

**Are you interested in Ontario politics?**

**Are you a recent university graduate?**

*[The Ontario Legislature Internship Program](#) (OLIP) is a 10-month, non-partisan, paid internship offered to recent university graduates.*

The Ontario Legislature Internship Programme was established in 1975 and is administered by the Canadian Political Science Association (CPSA) and supported by a financial grant from the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. OLIP is a non-partisan organization and is not associated with the Government of Ontario or with any political party.

The Programme is designed to provide backbench Members of Provincial Parliament with highly qualified staff. In addition to providing practical experience in the daily workings of the Ontario Legislature, OLIP provides interns the opportunity to supplement their university training through regular academic discussions and by writing an academic paper on a topic of their choice. Interns also visit other legislatures to gain an understanding of how the political process works in different jurisdictions.

Each year, ten interns are selected from across Canada through a highly competitive process. The internship is based in Toronto, beginning in September, and concluding in June.

You are eligible for OLIP if:

- You are a recent university graduate (within the last two years), or will graduate before September 2021.
- Hold Canadian citizenship or permanent resident status and have the ability to work in Canada.

Prospective interns should also demonstrate an interest in and a knowledge of the legislative process. While many applicants have a background in political science, we welcome and encourage applicants from all academic backgrounds.

Interns will have the opportunity to:

**1. Work directly with Members of Provincial Parliament from both the government and opposition parties**

Interns will be placed with backbench MPPs from both the government and opposition parties. They will be in each office for approximately 4 months. During their time, they may be responsible for writing Members' statements and press releases, managing constituent communication, and much more!

**2. Write an academic research paper**

Interns will have access to Legislature resources, assisting them to write an academic research paper relating to the legislative process.

**3. Present final research papers at Canadian Political Science Association's (CPSA) national conference**

Interns will present their research findings at the CPSA National Conference, held annually in a different Canadian city. This aspect of the Programme may be conducted virtually this year.

**4. Participate in study tours**

Every year, interns travel to various national and international destinations to learn about different types of government. Study tour destinations include Ottawa, Quebec City, and London, England. This aspect of the Programme may be conducted virtually this year.

**5. Chair internal OLIP committee**

Each intern is responsible for leading an internal OLIP Committee, such as the committees that oversee the bi-annual magazine, recruitment, social media, sponsorship, and more.

## **Applicants**

Ontario Legislature interns are chosen through a rigorous process based on academic excellence, personal maturity, and demonstrated interest in parliamentary government. The minimum requirement for a position as an intern is a university degree and an interest in and a knowledge of Ontario politics. Anyone who has graduated with a university degree within the last two years is eligible to apply.

The application requires a 600-word letter to OLIP's Academic Director, a resume or curriculum vitae, an academic transcript, and three letters of reference. Two of the letters must be academic references.

*Eligible applicants must be recent university graduates (within the last two years).*

**All applicants must complete the online application form at [www.olipinterns.ca/apply-to-olip](http://www.olipinterns.ca/apply-to-olip) by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.**

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Salary	\$2,700+/month plus bonus
Number of Positions	10
All Degrees and Disciplines	Yes
Application Procedure	Employer website at <a href="http://olipinterns.ca/apply-to-olip">olipinterns.ca/apply-to-olip</a>

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Successful candidates will be scheduled for an interview in March.

Questions: Email [recruitment@olipinterns.ca](mailto:recruitment@olipinterns.ca) and follow @olipinterns on social media for tips for applying.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

For more information on the internship, please visit our website, [www.olipinterns.ca](http://www.olipinterns.ca).