



**ST. JOHN'S**  
UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW



# RON BROWN Prep Program

The world is diverse. The law should be too.

## 2018 – 2019 Ron Brown Prep Program

150+ alumni  
are now at  
54 law schools!



Programs  
for college  
freshmen,  
sophomores,  
juniors &  
graduates

Featuring  
a men only  
Foundations  
Program

85% of  
students  
receive  
financial aid!  
Including  
monetary  
stipend and  
some meals!

**Summer Program Dates: June – July 2019**

**Application period:**

**December 31, 2018 – February 8, 2019**

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### About Us

The Ron Brown Prep Program furthers the Ron Brown Center's mission of increasing diversity in the legal profession; and educating students to be leaders on issues of racial, economic and social justice. To help raise the number of diverse, disadvantaged students in law schools the Ron Brown Prep Program identifies these students in their college years and offers them early exposure to the study and practice of law and other important resources.

### Why Attend?

The Ron Brown Prep Program prepares students for the challenges of law school and for the law school application process. Participants gain an edge in courses taught by Law School faculty; through internships with judges and lawyers; in a customized LSAT prep course; and with advising on all aspects of the admissions process.

Past Ron Brown Prep Program students have seen their LSAT scores go up and have been accepted to more than 50 different law schools, including:

- Harvard
- Duke
- NYU
- U of Michigan
- Yale
- Fordham
- St. John's
- Vanderbilt
- Boston College
- Emory
- UC Berkeley
- Columbia
- Georgetown
- UC Davis
- Cornell
- Howard
- UCLA

Today, over 120 Ron Brown Prep Program alumni are attending law school or practicing law.

### Financial Aid

The Ron Brown Center offers financial assistance to help eligible Ron Brown Prep Program students with tuition and/or housing fees. We strongly encourage all applicants who need financial assistance to apply for financial aid. Eligibility will be determined based on forms similar to the FAFSA.

**The Ron Brown Center offers monetary stipends and some meals.**

### Tuition, Application Process, and Housing

#### Prep Program Foundations Tuition: Free

The program is open to male college students and graduates who:

- Have a genuine interest in attending law school and becoming lawyers
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have completed at least 24 college credits as of June 1, 2019
- Are either low-income or first-generation college or professional students or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

#### Prep Program I Tuition: \$3,000

The program is open to college students and graduates who:

- Have a genuine interest in attending law school and becoming lawyers
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have completed at least 50 college credits as of June 1, 2019
- Are either low-income or first-generation college or professional students or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

#### Prep Program II Tuition: \$3,000

The program is open to college students and graduates who:

- Have a genuine interest in attending law school and becoming lawyers
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or better
- Have completed at least 75 college credits as of June 1, 2019
- Are either low-income or first-generation college or professional students or members of a group underrepresented in law school education

#### Application Deadline: February 8, 2019

**The application period starts December 31, 2018 and ends on February 8, 2019. To apply please visit [stjohns.edu/ronbrownprep](http://stjohns.edu/ronbrownprep).**

All applicants must submit the following by the application deadline:

- Online application
- Writing sample
- Resume
- Personal statement
- Most recent official college transcript
- Two letters of reference

#### Housing Fee: \$350/week (subject to change)

Housing for Ron Brown Prep Program students is limited, but available in shared dormitory rooms on St. John's Queens campus.

## Program Dates and Curriculum

### Prep Program Foundations: June-July 2019

#### Skills and Professionalism Developmental Program

A unique academic and professionalism course that is taught by experienced faculty members and includes:

- An introduction to basic concepts of law and the American legal system
- A focus on developing and improving academic abilities such as critical reading and writing and critical thinking and analytical skills
- An intense schedule of reading and writing assignments and a final cumulative assessments
- Multiple workshops on professionalism
- Book club discussions
- Small faculty to student ratio with lead professors and teaching assistants
- Full-Time Judicial Internship Placement

### Prep Program I: June-July 2019

#### Introduction to Law and Law School

This highly engaging curriculum is taught entirely at St. John's Law by our outstanding faculty and includes:

- An intensive course introducing basic concepts of law and the American legal system
- A survey of specialty areas, such as criminal law, civil procedure, contracts, immigration law, family law, and business law, among others
- Lawyering skill building classes on legal writing, trial advocacy, legal research, and negotiation
- Rigorous reading and writing assignments and a mock law school exam
- Small faculty to student ratio with lead professors and teaching assistants

#### Internship Placements

Past Ron Brown Prep Program I students have interned with:

- AXA Equitable Legal Department
- NYS Attorney General's Office
- District Attorneys' Offices
- Harris Beach
- Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLP
- Human Rights Watch
- Bronx Public Defenders
- Paul Hastings LLP
- Solo Practitioners & Small Law Firms
- Urban Justice Center

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### Prep Program II: June-December 2019

#### Overview

In June and July our Ron Brown Prep Program II students have a full-time schedule of on-site, in-person LSAT diagnostics and classes and other workshops at St. John's Law for eight weeks. From August to December, they continue with an online LSAT training program, with more diagnostics and in-person study sessions for local students. All students then take the Fall 2019 LSAT. The program culminates before December with an event where students meet with admissions officers from law schools from around the country.

#### LSAT Review and Preparation

- Customized LSAT Prep course taught by industry leader Kaplan Test Prep
- Homework and review sessions
- At least ten full-length diagnostic LSAT exams

#### LSAT Course Content

- Logical reasoning
- Reading comprehension
- Game theory
- Exam-taking strategies
- Overcoming exam anxiety

#### Beyond the LSAT

- Personal statement and diversity statement workshops
- Resume writing and interviewing workshops
- Financial aid advising
- Mentorship program
- Networking events in New York City
- Emotional and mental health counseling



## Contact Us

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