



2026-2027

Legal & Historical Research into WWII in Asia

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

Role of Student Volunteers

PBSC student volunteers will conduct research on legal topics related to WWII in Asia in support of ALPHA Education's mission. In their research, student volunteers explore topics that intersect with their own personal, academic, and professional interests. The format of the research will be determined in consultation with ALPHA Education staff. The research outcomes can be in different forms such as blogs, academic bulletins, video essays or podcasts.

Who We Are

ALPHA Education is a federally registered charitable organization in Canada that promotes a critical inquiry of World War II in Asia. Our mission is to foster an understanding of humanity in the interest of furthering the values of justice, peace, and reconciliation for victims of the past, survivors, and for those who shape the history of the present and the future.

Through our museum, education programs, research projects, and community events, students, educators, the public, and volunteers contribute to historical memory and global peacebuilding.

Program Overview

This program provides PBSC student volunteers opportunities to undertake research which contributes to learning resources for secondary and post-secondary students. Supervision by a lawyer and support from ALPHA Education staff are provided to assist students' development of research-based resources that examine legal and/or justice perspectives of WWII in Asia.





Project Topics

In 2026-2027, student volunteers have a choice to work on the following:

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

Applicable areas of law include human rights law, international law, labour law, criminal law, and treaty law.



Program Components

The program consists of the following:

- Attend orientation to introduce student volunteers to ALPHA Education's missions, mandate, and values
- Engage in self-directed learning on WWII in Asia using Moodle, our learning management system
- Identify a research topic of interest to the student volunteers that also supports ALPHA Education's mission
- Receive support and mentorship from ALPHA Education staff and the lawyer supervisor
- Establish communication with ALPHA staff and lawyer supervisor
- Submit final project by the end of March