Two $15,000 LLM Bursaries in Biomedical Law

Professor Jennifer Chandler is looking for two excellent researchers interested in doing their Masters in Law under her supervision at the University of Ottawa’s Faculty of Law.

The successful candidates will join established multi-disciplinary research teams, working with ethicists, lawyers, scientists and physicians on these topics.

The candidates will be responsible for conducting their LLM research as well as contributing as a researcher and co-author to research publications by the team.

A research bursary of $15,000 is available for one student to participate in each of the projects listed below. Anticipated start: September 2021 for enrollment full-time in the LLM with Concentration in Health Law, Policy and Ethics, or the LLM with Thesis.

Legal Definition of Death in an Age of Techno-Scientific Change

As we learn more about the physiology of the dying process (cessation of circulatory and brain function), and as resuscitation and life-sustaining technologies change, do legal definitions of death need to change?

The successful LLM candidate will work on a Canadian funded project examining the pattern of brain activity at the time of withdrawal of ventilation and cessation of cardio-circulatory activity, and consider its legal significance.

Presumed Consent (Opt-Out) Systems for Organ Donation

Nova Scotia recently amended its law on organ donation to adopt a presumed consent system. Other provinces have discussed the possibility.

The successful LLM candidate will work within a large multi-disciplinary group of social scientists, lawyers, doctors, and health policy specialists that is comprehensively studying the impact of the Nova Scotia changes, and will specifically work on legal questions related to presumed consent for organ donation.

Eligibility and Application

Candidates interested in applying should have:

• A law degree from a Canadian university or an equivalent foreign law degree.
• An average CGPA of B+ or 75%
Interested candidates should send the following to Professor Jennifer Chandler at chandler@uottawa.ca:

- Letter explaining your interest in one or both of the topics, and in graduate legal studies.
- Curriculum vitae
- Law school transcript (scanned or photocopied is fine)
- Two letters of reference who can speak to legal research, writing and analytical abilities.
- Writing sample (a research paper completed during law school, or a publication)

If selected, candidates will then need to apply for admission to the Faculty of Law’s graduate program, which continues to accept applications on a rolling basis. The same documents submitted to Professor Chandler can be re-submitted to the Faculty’s online admission process.