

PBSC WESTERN CHAPTER



What is PBSC?

PRO BONO STUDENTS CANADA

Pro Bono Students Canada ("PBSC") is an award-winning national organization that works with local community partners to host law student placements. We provide free legal support to people and communities facing barriers to justice. As a PBSC volunteer, you will provide pro bono legal services under lawyer supervision. You will also be a part of a national group of 1,600 students at 22 Canadian law schools currently working with 400 community partners and their clientele.

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We match Western Law students in 1L, 2L and 3L to our organization partners in the local community. More than 300 organizations have been involved in the PBSC Western Chapter. Additionally, each student will connect with and receive mentorship from their lawyer supervisor, who is unique to their project. The time commitment is very manageable as it is fixed at 3-5 hours per week. James Hutchinson and Sarah Hagarty are the PBSC Western Chapter Coordinators for the 2020-2021 school year.

How PBSC Works

SEPT	Submit an application, get matched with a placement, and participate in mandatory training.
OCT-NOV	Volunteer 3-5 hours/week.
DEC	Blackout period for exams.
JAN-MAR	Continue volunteering until program ends in early April.

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The Projects

During the 2020-2021 program, PBSC Western offered 23 projects with over 55 student placements. The full list can be found at www.pbsc.uwo.ca.

LEGAL RESEARCH AND WRITING

Research and write legal memos, reports, case summaries, blog posts etc.

E.g United Nations Human Rights Special Rapporteur Project, London Poverty Research Center Project

PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

Create and deliver legal information workshops and plain language resources.

E.g CLS Community Workshops Project, Pro Bono Radio

CLIENT ASSISTANCE

Work directly with clients to provide legal information or other forms of advocacy or support.

E.g No-Fee Cannabis Pardon Clinics, Neighbourhood Legal Services London-Middlesex Project

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