

Re: 2017 U of T Women in House Program

The *U of T Women in House* is a new program aimed at promoting a greater female representation in the government by inviting female U of T students to shadow the lives of female Canadian politicians for a full day on the Hill in Ottawa.

It involves a subsidized, two-day trip to Ottawa to directly witness the political procedures, learn about gender equity, and engage in mentorship and networking with Canadian political leaders. Since its first inception in 2013, over 120 female undergraduate students from the University of Toronto have participated in this program. It is a non-partisan and bilingual program, co-founded by Tina Park and the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister for Northern & Indigenous Affairs and M.P. for St. Paul's.

The *2017 U of T Women in House* will take place from **March 22 to 23, 2017** in Ottawa. The participants will have a chance to mix & mingle with participating parliamentarians at the welcoming reception in Ottawa on the evening of March 22nd and spend the day with their host on March 23rd. Our program provides excellent opportunities for meaningful, long-term relationships between participants and parliamentarians from all political spectrum.

This year's program is open to any qualified female students enrolled in the following programs at the University of Toronto: Trinity One Program; Victoria College; Munk One Program; Peace, Conflict, Justice Program at the Munk School of Global Affairs; Department of Political Science; University College; Massey College; Faculty of Law and the School of Public Policy and Governance. The participants are selected on a merit-based application procedure administered by each participating program.

[INFO SESSION] >> **Friday, Jan 13th 2017 at 12-1pm @ Room 108N** of the Munk School of Global Affairs (1 Devonshire Place). At this session, some of the past participants will be sharing their own experiences and the program coordinator will be happy to answer any questions. We encourage interested applicants to attend this session to find out more about the program.

[TO APPLY] Students interested in participating at the *2017 U of T Women in House* should submit a **full CV, a 1-page statement of interest, unofficial transcript and full contact information** (email, phone, college, language skills and program) as a combined pdf to executive.director@ccr2p.org by **midnight on Jan 31, 2017**. Please indicate [Your program – Year-Name – 2017 U of T Women in House] in the subject line.

Successful candidates will be notified before the Reading week in February and there will be a mandatory briefing session prior to the trip to Ottawa in late February.

For U of T Media Relations Department's coverage on the *U of T Women in House*, check out: <http://www.news.utoronto.ca/women-house-parliament-hill>
<http://news.utoronto.ca/women-house-female-students-shadow-senators-mps-parliament-hill>
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