What do our Brennanites say?

"The Brennan Program really pushed me to become a more socially aware law student throughout university. Through the program I have had the pleasure of working with underprivileged children, mental health patients and migrants, and complete impactful, meaningful tasks. I now have experience leading in many different environments and know it is possible to both aim for a legal career while advocating for social justice."



Dhruv Saggar
Bachelor of Laws/
Bachelor of Arts in
Communication
(Public Communication)

"Undertaking the Brennan Program was instrumental to my commitment as a graduate to use the law as a tool for social change. In shaping my understanding of the real-world implications of injustice, and the power of one to change the lives of many, the program inspired me to leverage legal tools to promote just outcomes for all people.

In my placement with CNN Indonesia under the Brennan Program, I was exposed to the massive social inequities rife in South East Asia. The placement inspired me to have the courage to use my professional skills to challenge injustices and to serve others with cultural sensitivity, grace and compassion."



Georgia Clark
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/
Bachelor of Arts in
Communication
(Journalism)

Get involved with the Brennan Program today

GET IN TOUCH

If you would like to explore the possibility of engaging with the Faculty's Brennan Justice and Leadership Program either by presenting a justice topic or providing volunteer opportunities for students, our team is ready to chat.

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Brennan Justice and Leadership Program

Strengthening UTS Law students' sense of justice, leadership and service



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Program History

The Brennan Justice and Leadership Program (the Brennan Program) was introduced in 2011 as a joint initiative of the UTS Faculty of Law and the UTS Law Students' Society. It is named after the late Hon Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE GBS QC, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and UTS Chancellor. His life and career exemplified the qualities of professional leadership, service and excellence that the program seeks to nurture in future legal professionals.

Program Aims and Objectives

The Brennan Program is a voluntary program for UTS Law students to strengthen their justice consciousness, idealism and sense of service, leadership skills and practical understanding of law's operation.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Strengthen students' understanding of concepts of justice and the rule of law.
- Encourage pro bono service.
- Develop students' capacity for personal and professional leadership.
- Enable students to find a sense of wellbeing, fulfilment and satisfaction in studies and professional work.

The program is indicative of UTS Law students' interest in justice and desire to go beyond the academic curriculum.

"To see...future lawyers concerned about law and justice and leadership is an assurance that the future of the rule of law in this country is in good hands. I congratulate the Law Students' Society and the UTS Faculty of Law on their initiative in creating this program."



Hon Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBF GBS QC



How does the Brennan **Program work?**

Brennan Justice and Leadership Award

Leadership through Service (LTS)

Equivalent to 40 hours per course year

DID YOU KNOW?

1 in 3 UTS Law

students are current

Brennan members?

Reflections on 100 Points

External

Law and Justice Student Discussion Groups (20 ROJ)

Justice (ROJ)

Brennan Book Program (20 ROJ)

Brennan Events (5 ROJ)

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Leadership through Service (LTS)

This program component encourages students to engage in volunteer work in legal and non-legal settings, serving others and developing resilience and initiative. For the Brennan Award, students need to complete 40 hours of service per course year.

Engaged Organisations

Students volunteer in a wide range of different organisations across Australia, including with the:

- Refugee Advice and Casework Service (RACS)
- Barnardos Australia
- Oxfam Australia
- Community Legal Centres across Australia
- Australian Pro Bono Centre
- Anti-Slavery Australia

- Mission Australia
- Arts Law Centre of Australia
- REPRIEVE Australia
- Dowson Turco Lawvers
- Rule of Law **Education Centre**
- Allens Neota UTS Law Tech Challenge for Social Justice Partnership

The Brennan Award

A student who accumulates 100 ROJ points and their required LTS hours is eligible to receive the prestigious Brennan Justice and Leadership Award.

The student's success is recorded on their Australian Higher Education Graduation (AHEG) statement, and acknowledged at the annual Law Awards Night. The Dean also writes a letter reporting achievement in the program. The program is highly regarded within the legal profession and by other employers.