

Law 696.xx: Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) Clinical

Applications for Fall 2024

Overview of Clinical Program with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC):

The AUC regulates the rates and facilities of electric, gas and investor-owned water utilities to protect the social, economic and environmental interests of Albertans.

This program is a 3 credit program, and will be graded on a CR/D/F basis. Four students will be selected for the fall 2024 semester.

The student who completes this clinical program will gain the following opportunities:

- Practical understanding of public and administrative law principles as applied in current proceedings before the Commission;
- Understanding of the AUC's role as the regulatory body overseeing facility, rate and market related activities of provincially regulated utilities in Alberta;
- Observe Commission hearings and Alberta Court of Appeal proceedings as they occur during the semester;
- Interact directly with the AUC's lawyers and staff, and Commission members; and
- Gain valuable work experience in a professional environment in their academic field.

For the 2024 program, the core student activities will be:

- (i) Partial moot of a wind power plant facility application.
- (ii) Writing three short memos/essays, which will cumulatively result in 10-15 pages maximum of writing, double spaced. Students will present their research to the Commission's Law group.

Other work assigned may include:

- Working on research papers or projects on matters related to the regulation of Alberta's utility sector (electricity, gas and water rates and tariffs; electricity and gas pipelines facilities; electricity and gas markets); and
- Reviewing and analyzing applications, evidence, hearing transcripts and legal arguments;

Prerequisites:

Law 503: Administrative Law is a prerequisite or co-requisite for this clinical program and, although not required, any of the following courses would be beneficial: Environmental Law, Energy Law, or Oil & Gas Law.

Requirements:

- Students must be enrolled in 2L or 3L at the University of Calgary's Faculty of Law.
- Applicants must have an interest in regulatory issues.
- Students must agree to confidentiality of all non-public information which the student has had access to while at the Commission.

- Students will be required to attend at the AUC's Calgary downtown office in-person Wednesday afternoons, from 1-4 pm, and should be prepared to spend an additional 2.5 hours per week on the program (either virtually or in-person), for a total of 75 hours over the semester.

Application Process:

Students interested in this program with the AUC should submit an application package consisting of:

- Statement of Interest;
- Resume;
- Writing Sample – Memo, factum or other (5 pages or less); and
- Law school transcript.

Applications should be sent to the attention of Angela Gallo-Dewar: agallode@ucalgary.ca by noon on Monday, August 5, 2024. A short list of candidates will be selected for an interview and the successful candidates will be selected later in August.