

**Applications for The Dean's Legal Research and Writing Fellows
Program CML 3174
The Dean's Legal Research and Writing Fellows Program - CML 3174
Three Credits: Fall Term 2020 or Winter Term 2021
Can Satisfy the Major Paper Requirement
Applications due **June 1, 2020****

The Dean's Research and Writing Fellows Program is a unique and challenging opportunity open to top achieving upper-year students with strong writing skills and demonstrated leadership abilities. Successful applicants must have excellent research and communication skills and superior academic achievement. Dean's Fellows work with a lawyer-mentor on an advanced and real research problem, and receive intensive writing instruction from Professor Melanie Mallet. Dean's Fellows learn new research skills and produce high quality written work that showcases their writing skills. Fellows will lead small tutorial sessions of the first-year course, Legal Foundations CML 1101.

Students spend class time working on advanced research and writing modules. Students will be evaluated on a series of short assignments which track the progress of their research assignments, and which demonstrate their writing skills. The majority of the students' marks will be based on their final research memos, assessed on the basis of substantive feedback from their mentors, the depth of research undertaken, and the quality of their writing. Students will receive extensive, diagnostic feedback on their writing in the short assignments leading to the final memo, and on their final memos. Fellows also spend class time preparing to lead legal research tutorials and mentor first-year students.

Fellows register for either Fall or Winter term and complete their research and writing in that term. Note that Fellows assist in the first-year course, CML 1101, in both the Fall and Winter terms, regardless of the term in which they are registered for their research memo. All Fellows must also be available for a 1:00-2:30 p.m. course slot on Wednesdays for both Fall and Winter terms. Fellows receive intensive training, usually the day before classes start, and continuing into September during regular course hours. Students must be available for the one day of dedicated training to be eligible for the program. The date of the intensive training will be finalized in June.

Because Fellows mentor first-year students and represent the law school to the legal community, they must demonstrate a high level of commitment and dedication to all aspects of the program. Fellows must positively represent the CML 1101 course and the law school.

This course is by application only and is NOT listed under the on-line registration website. Once selected, the Common Law Student Centre will register students into the course and will arrange for the students to submit their other course requests for the year prior to the official registration period.

TO APPLY: Please submit the following by email to Professor Melanie Mallet (mmallet@uottawa.ca), by **June 1, 2020.**

- 1. Cover Letter with contact information**
- 2. *Curriculum vitae***
- 3. Legal Writing Sample of approximately five pages.**
- 4. Contact information for References: In your cover letter or c.v., please include the names and phone numbers of two law school professors. Your references do not need to provide letters.**
- 5. Law School Transcript: Informal transcripts are acceptable.**

Professor Melanie Mallet will notify successful applicants before course registration begins. Short-listed applicants may be interviewed. For scheduling and mentoring purposes, Fellows will have priority registration for upper-year courses, with the exception of January term registrations.

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