

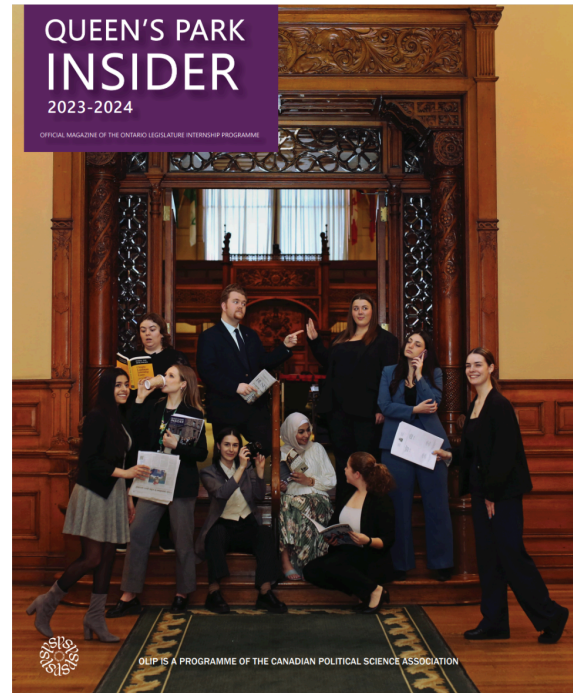
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The 2023-2024 year marks the 48th anniversary of the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme. OLIP is a special partnership between the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and the Canadian Political Science Association. Many thanks to the Hon. Ted Arnott, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly and Trevor Day, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, along with the Board of Internal Economy for their unwavering support of the Programme. And of course, a big thank you to Silvlina Danesi, Tim Howard, and Chimène N. Woktcheu for all they do to ensure the success of OLIP year-over-year.

I am also pleased to share with you the launch of the 2023-2024 edition of our Magazine, *The Queen's Park Insider*. Led by Julia Douglas and Michael Vidoni, who tirelessly worked on it along with our interns, and we hope you enjoy it. It can be viewed on our website [by clicking here](#).



ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM UPDATES

I am humbled by the continuous hard work of our Administrative Team. Michael Vidoni (Coordinator), Julia Douglas (Coordinator), Elisa Natarelli (Programme Manager), and Richard Sage (Volunteer Archivist) each contribute to the success of the Programme, and I remain grateful for all they do.

MPP PLACEMENTS (Second Term)

As always, we are endlessly grateful for the hospitality of the MPPs who take on our interns. They each provide a unique and pedagogical opportunity, and for that, we cannot thank them enough. For the Second Term MPP Placements (March - June), the interns were placed with the following members:

- Razan Akiba: MPP Lucille Collard (LIB)
- Milena Basciano: MPP Rudy Cuzzetto (PC)
- Steffi Burgi: MPP Catherine Fife (NDP)
- Evan Cameron: MPP Andrew Dowie (PC)



Bridget Carter-Whitney: MPP Sol Mamakwa (NDP)
Olivia Collver: MPP Natalia Kusendova-Bashta (PC)
Kaitlin Gallant: MPP Guy Bourgouin (PC)
Astrid Krueger: MPP Ernie Hardeman (PC)
Taylor Pizzirusso: MPP Kristyn Wong-Tam (NDP)
Rhea Saini: MPP Nolan Quinn (PC)

STUDY TOURS



Each year, there is a great buzz of excitement for the study tours amongst the cohort. We have been thrilled to hear about their learnings so far, and we look forward to what's to come. A very big thank-you to all our colleagues in each of the host cities for their unwavering hospitality, as well as their support in planning memorable meetings and experiences for our interns.

To-date, the interns have attended two study tours, with two more upcoming in June:

- November 2023: Quebec City, Quebec
- February 2024: Yellowknife, Northwest Territories,
- June 2024: Ottawa, Ontario & Montreal, Quebec (CPSA Conference)
- June 2024: Cardiff & London, United Kingdom

In addition to our own study tours, we were thrilled to welcome our colleagues from the Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP), as well as the Quebec Legislature Internship Programme.

PARTNERSHIPS

Without our partners, the OLIP experience wouldn't be the same. We've built an extensive network of supporters over the course of many years, and we are grateful for their financial support, as well as their willingness to welcome the interns into their networks.

This year, our Sponsorship Committee interns Milena Basciano and Evan Cameron worked very hard to secure new funders and ensure OLIP's





success and longevity. Additionally, they stewarded our partners with great care and attention.

I am proud to report that as a team, we secured an additional \$32,500 in revenue this year through new partnerships, as well as through re-engaging returning partners.

New Partners:

- Canadian Nickel Company - \$5,000
- Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association - \$1,000
- Ontario General Contractors Association - \$1,000
- Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance - \$1,000
- Medical Laboratory Professionals Association Ontario - \$1,000

Returned Partners:

- OREA - \$15,000
- Law Society of Ontario - \$5,000
- Santis Health - \$2,500
- Nuclear Waste Management Organization - \$1,000

INCOMING COHORT

This September, we will welcome another ten bright individuals to Queen's Park as the 49th OLIP cohort. 80% of the incoming cohort holds a degree in Political Science or Public Policy. We will be welcoming six interns from Ontario, two interns from Manitoba, and two interns from British Columbia.

Ayesha Ali holds a Bachelor of Commerce from the University of Toronto's Rotman School of Management, where she studied Business Management. She also holds a Master of Global Affairs from the University of Toronto's Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy. Ayesha is from Brampton, Ontario.

Caitlin Arizala holds a Bachelor of Science (Honours) from the University of Toronto where she studied Health Studies (Population Health) and Psychology. Caitlin is from Toronto, Ontario.

Annie Dowd holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) and a Master of Arts from Queens University, where she studied History. Annie is from Kingston, Ontario.

Sayyidah Jaffer holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Simon Fraser University, where she attained a double major in Political Science and French. Sayyidah is from Richmond, British Columbia.

Nicola Lennox holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of King's College in London, UK, where she studied Political Science and Contemporary Studies. She also holds a Masters of Science in International Social and Public Policy from the London School of Economics. Nicola is from Concord, Ontario.



James Liao holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Duke University in North Carolina, USA, where he studied Political Science and Philosophy. James is from East Gwillumbury, Ontario.

Massimo Rigatto holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Dalhousie University where he studied Political Science. Massimo is from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Madeline Ritter holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Queens University where she studied Political Science. Madeline is from Winnipeg, Manitoba.

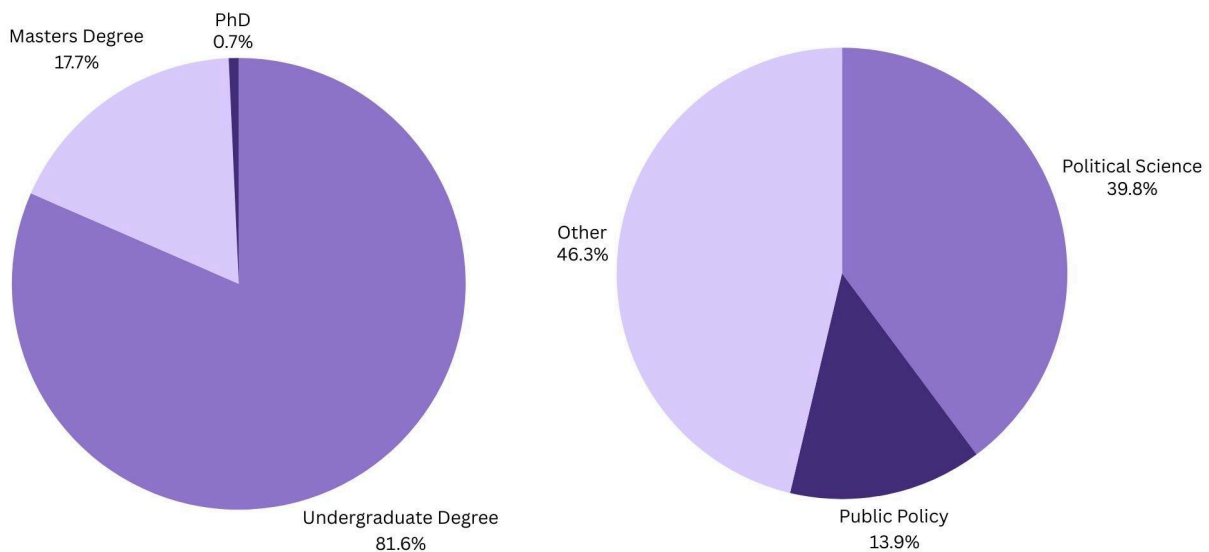
Megan Ryan-Lloyd holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from the University of Victoria where she studied Political Science and Philosophy. Megan is from Victoria, British Columbia.

Alexander Salton holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) from Trent University where he studied International Development. He also holds a Masters of Arts in Political Science from McGill University. Alexander is from Toronto, Ontario.

RECRUITMENT OUTCOMES

We were pleased to receive **108** applications from highly qualified applicants this year. Among this group, 54% identified as a member of a racialized group, 22% self-identified as a person with a disability, and 49% of applicants speak more than one language.

19% of our applicants hold a post-secondary degree, with 54% of applicants studying either Political Science or Public Policy:





MEETINGS

The interns have programmed a robust and educational suite of meetings. The following list of individuals reflects the meetings this cohort has planned or attended from February 1, 2024 - June 22, 2024.

Legislative Assembly of Ontario

The Hon. Edith Dumont, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario
Paul Dubé, Ombudsman of Ontario
Premier Doug Ford
Minister Paul Calandra
Minister Michael Tibolo
Minister Stephen Lecce
Minister David Piccini
Minister Victor Fedeli
MPP Bobbi Ann Brady

Partners

Beef Farmers of Ontario
Bruce Power
Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association
Canadian Media Producers Association
The Co-Operators
Counsel of Public Affairs
Estée Lauder
Hill + Knowlton Strategies
Insurance Brokers' Association of Ontario
Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association
Loblaws Companies Limited
Ontario Community Newspaper Association
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association
Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System
Ontario Real Estate Association
Ontario Society of Professional Engineers
Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance
Santis Health
TD Bank

OLIP Alumni

Professor Graham White, Former Intern and Former OLIP Academic Director
Mitchell Davidson
Gurkamal Dahan



Leah Wilson

Previous Premiers

Bob Rae, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, and former premier of Ontario

Ernie Eves, former premier of Ontario

Mike Harris, former premier of Ontario

Ontario Government

Martha Greenberg, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Shannon Fuller, Deputy Minister, Policy and Delivery, Cabinet Office

Mario Di Tommaso, Deputy Solicitor General, Ontario

David Jang, Chief Communications Officer, Metrolinx

Municipal Level

Caroline Duffy, Deputy Mayor of Toronto

Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto

Dorothy McCabe, Mayor of Waterloo

Federal Level

Beverly McLachlin, former Chief Justice of Canada

Paul Laffin, Data Ambassador, Statistics Canada

Journalists

Noor Javed, reporter, *Toronto Star*

Mattea Roach, podcast journalist and public figure

Sabrina Nanji, journalist, the *Queen's Park Observer*

Colin D'Mello, journalist, *Global News*

Academics

Ian Stedman, Assistant Professor, Canadian Public Law and Governance, York University

Dr. Kieran Moore, Adjunct Professor, Department of Emergency and Family Medicine, Queen's University

Additional Meetings

Bonnie Crombie, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party

Joydeep Mukherji, Managing Director, S&P Global

Reverend Cheri DiNovo

Jennifer King, Director of Programs & Operations, Caring Society

Sean Meagher, Executive Director, Social Planning Toronto

Deborah Simon, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Community Support Association

National Canadian Council of Muslims

Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association

The Canadian Arab Institute



Fouzia Younis, MBE, British Consul General in Toronto

Stephan Jost, Chief Executive Officer, Art Gallery of Ontario

Harman Idema, Dutch Consul General in Toronto

Tanya Tagala, author, and founder and Chief Executive Officer, Makwa Creative

Fred Hahn, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees

CONCLUSION

We look forward to sending our current cohort off to begin the exciting next chapter of their careers, and welcome our new cohort this September. This Programme continues to be a success because of the many people who dedicate their time, expertise, and support.

OLIP Annual Budget - June 2024	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
SPONSORSHIP REVENUE / PRODUITS				
Achev (The Centre for Education and Training)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
AMAPCEO	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
l'Association des enseignantes et enseignants franco-ontariens	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Beef Farmers Ontario		\$7,500	\$1,000	\$1,000
Bombardier	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Brown & Cohen	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000
Bruce Power	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Canadian Automobile Association		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Canadian Bankers Association		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Canadian Life & Health Insurance Assoc	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Canadian Media Producers Association			\$1,000	\$1,000
Canadian Nickel Company				\$5,000
Chemistry Industry Association of Canada	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Children's Mental Health Ontario	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Churchill Society for the Advancement of Parliamentary Democracy	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
CIBC	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Counsel of Ontario Universities	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Counsel Public Affairs	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
The Cooperators Group Limited	\$5,000	\$7,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Equal Voice Toronto			\$1,000	\$1,000
Enbridge	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Estee Lauder	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Hill and Knowlton Strategies	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Hydro One		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0
Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association				\$1,000
Law Society of Ontario	\$5,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Loblaws (formerly Shoppers' Drug Mart)	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Medical Laboratory Professionals Association Ontario				\$1,000
Noviscend	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Nuclear Waste Management Organization				\$1,000
Ontario Association of Landscape Architects		\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ontario Community Newspapers' Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ontario General Contractors Association				\$1,000
Ontario Municipal Employees' Retirement System (OMERS)			\$5,000	\$5,000
Ontario Nurses' Association	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Ontario Power Generation	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Ontario Professional Fire Fighters Association	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Ontario Real Estate Association	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation/FEEÉSO	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Ontario Undergraduate Student Alliance				\$1,000
PPAC			\$1,500	\$1,500
Provoke PR	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
RBC		\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Santis Health	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Toronto Dominion Bank/Groupe Financier Banque TD	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
TOTAL SPONSORSHIP REVENUE	\$139,500	\$142,000	\$159,500	\$167,000
OTHER REVENUE / OTHER REVENUE				
Grant/Subvention - Ontario Legislature/Assemblée législative de l'Ontario	\$310,814	\$293,680	\$334,000	\$355,000
Application Fee Income	\$3,084	\$2,900	\$2,500	\$2,500
Interest/Intérêts		\$16,599		
Miscellaneous/Autres (Alumni and individual donors)	\$3,381	\$1,325	\$1,000	\$1,000
Recovery of previous years scholarships/Recouvrement de bourses des années précédentes				
TOTAL	\$456,779	\$456,504	\$497,000	\$525,500

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	2021-22	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
EXPENSES/CHARGES				
Scholarships/Bourses	\$270,303	\$256,460	\$292,000	\$303,000
Selection/Sélection	\$0	\$70	\$100	\$100
Orientation/study tours/Orientation et visites	\$59,511	\$96,480	\$90,000	\$95,000
Administration and academic program costs/Administration & programmation	\$39,587	\$50,642	\$55,000	\$60,000
Alumni events and sponsorship/Événements pour les anciens et les commanditaires	\$2,172	\$17,492	\$10,000	\$10,000
Director's honorarium/Honoraires du directeur	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$35,000	\$45,000
Director's Expenses / Dépenses du directeurs	\$6,012	\$6,762	\$8,000	\$8,000
Bad Debts	\$1,000			
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$403,585	\$452,905	\$490,100	\$521,100
Net revenue for the year/Revenus net pour l'exercice	\$53,194	\$3,599.47	\$6,900	\$4,400
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$12,235			
Accumulated surplus-beginning of year/Surplus accumulé-début de l'exercice	\$435,623	\$501,052	\$504,651	\$511,551
Net revenue (expenditure) for the year/Revenus nets (pertes nettes) pour l'exercice	\$53,194	\$3,599	\$6,900	\$4,400
Accumulated surplus-end of year/Surplus accumulé-fin de l'exercice	\$501,052	\$504,651	\$511,551	\$515,951