

*Temple Law Scholars are encouraged to develop their interests and abilities by pursuing co-curricular research or volunteer experiences.*

## VOLUNTEER, INTERNSHIP, AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer experiences, internships, and experiential learning opportunities can play an important part of a student's preparation for professional school. Such experiences provide opportunities to learn more about the legal profession, about working with others, and about individual strengths and weaknesses. Temple students have a range of volunteer opportunities available to them through student organizations and a number of organizations and institutions in the greater Philadelphia area. More information about these opportunities is available online.

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

Research experiences can help students explore and develop their research skills, apply the knowledge they are developing in the classroom to various social and legal issues, and help prepare them for law school course work and related opportunities. Temple students have a variety of opportunities to undertake research. In addition to opportunities available in classes, different majors, and the Honors Scholars Program, Temple offers funding support for research projects through the Diamond Research Scholars Program and the Undergraduate Research Incentive Fund. More information about these programs is available online.



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## TEMPLE LAW SCHOLARS

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*Law and order exist . . .*



*. . . for the purpose of establishing justice. . . .*

*— Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## The Program



The Temple Law Scholars Program provides an opportunity for outstanding students to gain provisional admission to Temple University's Beasley School of Law at the same time they are accepted into an undergraduate program of study. Temple Law Scholars are expected to participate in the University Honors Program, have opportunities to participate in funded research projects and Mock Trial, and can choose to major in any one of the dozens of undergraduate programs offered by Temple University. Upon completion of their undergraduate program, they enroll in Temple's Beasley School of Law to complete the Juris Doctor degree.

This highly selective program provides an enriched undergraduate experience that prepares students for the challenges of law school and legal careers. Students enrolled in the Temple Law Scholars program benefit from special opportunities designed to enhance their undergraduate experience and explore aspects of the legal profession.

While most Law Scholars follow a traditional program involving 4 years of undergraduate course work followed by three years in law school, Law Scholars can opt for an accelerated program that allows the scholar to begin study at Temple Law School after 3 years of Honors undergraduate course work. The student receives a Bachelor's Degree in his or her major(s) after

completion of the first year of law school. Law Scholars opting for the 3+3 program must still complete all program requirements.

Students in either program option can request a one-year deferral between college and law school in order to gain relevant work experience.

## Program Requirements



Temple Law Scholars students are expected to maintain good academic and disciplinary standing throughout their undergraduate career. In addition, they must

- satisfy all academic requirements of their degree program(s) and all entrance requirements for the School of Law.
- satisfy all Honors program requirements and obtain a letter of recommendation to the law school from the Honors Program Director.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 3.45 (out of 4.0) and achieve a score at the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile or higher on the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).
- complete a minimum of 50 hours of supervised community service during their junior or senior years of college and participate in a co-operative program in the legal field.

## Application Process



To be considered for the Temple Law Scholars Program, students admitted to Temple University must

complete the online Temple Law Scholars application, which includes an essay on a specific topic assigned by the Temple Law Scholars Admissions Committee, and submit a letter of recommendation. An interview may be requested. Successful candidates will have high standing in their High School class and above average SAT or ACT scores, submit a well-argued and well-written essay, have excellent letters of recommendation, have experience in community service and leadership positions, and show a genuine interest in the legal profession and its value to society.

Applications received before March 1 will receive priority treatment by the Temple Law Scholars Admissions Committee. Applications must be received by April 1 to be considered.

The Temple Law Scholars Application is available on line. Go to [www.temple.edu/vpus](http://www.temple.edu/vpus), and follow the links under "Announcements."

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