experience applying the law outside of the classroom and to help women in need of legal guidance — all while receiving expert mentorship from my supervising lawyers.”

Hannah Goodridge  
Class of 2023

**FIND THE EXPERIENTIAL COMPONENT THAT’S RIGHT FOR YOU. LEARN MORE AT [ALLARD.UBC.CA/EXPERIENTIAL](https://allard.ubc.ca/experiential)**





*Allard Law's 2022 Wilson Moot team at Allard Hall, with professor and coach Hoi Kong (centre).*

## MOOT COURT

Gain valuable courtroom experience by participating in a simulated court hearing (moot) in your first year. You'll also have the chance to participate in a moot in second or third year as part of Allard Law's experiential learning program.

Coached by professors and practicing lawyers, you'll gain experience analyzing complex issues and making written and oral arguments — skills that will put you on the path to becoming a great lawyer.





“Experiential learning opportunities are one of the best ways to experience different aspects of legal practice while in law school. The skills and confidence you gain from a mooting experience are invaluable. It may seem intimidating, but everyone around you — including your teammates, coaches, volunteers and judge — want to see you learn, grow, and succeed.”

Jayden Friesen-Kehler,  
Allard Law student

*JD students Na Young Bae (left) and Jayden Friesen-Kehler (right) after the MacIntyre Cup moot held in Calgary, Alberta.*

Last year, upper-year students could choose to apply to participate in one of more than 10 different moots, including:

**THE JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COMPETITION** is the largest moot court competition, with over 700 law school teams competing annually. Student teams take sides in fictional disputes between countries, focused on timely issues of public international law.

**THE JULIUS ALEXANDER ISAAC MOOT** is a competitive moot typically held at the Ontario Court of Appeal, administered by the Black Law Students' Association of Canada. The moot focuses on issues of equity and diversity, often incorporating elements of critical race theory into the problem.

**THE GALE MOOT COMPETITION** is a national moot that attracts teams from across Canada. Student teams focus on a criminal law topic, often involving the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Final rounds are argued before at least one Supreme Court of Canada Justice.

**THE CANADIAN CORPORATE AND SECURITIES LAW COMPETITION** provides an opportunity to meet — formally and informally — with judges, corporate and securities regulators, academics and practitioners to debate legal issues of importance to the Canadian business community.

**GET A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH OF OUR MOOTS AND LEARN MORE AT [ALLARD.UBC.CA/MOOTS](http://ALLARD.UBC.CA/MOOTS)**



# LAWYERS AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Seeking justice and equity  
in a warming world





The ongoing impacts of climate change are seen and felt in every corner of the planet, and collective action is urgently needed. The transition to global net-zero carbon economy will require skilled leaders in all fields, including the legal profession.



**Dr. Carol Liao**, a professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, is an expert on corporate law, sustainability and climate governance. She discusses how lawyers and law students can make a difference in the fight against climate change.

When most people think about fighting climate change, law may not be the first profession that comes to mind. What role do lawyers play in the climate crisis?

Climate impacts on the law and legal practice are not limited to the traditional field of environmental law.

In the past few years, the world has seen some startling extreme weather events — out-of-control wildfires, record-breaking heat, hurricanes and severe flooding — to name just a few. Climate change is becoming so bad now that it is disrupting financial systems and altering the legal landscape. It would be irresponsible for lawyers to ignore the risks to their clients in the face of this existential threat.

Whether or not lawyers choose to take an active role in the energy transition towards a net-zero carbon economy, they need to understand the climate-related risks and opportunities posed upon their clients to provide competent legal advice.

The legal sector can also look inwards at its collective carbon footprint — and the business of law — to align with other industries in transforming to sustainable practices.

What connections exist between equity, sustainability and climate change in business? How do you see lawyers impacting this in the future?

Climate change disproportionately affects Indigenous peoples and their territories. There are also gender-differentiated



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impacts, racial disparities, and harms put upon the most vulnerable in our communities including children, people with disabilities, and people living in poverty.

Lawyers are the ones defending human rights and Indigenous rightsholders and bringing forward new constitutional and regulatory challenges. They are the key drafters in facilitating resource development projects and renewable energy projects that are vital to a just transition.

Right now, climate change is creating a new demand for lawyers at every stage of the decarbonization process. There is a great need for lawyers to understand evolving legal and regulatory demands for businesses and how to mitigate and adapt in this climate emergency, with equity issues at the forefront.

How effective the world is in mitigating emissions today will dictate the legacy left for future generations. These next few years are crucial in preparing the Canadian legal profession to adapt to this changing environment, both physically and ideologically. Together, I think we can help move our world in the right direction.

[If a student is interested in climate change issues, how can they engage with that more in law school?](#)

There are many wonderful courses focused on climate and environmental law at Allard Law, and several so-called ‘traditional’ courses that increasingly include climate change topics in their syllabus.

I teach Business Organizations (Law 459), where we dedicate a segment to business and human rights, climate governance and sustainability. I also teach the seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility and the Law (Law 306D), where students can dig deeply into climate law issues from their own chosen topic. Another great course at the law school is Green Rights and Warrior Lawyers, led by Professor Stepan Wood.







### What other opportunities, outside of classes, should law students take advantage of?

There are several fantastic student clubs focused on different aspects of climate change at Allard, such as the Environmental Law Group and Students for Mining Justice, as well as research centres, including the Canada Climate Law Initiative, which I chair, and Centre for Law and the Environment, where students can find community and get involved in different ways.

At UBC, the Sustainability Hub, Centre for Climate Justice, Centre for Climate and Business Solutions and Climate Solutions Research Collective, as well as many university-wide student clubs, are just some examples of engagement opportunities for students.

Students are not limited to pre-existing opportunities and can create new ones too. Climate change is unlike anything we have ever seen, and we need innovative, out-of-the-box solutions to elicit transformation and bring people in. So, I would also like to say to this next generation: don't feel a need to conform to what is available — because the possibilities to build are limitless. 🌱





# CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

## THE SUPPORT AND NETWORKS TO ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS

*Allard Law's Career Services Office team offers support ranging from one-on-one career advising and resume review to networking opportunities and career fairs.*

Our dedicated team of professionals at the Allard Law Career Services Office will work with you to help you achieve your career goals. From coaching and training to career fairs and networking events, you are supported for success from day one all the way to graduation and up to 20 months afterwards.

In 2023, over **99%** of students who sought articling positions were successful — one of the highest rates in the country.

LEARN ABOUT ALL  
THE SERVICES OFFERED  
BY THE CAREER  
SERVICES OFFICE AT  
[ALLARD.UBC.CA/CSO](http://ALLARD.UBC.CA/CSO)



## FINDING YOUR CAREER PATH

“I gave this advice to a friend who was just starting law school: the most important thing is to understand what you hope to gain from the experience. You don't have to have a firm plan about your future career, but understand how law school builds upon your understanding of the world. Understand which tools you're trying to develop and ask the questions that feel relevant to you.”

Aaron Pete, Class of 2022

# CAREER ADVICE FOR ASPIRING LAW STUDENTS



## WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH YOUR LAW DEGREE?

Career Services  
Office Assistant  
Dean **Stephanie Mui**  
explains how you can  
successfully navigate  
the twists and turns  
of your legal career.

## WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO NEW LAW STUDENTS WHO AREN'T SURE ABOUT THEIR CAREER PATH?

That is normal for many students. One of the best things about law school is that you'll be introduced to so many new ideas and experiences that will wind up shaping your career, sometimes in unexpected ways.

You might come to law school thinking you really want to do employment law, but then you take a certain course or meet somebody at a firm who does criminal law, for example, and then suddenly start thinking about what life might be like as a defense attorney.

Come with an open mind and embrace the many opportunities that are going to be presented to you.

## BESIDES BECOMING A LAWYER, WHAT OTHER CAREER OPTIONS ARE OPEN TO LAW GRADS?

I think our grads can do almost anything they want with their degree. Our students who decide not to practice law go into many different areas, for example in government, finance, management consulting and journalism. We've also seen our grads really

succeed as entrepreneurs who have started their own businesses.

Law students gain so many transferable skills, in part because our curriculum teaches you how to think critically, see both sides of an argument and clearly advocate for your position.

## WHAT MAKES ALLARD LAW A GOOD CHOICE FOR STUDENTS LOOKING TO LAUNCH THEIR CAREERS?

Legal professionals around the world know Allard Law as one of the top law schools in Canada.

Perhaps not so coincidentally, our students do extremely well in terms of finding articling positions. Continuing our historical trend of incredibly high placement rates, in 2023 99% of grads who wanted an articling position were able to get one. That's one of the highest rates in the country! I think that speaks not only to Allard Law's reputation, but also to the quality of students we tend to attract and the resources that are available to help students put their best foot forward. 🏆





# EXPERT SCHOLARS, PASSIONATE TEACHERS



At the Allard School of Law, your professors are innovative teachers and scholars who have gained national and international recognition for their contributions in areas ranging from human rights to environmental sustainability to business law. They're also dedicated to helping you build a strong foundation for your legal career, exploring your interests and discovering new ones.

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**FACULTY**  
**MEMBERS**

# MEET OUR PROFESSORS

**PROFESSOR EMMA CUNLIFFE** studies how courts decide the facts of contested cases, with a focus on expert evidence, implicit bias, and legal processes regarding gendered and racialized violence, particularly those impacting Indigenous people. At Allard Law, Professor Cunliffe teaches criminal law, evidence, jurisprudence and seminars in factual reasoning and research methodologies. From 2021 – 2023, she served as the Research and Policy Director at the Mass Casualty Commission.



**PROFESSOR ROBERT CLIFFORD** is W̱SÁNEĆ and a member of the Tsawout First Nation. His research explores how W̱SÁNEĆ laws relate to the values, philosophies and lands of the W̱SÁNEĆ people. Dr. Clifford's field course gives law students the opportunity to experience immersive, land-based learning on W̱SÁNEĆ territory, on and around Vancouver Island. Students develop relationships with Indigenous community members, learn about W̱SÁNEĆ legal structures and help support community projects.

**PROFESSOR JOEL BAKAN** is an internationally renowned legal scholar whose work examines the social, economic and political dimensions of law. He is the author of the award-winning and critically acclaimed books and documentary films *The Corporation* (2004) and *The New Corporation* (2020). Professor Bakan has worked on landmark legal cases and government policy and frequently serves as a media commentator.



**PROFESSOR JOCELYN STACEY** is an expert in environmental crises and how law creates, regulates and prevents these events. She works closely with BC First Nations on Indigenous jurisdiction in times of crisis, serves as President of the Pacific Centre for Environmental Law and Litigation, a non-profit society dedicated to training law students and young lawyers, and served as a member of the Research Council of the Public Order Emergency Commission.

BROWSE ALL OUR FACULTY MEMBER PROFILES AT [ALLARD.UBC.CA/FACULTY](https://allard.ubc.ca/faculty)





# PROFESSOR JOHNNY MACK

## PUSHING 'BEYOND THE BOUNDARIES OF COLONIAL PEDAGOGY'

**"As an Indigenous scholar and teacher, I work to interrupt the conventional stories we tell ourselves about ourselves and our relations to law by centering Indigenous ethics," says Professor Johnny Mack.**

In recognition of his exceptional teaching, Professor Mack received the 2022 George Curtis Memorial Award for Teaching Excellence and was a recipient of UBC's Killam Teaching Prize. "Being recognized and singled out faculty-wide for excellence in teaching is immensely heartening and meaningful," he says.

Professor Mack is from the Toquaht Nation (Nuu-cihah-nulth) and is an assistant professor at the Allard School of Law. His teaching, which focuses on Indigenous legal orders and Canadian Aboriginal and treaty rights, employs a critical decolonial ethic, emphasizing the social and historical context surrounding the relationship between Indigenous law and Canadian law.

In a word, Professor Mack describes his teaching as *intersubjective*. "A nerdy word, I realize, but what I mean is that I try to invite the students into a shared intellectual and critical space where we can identify key concepts or tensions in the law and process them together," he explains. "I do not really know how to preside over students and lecture — I do much better coming beside them as a guide and interlocutor."

Despite growing up as a deeply analytical thinker who was captivated by new ideas, Professor Mack says he didn't consider higher education as a serious option for most of his life. "I was a teenage runaway and high

school dropout and found myself in a fair bit of trouble,” he explains. “At the outset, returning to school was a means of getting out of trouble and I quickly found myself taking refuge in ideas about history, power, law and colonization. These ideas changed the world for me.” It was this same passion for new ideas that put Professor Mack on the path to becoming a law professor.

For Professor Mack, one of the most rewarding parts of teaching is helping facilitate those lightbulb moments of clarity for his students, where he can see complex ideas about the law and its relationship to the social world click into place. “The discussion that follows just takes off to a higher level of analysis,” he says.

Professor Mack’s student nominators credit his unique approach to pedagogy for encouraging a high level of critical and analytical thinking in the classroom — and for creating a space where Indigenous students feel safe sharing Indigenous-specific experiences and legal knowledge. They describe him as deeply committed to student learning and inclusivity, and note that his scholarship on Indigenous legal traditions, which he brings into his teaching, is pushing the boundaries of law and equally deserving of recognition.

Recent Allard Law graduate Chelsea Gladstone is one of Professor Mack’s nominators. She put his name forward for his ongoing dedication to decolonial legal innovation and for the important role he plays as an Indigenous mentor in law.

“Professor Mack approaches his teaching using an anti-hierarchical method and this makes the classroom feel safe and inviting for student participation and reciprocal learning,” Chelsea explains. “For Indigenous students, this is especially important because law school can feel foreign to our ways of knowing and being, but Professor Mack makes a conscious effort to push beyond the boundaries of colonial pedagogy and he reinvents new ways for students to learn and engage with legal theory.”

Chelsea, who is a member of the Haida Nation, says she’s particularly grateful to Professor Mack for inviting Indigenous students to draw on their ancestral Indigenous legal knowledge, and plans to bring the legal tools that she learned in law school back to her community. “Professor Mack made me feel like I have a place in law as a Haida student and transformed my experience at Allard in a positive way,” she adds.

Allard Law graduate Laura Beaudry, who is Cree and Métis, says she nominated Professor Mack in part because he was the first professor she had who critiqued the law and allowed students to feel comfortable doing the same. “If we don’t push back against the status quo, then the problems we see in the law will never change,” she explains. “Professor Mack gave us the space to do that without judgement.” 🗨️

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Laura Beaudry,  
Class of 2022



# A PLACE TO LEARN, PLAY & THRIVE

It's easy to see why Vancouver ranks among the most livable cities in the world. A multicultural city set on the doorstep of a beautiful landscape, Vancouver provides endless possibilities. Named "greenest city" in the world, Vancouver boasts numerous large parks, city beaches and highly walkable, bikeable and transit-friendly neighbourhoods. A diverse and rich food culture, thriving city life and access to mountains, forests and the ocean provide the opportunity for year-round adventures.

## A MILD CLIMATE WITH ADVENTURES IN EVERY SEASON

Vancouver's four seasons and mild winters provide ample opportunities to explore the outdoors and enjoy everything the city has to offer. Year-round temperatures average around 2°C to 25°C. Summers are pleasantly warm and winters rarely dip below freezing for long.



Source: Walk Score® by Redfin



Source: Destination Vancouver

# 5 THINGS TO SEE AND DO AROUND VANCOUVER

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## VANCOUVER SEAWALL

Bike or walk the world's longest uninterrupted waterfront path. The 28km "Seawall" seaside greenway extends around downtown, through the world-renowned Stanley Park (bigger than New York's Central Park!), and continues to Kits beach. Follow designated bike paths to continue through to Jericho Beach, Spanish Banks Beach, and on to the UBC campus.

2

## CITY BEACHES

A beach is just a short walk or bus ride away. The clothing-optional Wreck Beach is 490 steps down from the UBC campus. A local favourite, Kits Beach (pictured) is a 20-minute bus ride from campus, providing ample sun, sand, volleyball, people watching and a large saltwater outdoor pool.

3

## SUSHI

Vancouver is well known for its variety and quality of Asian food and sushi is a local favourite. Whether it be cheap and cheerful combos or treating yourself to one of Vancouver's world-class sushi restaurants, you will soon find your favourite spot.



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## GARIBALDI LAKE

The turquoise-coloured water and glacier backdrop makes Garibaldi Lake a popular hike. The numerous trails in and around Vancouver provide opportunity for all level of hikers and makes it easy to enjoy the forests and mountains.

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## GROUSE MOUNTAIN

Less than an hour's drive from UBC, explore Vancouver's local skiing and snowboarding mountains. Grouse Mountain, one of Vancouver's three local ski hills, is accessible by bus and accommodates all snow seekers. In the summer, enjoy hiking, ziplining and a wildlife refuge.



← - - - USA BORDER (WASHINGTON STATE)

Catch a Seattle Mariners baseball game, a 3-hour road trip south of the border.

YVR AIRPORT

How about a sun vacation? From Vancouver, a 6-hour direct flight to Hawaii or 5 hours to sunny destinations in Mexico.

DOWNTOWN VANCOUVER

STANLEY PARK

# LOOKING FOR A SHORT GETAWAY?

← - - - OKANAGAN VALLEY

Explore the Okanagan Valley's wineries, orchards, beaches and warm summers — a scenic 4-hour drive east.

Image: Freepik (@erib3\_16)





## PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### VANCOUVER ISLAND

Take a scenic 90-minute ferry ride to beautiful Vancouver Island and explore the wilderness parks, marvel at the orcas, black bears and other wildlife, or enjoy the charming, slower-paced city of Victoria.

### WHISTLER BLACKCOMB SKI RESORT

Carve up the slopes at North America's largest ski resort, Whistler-Blackcomb — just 2 hours north of Vancouver. Or choose from 13 other major ski resorts around BC. In the summer, explore the many hiking trails, lakes and expansive network of mountain biking trails.

### GROUSE MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT

Less than 1 hour away from UBC, enjoy skiing & snowboarding all winter or hike the grueling 2,830 steps up the "Grouse Grind" in the summer.



A group of students in a rowing team are shown in a black racing shell on a body of water. They are wearing red life jackets and are actively rowing with black oars. The water is splashing around the boat. In the background, there are blue mountains and a city skyline under a clear blue sky. A large red and white ship is visible on the water.

# FIND YOUR PASSIONS

**WITH OVER 350 CLUBS AT UBC  
AND OVER 30 AT THE LAW SCHOOL,  
IT'S EASY TO FIND YOUR NICHE  
AND MEET LIKEMINDED FRIENDS.**







# EVENTS & WORKSHOPS

Explore new topics and expand your interests by attending lunch-and-learns, expert panels, student-organized events and wellness workshops held throughout the year at Allard Hall.

Among other programming, students interested in legal research and advocacy work can attend the many events offered through our Centres, which host local and international law experts. Engage with a diverse community of students and professors on pressing issues through each of our Centres:

## THE CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES

is the largest group of academics teaching and researching Asian legal issues in Canada, focusing on the law and legal culture of East and Southeast Asia.

**THE CENTRE FOR BUSINESS LAW** is a vibrant intellectual hub for the scholarship and practice of business law and financial policy within Canada and internationally.

**THE CENTRE FOR FEMINIST LEGAL STUDIES** is dedicated to fostering inclusive feminist engagement through research, teaching and community building.

**THE CENTRE FOR LAW AND THE ENVIRONMENT** is a hub for creating and spreading knowledge, ideas and practices about the role of law in securing a healthy environment and a sustainable society.



“One of my favourite things about law school was all of the free events! Most days I could drop by a classroom next door during lunchtime, grab some food, and sit down for discussions on topics like border policy or domestic violence prevention. Allard Law provided an open opportunity to engage and learn with flexibility.”

Allison Hu, Class of 2022

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Allard Law students can contribute to *The UBC Law Review* and *The Canadian Journal of Family Law*.





Beaty Biodiversity Museum at UBC



Museum of Anthropology at UBC

### THE LAW STUDENTS' LEGAL ADVICE PROGRAM

This student-run organization provides free legal advice to those who would not otherwise be able to afford it. It is one of the largest providers of free legal services in BC and advises 5,000 clients each year at clinics located throughout the Lower Mainland.



Downtown Vancouver

### STUDENT GOVERNMENT

The *UBC Law Student Society* and the *Indigenous Law Students Association* are two student organizations with a governance role to get involved in.








# STUDENT SUCCESS AND SUPPORT

*Allard Law students in front  
of Allard Hall.*



We're here to support you throughout your studies at the Allard School of Law. Whether it's wellbeing support from our in-house counsellor, academic advising or advice for finding a summer job, we're here to help.

## STUDENT SUPPORT

### ACADEMIC SUCCESS & PEER TUTOR PROGRAM

Attend academic workshops to build your skills and get matched with upper-year student volunteers who provide guidance on study skills, learning strategies and exam writing tips.

### CAREER SERVICES OFFICE

With dedicated staff to assist you, the CSO offers one-on-one advising, professional development workshops, recruitment and networking events, a resource library and online career portal. Our Public Interest Coordinator is available to support students who are interested in a public interest law career or in working for a non-profit organization. Learn more at [allard.ubc.ca/cso](http://allard.ubc.ca/cso).

### INDIGENOUS LEGAL STUDIES

Indigenous Legal Studies provides student advising to Indigenous students and those interested in participating in Indigenous Legal Studies offerings, including courses, the Specialization in Indigenous Legal Studies, the Kawaskimhon Moot, and the Indigenous Community Legal Clinic. Indigenous JD students may participate in the ILS Academic Leadership Certificate, comprised of weekly small group academic and leadership sessions throughout the year. Learn more about the services offered by Indigenous Legal Studies on page 6 and at [allard.ubc.ca/ils](http://allard.ubc.ca/ils).

### LAW LIBRARY AT ALLARD HALL

The Law Library has been the 'heart' of the Allard School of Law since it first opened in 1945. Located on three floors of Allard Hall, the Law Library houses a comprehensive research collection. As part of the UBC Library system, students can access materials across campus or through our connection with other Canadian academic law libraries. Learn more at [law.library.ubc.ca](http://law.library.ubc.ca).



## ORIENTATION WEEK

Orientation prepares you for your first year of law school. It's also a great way to meet other first years, professors, senior students, and staff who are here to support you.



## ON-CAMPUS SERVICES

As a student at the Allard School of Law, you have access to the many support services at UBC. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Centre for Accessibility
- Counselling Services
- Financial Advising through UBC's Enrolment Services Advisors
- Health Services
- UBC First Nations House of Learning

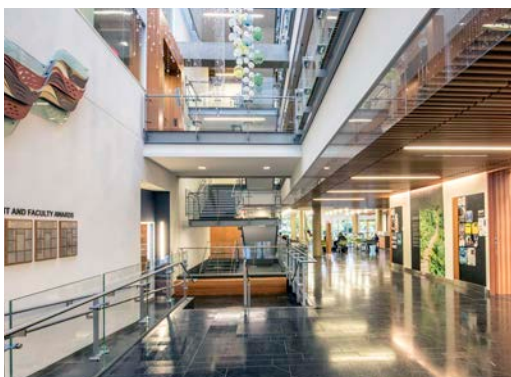




# MODERN FACILITIES TO HELP YOU LEARN

The UBC campus has been located on the traditional, unceded territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam) people for most of its 100-year history. More than four square kilometers in size, the stunning UBC Vancouver campus is surrounded by forest on three sides and ocean on the fourth, and is just a 30-minute bus ride to Vancouver's downtown core.

Built in 2011, Allard Hall is an environmentally sustainable building that offers light-filled, state-of-the-art classrooms and an abundance of space for studying and socializing, surrounded by a backdrop of mountains and ocean.



Book a tour with one of our student ambassadors at [allard.ubc.ca/tours](https://allard.ubc.ca/tours) or view our virtual building tour at [allard.ubc.ca/vrtour](https://allard.ubc.ca/vrtour).



# BY THE NUMBERS

## MOST RECENT ENTERING CLASS (2023)



**196**  
STUDENTS

**YOUNGEST**  
**21** years  
old

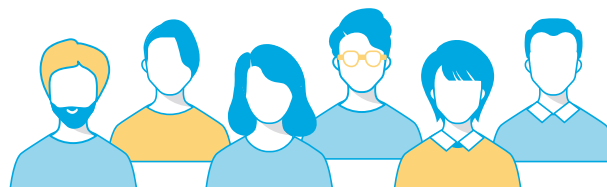
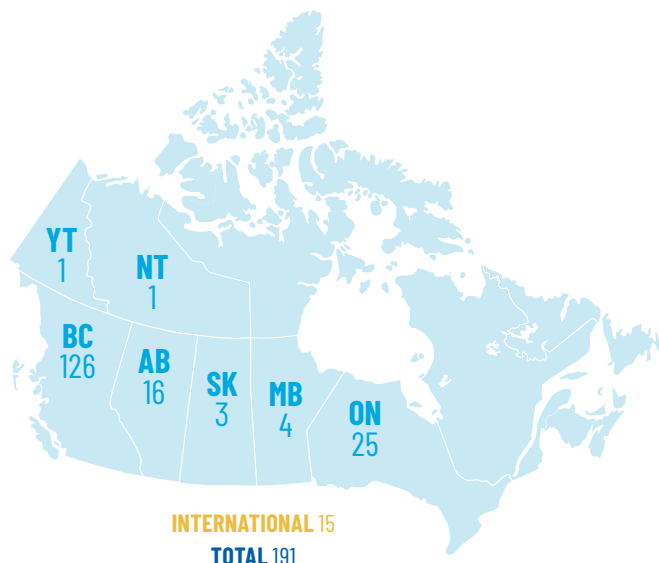
**30+ YEARS OLD:**  
**34** students

**23%**  
of students' parents  
did not complete a  
bachelor's degree



**93**  
incoming students  
speak a second  
language

More than  
**28**  
different languages  
spoken



**58%**  
of student respondents  
identify as a woman

**41%**  
of student respondents  
identify as a man

**1%**  
of student  
respondents identify  
as non-binary

Racialized  
Peoples:  
**51%**  
of student  
respondents

Indigenous Person  
of Canada:  
**6%**  
of student  
respondents

Over  
**20%**  
of student respondents  
identify as being part  
of the LGBTQ2SIA+  
community

**26%**  
of student respondents  
self-identify as a person  
with a disability; a person  
with a chronic physical or  
mental health condition;  
or as a person who is  
neurodivergent

The data on this page represents information from the voluntary self-reported incoming students survey and application data. Response rates per question vary.  
Visit [allard.ubc.ca/demographics](https://allard.ubc.ca/demographics) for more detailed information.





# ADMISSIONS AND HOW TO APPLY



## HOW TO APPLY

Complete the online application form at [allard.ubc.ca/apply](https://allard.ubc.ca/apply) and submit the following materials:

- 1 **Personal Statement**
- 2 **Official Transcripts**
- 3 **LSAT File Number**
- 4 **Supporting Documents**  
(+ any other documents that may apply to your specific situation)

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

First-year applicants are given the option to apply under one of three different categories. While most people will fall under the General category, we encourage prospective applicants to review all three categories in order to decide which fits them best.

### GENERAL APPLICANTS

Your academic performance, LSAT score and personal statement are given equal priority in this category.

General applicants must have the following to be eligible for selection:

- undergraduate degree from a university, or
- completed three years (minimum 90 credits) from a university, 30 credits of which must be at the upper level

You will need to submit undergraduate transcripts, an LSAT score and a personal statement with your application.

**JANUARY IS THE LAST LSAT SCORE WE ACCEPT.  
ALLARD CONSIDERS YOUR BEST LSAT SCORE.**

### DISCRETIONARY APPLICANTS

Because of special factors in life, you may not satisfy one or more of the requirements for general applicants, but may have other relevant achievements and experience. The Admissions Committee has the discretion to take into account factors such as:

- a disability or special needs
- membership in a historically disadvantaged group
- financial or personal challenges
- relevant personal achievements
- relevant work experience, including volunteer work
- contributions to your community
- other relevant factors

To be eligible, you must have completed at least two years of a program leading toward a university degree. Applicants with at least three years completed will also be considered for admission under the General category.

Discretionary applicants must submit the same documents as General applicants, plus two letters of reference, an expanded personal statement and documents that support any special circumstances.

**SEPTEMBER  
15**

Applications  
open

**DECEMBER  
1**

Deadline to  
apply for  
**first-year**  
students

**APRIL  
30**

Deadline to  
apply for  
**upper-year**  
students



## INDIGENOUS APPLICANTS

If you are of First Nations, Inuit or Métis ancestry, you are invited to apply through the Indigenous category. Your application will also be automatically considered under the General category.

Applicants under the Indigenous category must have the following to be eligible for selection:

- undergraduate degree from a university, or
- three years (minimum 90 credits) from a university, 30 credits of which must be comprised of upper-level courses

We will prioritize applicants who:

- are involved with or committed to Indigenous communities and organizations, and
- intend to use their legal training to advance Indigenous concerns and interests.

Indigenous applicants must submit undergraduate transcripts, an LSAT score, a personal statement, two letters of reference and evidence of their Indigenous identity; this can be a photocopy of an enrolment card, an ancestry document, or any other document from the federal, provincial, territorial or Indigenous government that supports your self-identification.

Applicants who are considering applying under the Indigenous category are encouraged to email Indigenous Legal Studies at [ils@allard.ubc.ca](mailto:ils@allard.ubc.ca) for further information.

## JD/MBA PROGRAM

Applicants interested in this four-year joint program are required to apply to both the Allard School of Law and the Sauder School of Business. You may indicate your desire to be considered for this joint program on your application form. Scores from both the LSAT and GMAT are required. Learn more at: [allard.ubc.ca/jdmba](http://allard.ubc.ca/jdmba).

## TRANSFER

Applicants who started their JD at another Canadian law school may apply to transfer to Allard Law after completing their first year. If the first-year curriculum differs from that offered at UBC, an applicant may be required to complete one or more first-year classes in conjunction with their upper-level classes.

## VISITING (LETTER OF PERMISSION)

Students enrolled in a law program at an approved law school may request permission from their current school to attend one year or one term of either the second- or third-year program at Allard Law.



# FINANCES

In 2023, we distributed over **\$1.38 million in bursaries** to students who demonstrate financial need. We also award numerous scholarships based on academic merit and other accomplishments, such as leadership and community service. Visit [allard.ubc.ca/finance](https://allard.ubc.ca/finance) to learn more.

## TUITION

### TUITION AT THE ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW FOR 2024/25:



#### DOMESTIC

**\$436.06**  
Per credit

**\$13,953.92**  
Full year



#### INTERNATIONAL

**\$1,365.66**  
Per credit

**\$43,701.12**  
Full year

All accepted applicants are automatically considered for entrance scholarships based on academic merit.

## QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about tuition or funding your studies, we have a designated team of Enrolment Service Advisors available to assist you with any financial-related questions. Contact them at [es.lawsupport@ubc.ca](mailto:es.lawsupport@ubc.ca).

## SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES

### HOW MUCH WILL I GET IN BURSARIES?

Use our online calculator to estimate what you could receive from our bursary program at [allard.ubc.ca/bursarycalc](https://allard.ubc.ca/bursarycalc).

### NEW ALLARD LAW AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS WHO IDENTIFY AS INDIGENOUS, BLACK OR AS A PERSON OF COLOUR

We're committed to building a law school community that celebrates diversity, equity and inclusiveness. This includes providing support to help overcome the financial barriers to attending law school to members of groups that have historically been excluded from higher education. Learn more on our blog at [allard.ubc.ca/ediawards](https://allard.ubc.ca/ediawards).

## FEES & BOOKS

### STUDENT FEES

approximately  
**\$1,400 per year**

### JD TEXTBOOKS

approximately  
**\$1,600** in first year and  
**\$1,400** annually in your  
second and third years

LEARN MORE AT  
[ALLARD.UBC.CA/FINANCES](https://allard.ubc.ca/finances)



# 6 TIPS

## FOR WRITING A GREAT PERSONAL STATEMENT

As part of your JD application to Allard Law, most applicants — those applying under the General Category — will need to submit a personal statement. The personal statement is your opportunity to present us with a clear picture of who are, what's important to you, and why you're interested in Allard Law.

There isn't a set of "right answers" and each person's unique circumstances will shape their personal statement.



**REACH OUT TO OUR STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO GET A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF LAW SCHOOL AND LIVING IN VANCOUVER, OR TO ASK ANY OTHER QUESTIONS.**

**VISIT  
[ALLARD.UBC.CA/AMBASSADOR](https://allard.ubc.ca/ambassador)  
TO LEARN MORE.**

- **ANSWER THE QUESTIONS.**

It can be easy to get carried away with your response and forget about what was being asked. Read the questions carefully and don't forget to circle back to them.

- **TELL US SOMETHING NEW.**

Find a way to answer the questions in interesting and compelling ways by pulling from past experiences that are unique to you.

- **USE CRITICAL REFLECTION.**

When revisiting your personal experiences, think about what happened and note things that you would do differently or that you were happy about in the end.

- **PROVIDE SPECIFIC EXAMPLES.**

We're eager to read about how you are a great public speaker, or a highly organized and focused individual, or a natural leader, but it's not enough to simply state that you possess a certain skill or ability; back it up with evidence. Talk about how you have used these skills and how will you continue to use them.

- **RELATE THINGS BACK TO ALLARD LAW.**

We're interested in knowing why think you would be a good fit for Allard Law. Research the school and reflect on why you want you want to study here.

- **BE HONEST.**

Focus on telling us about who you are rather than what you think we want to hear.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## WHAT UNDERGRADUATE COURSES SHOULD I TAKE TO ENSURE I GET INTO THE ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW?

There is no specific educational background that will guarantee admission into the Allard School of Law. Instead, we suggest that you study in a field that you are interested in, and one in which you will excel. We encourage applicants from diverse backgrounds and fields of study to apply. We have accepted past applicants from a variety of programs including Architecture, Criminology, Forestry, Commerce, Science, International Relations, and Engineering.

## DO YOU OFFER PART-TIME OPTIONS?

Yes. To be eligible for the part-time program, students must demonstrate special needs resulting from such factors as family responsibilities or financial or health problems. Applicants must include an additional letter outlining their request and demonstrating their need to study part time. A maximum of ten students per year will be admitted on this basis.

## WHEN ARE OFFERS SENT OUT? DOES APPLYING EARLY INCREASE MY CHANCE OF RECEIVING AN OFFER?

Offers are given on a “rolling admission” basis. If we receive a file that is complete and is highly competitive, an offer may be made as early as November. However, we honour the December deadline as well as the January writing of the LSAT, and do not fill all our spaces early. A majority of General Category admission offers are made between December and June. Offers to students who have submitted Discretionary and Indigenous Category applications, which undergo a holistic review of additional documentation, are made between February and June.

**VIEW ALL OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AT [ALLARD.UBC.CA/FAQ](https://allard.ubc.ca/faq).**



## DEAN'S WELCOME

# A COMMUNITY TO DISCOVER AND NURTURE YOUR PASSIONS

One of our greatest strengths is the remarkable diversity of experiences and achievements that our students, faculty and staff bring to the law school. Being part of the Allard Law community provides you an ideal entry point into the legal profession. The connections you make here will inspire you and help you succeed — and many will turn into lifelong friendships.

Our core curriculum will provide you with an exceptional legal education. Our unique experiential learning opportunities offer you unmatched real-world experiences where you will develop in-demand skills and discover your interests. And as a leader in Indigenous legal education in North America, we are committed to decolonizing law school and to ensuring Indigenous legal orders, knowledges, and perspectives are integrated across our courses. You will join a community committed to reconciliation as a critical and foundational aspect of learning and practicing law.

At Allard Law you will be learning from leading scholars who are dedicated to teaching and mentorship. Our professors are internationally recognized in areas such as criminal law, environmental law, international law, business law, Indigenous legal studies, and social justice. First-year classes are taught in small groups of 50 students, ensuring you get to know your classmates

and your professors. The staff at Allard Law take pride in delivering exceptional services and support to our students, including academic, wellness, career and professional development support.

As someone who recently moved to Vancouver, I'm continually inspired and energized by the natural West Coast beauty of Vancouver. From sandy ocean beaches on the UBC campus to the local North Shore mountains, there is no shortage of opportunities to connect with nature and the land. Studying law in one of the world's most multicultural, vibrant cities — and one of Canada's major legal employment markets — provides an incredible opportunity to nurture your passions and launch your legal career.

I encourage you to reach out to our admissions team and ambassadors to see if Allard Law is the right choice for you and to learn more about the opportunities that await you. I look forward to meeting you soon.

Ngai Pindell  
*Dean and Professor, Peter A. Allard School of Law*





Steps away from Allard Hall, the UBC Rose Garden offers panoramic ocean and mountain views.



## PETER A. ALLARD SCHOOL OF LAW

THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

### QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

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Email a student ambassador:  
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