

Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law Research Excellence Postdoctoral Fellows

The Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto is pleased to announce the Research Excellence Postdoctoral Fellows Program. Postdoctoral Fellows will have the opportunity to participate in the extraordinary community of scholars and intellectual engagement of the Jackman Faculty of Law. The program is part of a University of Toronto-wide initiative to allow outstanding early-career legal scholars to develop and expand their research expertise. It will provide postdoctoral scholars with the autonomy to pursue an ambitious research program, while benefitting from close collaboration with leading law scholars and access to career development supports. Fellows are expected to develop and lead their own research agenda, distinct from but complementary to their supervisor's work, positioning them for future faculty appointments or leadership roles in research-intensive environments.

Value and Duration:

The Jackman Law Research Excellence Postdoctoral Fellows Program will offer up to two postdoctoral fellowships for a period of two years. Each fellowship will provide a salary of \$80,000 annually, plus an additional \$10,000 in annual independent research funding.

Eligibility

This award is open to both domestic and international candidates. The institutional eligibility requirements for successful engagement as a Research Excellence Postdoctoral Fellow are outlined below.

Candidates must:

- Have demonstrated academic excellence, proven capacity to conceptualize and execute independent research beyond their doctoral work, and provide evidence of intellectual leadership in their field of law;
- Have completed all doctoral degree requirements by the time the fellowship commences and normally be within five years from the completion of their degree; candidates would be expected to have a doctoral degree in law, or a JD plus PhD in a cognate discipline;
- Not have previously engaged in more than one postdoctoral appointment, and not concurrently hold another major fellowship; and
- Not hold a faculty position or be on leave from such position

Application Process

Candidates interested in the Research Excellence Postdoctoral Fellows Program should contact prospective supervisor(s) and co-supervisor(s) to confirm availability.

Application package should include:

1. A supervisor statement from the primary faculty supervisor (and co-supervisor, if applicable) (max. two pages).
2. Independent research proposal from the candidate (max. two pages, plus up to two additional pages for references/citations).
3. Learning statement from the candidate (max. 1 page). The statement should describe: 1. their professional, academic, and extracurricular experiences/achievements and how these contribute to their learning success and ability to develop and implement an independent research plan (1/2 page); and 2. how the learning they expect to acquire will contribute to their productivity and to the research goals they hope to achieve. Indicate why they decided upon the proposed learning location and what they expect to learn from the learning experience (1/2 page); and
4. All law school transcripts (including graduate)
5. Candidate's C.V. (no page restriction; including a list of publications).

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is March 3, 2026.

Applications should be submitted to associatedean.law@utoronto.ca with the subject heading "Research Excellence Postdoctoral Fellows Application".