

2023-2024 Pro Bono Students Canada (PBSC)



About the Program

Since 2018, ALPHA Education has partnered with the Toronto chapter of Pro Bono Students Canada, an organization that engages law students to provide free services to community and non-profit organizations in various areas of law across the country. At ALPHA Education, student volunteers conduct research into legal topics related to World War II in Asia.

In partnership with the University of Toronto Faculty of Law and Lincoln Alexander School of Law

Project Topics

In 2023-2024, student volunteers are working on the following topics:

- Post-war trials
- Survivor lawsuits
- Post-war treaties and agreements



Program Details

- Student volunteers attend orientation to meet ALPHA Education staff and lawyer supervisor, and are introduced to ALPHA Education's missions, mandate, and values.
- Student volunteers sign up for Canvas, the learning management system, for self-directed learning on the history of WWII in Asia as background knowledge for their projects.
- Student volunteers decide on project topic, develop work plan, and receive support and mentorship from ALPHA Education staff and lawyer supervisor.
- Student volunteers commit 3-5 hours per week on the project.
- Student volunteers communicate with ALPHA staff and lawyer supervisor consistently to develop project outcome.
- Student volunteers submit final project by late March.

Role of Student Volunteers

Student volunteers will conduct research on legal topics that are relevant to WWII in Asia and ALPHA Education's mission, as listed above. Student volunteers are encouraged to explore specific aspects of these topics that are relevant to their own personal, academic, and professional interests. Student volunteers are welcome to work individually or in pairs for their project. Along with ALPHA Education staff, student volunteers will co-construct the final product for their research.



ALPHA Education is a non-profit and registered charity in Canada. It promotes a critical-historical inquiry of World War II in Asia that contributes to peace and reconciliation. Through its programs, events, and initiatives, ALPHA Education aims to develop the values of humanity, equity, and diversity.

By representing and reflecting the human side of the history in our work, contemporary issues such as racism, discrimination and hate, gender bias and violence, ethics and empathy, identity and belonging are explored.