Puerto Rico Exchange Application Form

Completed applications for the Puerto Rico Exchange must be submitted to the following addresses: clawacad@uottawa.ca and uprottawa2016@yahoo.ca no later than 12:00 noon E.S.T on Monday, July 17th 2017.

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Course I am applying for (choose one):

☐ FEMINA-RICO - CML 4137 JA
☐ FOUNDATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - CML 4137 JB

In Case I Am Not Selected, Please Also Consider Me For (optional):

☐ FEMINA-RICO CML 4137 JA
☐ FOUNDATIONS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY - CML 4137 JB

Undertaking

In recognition of the difficult logistics and other challenges associated with organizing an international exchange program for 36 students, and in consideration of the many other students who were not offered a spot, this application includes my undertaking that I am committed to remaining enrolled in the course and participating in its various extracurricular activities. Having read the basic information provided about the Puerto Rico Exchange on the page following my personal statement, I understand the associated obligations and have a sense of the costs that I will be undertaking. I know that I will only be permitted to drop this course based on compelling and compassionate grounds or for medical reasons.

My signature below reflects my commitment to the Puerto Rico Exchange and signifies my promise to remain enrolled in the course if selected.

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Personal Statement

In a statement of 500 words or less, please indicate the reasons why you wish to enroll in the course selected above.

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Basic Information about the Puerto Rico Exchange

The Puerto Rico Exchange is part of the January Term program at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law. This year, it consists of two course offerings: (i) Femina-Rico (Prof. Backhouse: CML 4137 JA, (ii) Foundations of Intellectual Property Prof. Melendez: CML 4137 JB). Enrolment and completion of any one of these courses fulfills the January Term requirement.

As an exchange course, each of these three classes will consist of an equal number of students from the University of Ottawa and from Universidad de Puerto Rico (roughly 24 students per course). The first week of the course will take place in Ottawa. Students will then travel to Puerto Rico for the remaining two weeks of classes. Though not part of the exchange program, many uOttawa students will elect to stay in Puerto Rico for vacation during the break week that follows the completion of January Term.

Both of the course offerings will be taught by a different instructor, on a different theme, with different requirements, as set out in the respective Course Selection Guide. However, all students enrolled in the Puerto Rico exchange will participate at both locations in a number of social, legal and cultural extra-curricular activities. This exchange is not for the weary. Both courses are intellectually and academically demanding and, along with the additional extra-curricular activities, will result in significant time and energy demands during the three-week period.

Students participating in the program incur all costs associated with transportation and accommodation, nutrition and entertainment. Flights to Puerto Rico vary each year but are generally in the range of $700-$800 cdn. Accommodations also vary—especially depending on how many people are sharing—often in the range of $300-$600 cdn. Food and entertainment prices are roughly equivalent but priced in US dollars. Students tend to incur various additional out of pocket expenses for entertainment and recreational activities—especially if they stay on for vacation. Invariably, students tend to under-budget and over-spend. Such is the nature of spending time in a tropical paradise!

Additional questions will be answered at an information session held by Prof. Backhouse at the beginning of the school term. It is strongly recommended that you do not purchase flights or make travel plans until after this information session. As hosts to 24 foreign students, we will meet a few more times during the first semester to organize a number of interesting, super-fun extra-curricular activities for our Puerto Rican guests.

Unlike other courses, there is no add/drop period. If spots open up, they will be assigned to people on a wait list maintained by the Common Law Student Center. All students who applied but were not initially selected will automatically be added to the wait list. Be sure that you want to participate in this program before you apply because, in doing so, you are committing to be enrolled if selected and may not drop the course except for compelling and compassionate grounds or for medical reasons.