

Beverley McLachlin Legal Access Award

Award Description:

Awards totaling \$40,000 have been endowed by the Law Foundation of British Columbia, the Peter A. Allard School of Law and members of the BC Bar to honor The Right Honorable Beverley McLachlin, a former faculty member of the law school at UBC. Recipients are J.D. students who have accepted summer or articling positions in **underserved and/or rural communities** in British Columbia, or in the area of **public interest/social justice law** in British Columbia. Preference may be given to students who have accepted articling positions over those who have accepted summer positions. Beverley McLachlin was the first woman to be appointed Chief Justice of Canada. The awards are made on the recommendation of the Peter A. Allard School of Law.

Note: This award will only be awarded to students who have secured an existing position and will not be awarded in anticipation of a job or where a position is conditional on the award being granted.

Application Process:

Please submit the following to Kuhu Gupta, Awards Secretary, via awards@allard.ubc.ca no later than 4 pm on **Monday, April 7th**. Decisions will be made by **early May**.

- A **cover letter** that includes your name and contact details. Please include:
 - a) The name, address, and phone number of the firm, agency or organization with which you will be articling or summering.
 - b) A description of how your articling or summer position will meet the criteria as laid out in the award description above.
 - c) a personal statement (not to exceed 500 words) in which you discuss how this opportunity fits within your educational, personal, and career goals.
 - d) Financial info: What is your articling or summer position salary? If you're articling, are your PLTC fees paid by your firm? Will you receive salary from your firm while attending PLTC?
 - e) A brief statement detailing your current debt load. Please note the type and source of debt (e.g. student loans (preLaw; Law), personal line of credit; mortgage etc.).
- A **signed letter from your firm, agency or organization** confirming the articling or summer position and start date. If you are applying in the public interest/social justice category, this letter must indicate the nature of the work that you will be doing and explain how that work satisfies the public interest/social justice criterion.
- A copy of your **CV**.

More than one award may be made. Applications will be evaluated on:

- a) **Demonstration** that the applicant will be articling in an underserved and/ or rural community in British Columbia, or in the area of public interest/social justice law in British Columbia; and
- b) **Indication of a potential future career of serving in those areas**. In the event that multiple viable applications are received, demonstration of pressing financial need will also be a relevant factor in the adjudication.

By submitting an application to be considered for this award, you warrant that the information you have supplied is accurate and complete. The only purpose for which this information will be used is to adjudicate the application for the award.