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Staff Lawyer

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Position Details

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| Position Title | Staff Lawyer |
| Department/Unit | Legal Aid Program |
| Location | Halifax |
| Posting Number | S204-20 |
| Employee Group | None |
| Position Type | Regular, On-Going |
| Duration of Contract (if applicable) | |
| Employment Type | Full Time |
| Full-time Equivalency (FTE) | 1.0 |
| Salary | Commensurate with qualifications and experience. |

Classification

Provisional Statement

About Dalhousie University

Dalhousie University is Atlantic Canada's leading research-intensive university and a driver of the region's intellectual, social and economic development. Located in the heart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, with an Agricultural Campus in Truro/Bible Hill, Dalhousie is a truly national and international university, with more than half of our 19,000 students coming from outside of the province. Our 6,000 faculty and staff foster a vibrant, purpose-driven community, that celebrated 200 years of academic excellence in 2018.

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| Job Summary | Dalhousie Legal Aid was the first legal Service for low income communities in Nova Scotia and is the oldest clinical law program in Canada. It is also the only community law clinic in Nova Scotia. The Clinic is a unique partnership of community groups, law students, community legal workers and lawyers working together and is operated by the Schulich School of Law. Dalhousie Legal Aid Service's community-based office is located in a north-central neighbourhood of Halifax, Nova Scotia. |
| Key Responsibilities | Reporting to the Executive Director, Legal Aid Program, the Staff Lawyer will offer individual representation to clients and will be responsible for case management and advocacy in the areas of family law, child protection, youth criminal and poverty law. The Staff Lawyer will work closely with the various communities locally, regionally and nationally on various files and initiatives. This position will be responsible for demonstrating duties, mentoring and supervision of senior law students in case preparation and presentation in the named areas of law, as well as participation in evaluation of student performance and providing direction. |
| Note | |
| Qualifications | Practicing member of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society with at least three years' experience (or equivalent combination of education and training/experience) is required. Family law experience is essential. Youth criminal and/or poverty law experience would be assets. A solid track record of advocacy work and knowledge of anti-oppressive practice would also be considered an asset. A broad perspective on the role of a community law office working in the context of a low income community would be valuable. |
| Job Competencies | |
| Additional Information | Dalhousie University supports a healthy and balanced lifestyle. Our total compensation package includes a defined benefit pension plan, health and dental plans, a health spending account, an employee and family assistance program and a tuition assistance program. |
| Application Consideration | Applications from university employees and external candidates are given concurrent consideration. Among short-listed candidates, university employees will be given special consideration. We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. |
| Diversity Statement | Dalhousie University is committed to fostering a collegial culture grounded in diversity and inclusiveness. The university encourages applications from Indigenous persons, persons with a disability, racially visible persons, women, persons of a minority sexual orientation and/or gender identity, and all candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our community. For more information, please visit www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity (https://www.dal.ca/hiringfordiversity). |
| Number of Vacancies | 1 |
| Open Date | 11/23/2020 |
| Close Date | 12/04/2020 |
| Open Until Filled | No |
| Special Instructions to Applicant | |
| Quick Link for Direct Access to Posting | http://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/4868 (http://dal.peopleadmin.ca/postings/4868) |

Supplemental Questions

Required fields are indicated with an asterisk (*).

Documents Needed to Apply

Required Documents

1. Résumé / Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Optional Documents

1. Cover Letter

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