

APPLICATION FEES

UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA

One question = 8000 characters

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate	\$375	\$275

QUEENS UNIVERSITY

One question = 6000 characters

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate	\$300	\$200

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

2 questions = 5000 + 2500 characters

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate	\$325	\$250

YORK UNIVERSITY

2 questions = 2000 + 2000 characters

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate	\$275	\$200

WESTERN UNIVERSITY

2 questions = 5000 + 2000 characters

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate	\$300	\$225

WINDSOR UNIVERSITY

4 questions = 1800 characters

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate	\$375	\$325

ALL ONTARIO LAW SCHOOLS TOTAL = \$1,575 – \$150 DISCOUNT = \$1,450

UK / US applications / Rest of Canada

1 question = 500 words

	Single Application	2+ Applications
Rate: UK	\$250	\$150
Rate: US / Rest of Canada	Varies based on school	Varies based on school

**** Please note: A week before application deadlines, all above prices are multiplied by 1.5 due to high demand**

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

2017 Edition

University of Toronto

Personal Statement (Required by all applicants, maximum 5000 characters.)

No

Please use this opportunity to bring anything you like to the Admissions Committee's attention. You may include any information you believe will help the committee assess your likelihood of success at the Faculty of Law, or predict what your contributions to the class will be.

Here are some suggestions to prompt your thinking as you develop your personal statement. Note: These are suggestions only. You do not need to address any of the following.

- Issues you have faced/are facing (possibly a disability, discrimination, sexual identity, or economic disadvantage) that have had an impact on your academic achievement
- Specific academic or extra-curricular interests that may shape your legal career
- Description of your community leadership and involvement
- Description of your academic leadership and involvement
- Description of your advanced academic work
- Your atypical background or educational history
- Description of something you feel passionate about

Optional Additional Essay (1 essay only, maximum 2500 characters.)

No

These optional essays allow you to provide the Admissions Committee with information you were not able to include in the other parts of this application. You may choose 1 of the following prompts:

- **Optional Essay 1**
Describe a meaningful intellectual experience you have had. This could be a dynamic class you took in high school or undergraduate school, your favourite mathematical concept, or a learning relationship you developed with someone outside an academic context. Consider circumstances under which you developed a talent or skill that has transformed the way you approach problems.
- **Optional Essay 2**
What do you hope to achieve with your JD? If you have a clear vision of your future goals, describe it, and explain to the Admissions Committee how you believe the Faculty of Law at the University of Toronto will help you reach your goals.
- **Optional Essay 3**
Elaborate on any obstacles to achievement (physical, social, cultural, geographic, economic) that you believe the Admissions Committee should consider in assessing your application.

Western University

Personal Statement - Part A (maximum of 5,000 characters)

No

This serves as your opportunity to expand on information provided in your law school application, highlight your strengths, accomplishments, goals and experiences, and give us a sense of your unique personality and why you would be an asset to Western Law. **Note:** You do not need to address all of these items. Choose what is most relevant to you.

Here are some suggestions:

- how your academic program(s) and or employment has prepared you for studying law
- personal and/or professional achievements
- excellence in non-academic endeavours
- life experiences that provide evidence of maturity, focus, leadership, self-discipline, creativity, or resiliency
- any rigorous research or writing projects you have completed and what you learned from them
- how you may contribute to the diversity of the law school in terms of your background and experience

Personal Statement - Part B - Fact Scenario (maximum 2,000 characters)

No

You are the Chair of a three-person hiring team for a prominent local company. In April the team makes a decision to hire a university graduate (the employee) to work part-time during the summer (while he completes two final courses for his degree program) and then full-time in September. The employee is highly-qualified, well-liked by everyone on the hiring team, and was highly recommended when his references were checked. The employee's full-time employment is dependent upon completing degree requirements.

In the middle of August the employee tells you he is unable to start full-time in September because he will not have completed one of his seminar courses. When you ask why, he tells you he was found responsible for plagiarizing part of an essay. He claims the plagiarism was inadvertent but acknowledges he should have known better and is responsible for what he submitted. He must repeat the course and will not complete degree requirements until December. When the hiring team learns about this development it has one of two choices:

- Let the employee go because he has not met the condition upon which he was to begin full-time in September; or
- Exercise its discretion to extend the full-time start date to January and permit him to remain part-time until then.

One member of the hiring team believes the employee should not continue with the company because he lacks the integrity required for the position. He believes it is critical the employee be trustworthy because he will work on important projects with important clients. The other member of the hiring team believes the employee showed integrity by stating honestly why he could not begin full-time in September. She believes the employee is trustworthy because he assumed responsibility for his actions.

You have the final vote. What would you decide and why?

University of Ottawa

Personal Statement

The personal statement that you must prepare is a critical part of the application, and should be thought of as an interview with the Admissions Committee. In reviewing personal statements, committee members assess you according to the following considerations:

1. Capacity for critical, creative and original thinking
2. Communication skills, including writing skills
3. Evidence of capacity to manage work load and time
4. Ability to make a meaningful contribution to the overall law school environment and to the profession and the public it serves as demonstrated by, among other things:

- A record of extracurricular activities and community involvement
- Career experiences and achievements
- Personal success in dealing with challenges
- Diverse social, economic, ethnic, or cultural experiences and perspectives
- Awareness of and interest in specializations and other strengths of the Faculty's program of legal education
- Specific career aspirations

5. Commitment to upholding ethical standards and to treating all university members with respect.

University of Windsor

1. How do you think your academic, business employment and/or professional experiences have contributed to your development as an individual and prepared you for the study of law at Windsor Law?

2. If you have been involved in community engagement and/or extracurricular activities (such as community service, political, religious, social, or athletic, etc.), which of these experiences has been the most important to you? Why? Ideally, your non-academic reference will be from someone who has first hand knowledge of your community engagement.

3. Do you believe that you have developed any special skills or interests other than your university program or work experience as previously outlined? How may these skills assist you in the pursuit of legal studies and a future career as a leader in law with a social conscience? (If you are an applicant to the Dual JD program, you need not answer the second part of this question).

4. Why do you want to study law? Do you have a career objective other than the traditional practice of law? Please describe.

5. This question is OPTIONAL - Describe any personal facts or issues, relating to your application, that you would like the Admission Committee to be aware of that were not covered in your other responses. Provide documentation (e.g., attending physician letter) to evidence and support any such personal issues or facts.



Personal Statement

Highlight your academic, personal, professional and extracurricular accomplishments, and your interest in studying law at Queen's.

* Response (enter a maximum of 6000 characters)

Character Count: 0