start of classes in August. Organized by senior members of the faculty, the program uses class simulations, workshops, and discussions to review skills and techniques that help students succeed at Cornell Law School, and provides a social opportunity for them to become acquainted with some of their classmates. Through the year, upper-level students offer additional support and counseling. Not everyone needs extra aid or attention, but the caring and welcoming atmosphere helps all students adjust to the academic intensity of a first-rate law school. Most do more than survive—they thrive.

Admission and Financial Aid
The admissions committee seeks the most motivated, energetic, and capable students. In addition to academic qualifications, other elements of an applicant’s history that portend success in the school—and ultimately in the legal profession—are weighed. These include leadership ability, community activities, work experience, and character.

To maximize the chance for admission, we recommend that you: (a) submit your application as early in the fall as possible; (b) attach a separate statement (in addition to the required personal statement) to discuss any diversity factors in your background—including, but not limited to, racial or ethnic group identification; cultural, linguistic, or economic group identification; sexual orientation; obstacles you have overcome; and/or discrimination you have experienced, or other factors—that are relevant to the admissions process; (c) use the personal statement portion of the application to highlight other aspects of your background or aspirations that would not otherwise be reflected; (d) arrange in advance for recommendations from professors and others who know your capabilities and are prepared to provide specific examples in support of their opinions; and (e) follow up to make sure that transcripts and letters of recommendation have been forwarded as requested.

Law School Student Organizations
Cornell Law School’s student diversity organizations are important links to a network of information and support. With the backing of the Law School, they work separately and together to present workshops, seminars, panel discussion, conferences, and moot court competitions.

The Law School encourages ties between its student diversity organizations and the university’s other diversity organizations, as well as national and regional organizations. Invariably, Cornell Law School chapters of national organizations assume leadership roles.
Supportive Financial Aid Program

Cornell Law School is determined that financial constraints should not discourage anyone from applying or attending. In recent years, more than 40 percent of those enrolled have received grants from the Law School, with the average award in excess of $19,000 per year. While a majority of Cornell Law School graduates join private law firms, some choose lower-paying public-interest or public-sector positions. These graduates become eligible for one of the most generous loan-forgiveness programs in the nation. For additional information about programs available to finance your Cornell legal education, please visit our financial aid Web site: www.lawschool.cornell.edu/admissions/tuition/index.cfm

The people here were great; I felt like it was a good fit. Working as a teaching assistant was an excellent opportunity, teaching me a lot about legal writing.”

STEVEN JONES, CLASS OF ’07

Want to Learn More About Cornell Law School?

For more information and an application please write to the Admissions Office at the address below. You can also reach us by telephone, by e-mail, or on the Web.

Please consider visiting Cornell Law School. That’s the best way to get a feel for the school and the area. Call us a few days in advance of your visit in order to arrange for a student-guided tour.

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Cornell Law School strives to enroll a diverse student body and to make the study of law relevant to all who attend. The results of Cornell Law School’s commitment to diversity are obvious. Students come from every state and several foreign countries, vary in age and experience, and represent a range of cultural, ethnic, racial, and economic groups. Students of color account for more than a quarter of each entering class.

**Law School Diversity Organizations**

- Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Lambda Law (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered and Allies Students Association)
- Latino American Law Students Association
- Muslim Law Society
- Native American Law Students Association
- South Asian Law Students Association

**A Selection of University-Wide Student Organizations**

- 14 Strings, Cornell Filipino Rondalla
- 4C, Cornell Korean Catholic Community
- Africana Student Association
- ALANA: African Latino Asian Native American Students Programming Board
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society
- Armenian Student Organization
- Asian Business Forum
- Asian Pacific Americans for Action
- Asian Pacific Islander Student Union, Cornell
- Association for Students of Color
- Association of Peruvians at Cornell
- Baraka Kwa Wimbo Gospel Ensemble
- Bengali Student Association
- Bhangra Club, Cornell
- Black Graduate and Professional Students Association
- Black Students United
- Black Women’s Support Network
- Board of Regents Student Association
- Caribbean Students Association
- Caribbean Students Association Dance Ensemble, Cornell
- Chinese Basketball Club, Cornell University
- Chinese Bible Study
- Chinese Dragon Soccer Club
- Chinese Music Ensemble, Cornell
- Chinese Publication Committee
- Chinese Students and Scholars Association
- Chinese Students Association
- Chinese Tennis Club at Cornell
- Coalition of Pan-African Scholars
- Colombian Students Association
- Cover Africa
- Cuban American Students Association
- Diversity Coalition, Cornell CAS
- Dragon Boat Club, Cornell
- Enrich: Project Kenya
- European Club
- Festival of Black Gospel
- Filipino Association, Cornell
- First Ihaca Chinese Christian Church
- Focus Chinese Photography Club
- Ga’ovah
- Gay-Straight Alliance, Cornell University (CUGSAA)
- Ghanaian at Cornell
- Haitian Students Association
- Haven: The LGBTQ Student Union
- Hindu Student Council
- Hong Kong Christian Fellowship
- Hong Kong Student Association, Cornell University
- Imara-The Black Cornellian Woman’s Magazine
- India Association, Cornell
- Indigenous Graduate Student Association, Cornell
- Iranian Students Organization
- Islamic Alliance for Justice (IAJ)
- Jamaica Difference
- Japan US Association
- Japanese Animation Society, Cornell
- Japanese Graduate Students and Scholars Association
- KGSAC (Korean Graduate Students Association at Cornell)
- Korean American Students Association
- Korean Church at Cornell
- Korean Students Association
- Kornellian Business Association
- La Asociacion Latina
- Latina/Latino Graduate Student Coalition
- LBQ
- Lebanese Club at Cornell University
- The Link: Black and Latino Men’s Alliance
- Luso-Brazilian Student Association
- Mainland China Student Association
- Malaysia Association
- Men of Color Council (MOCC)
- Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS)
- Minorities in Hospitality, National Society
- Minority Business Students Association
- Minority Industrial and Labor Relations Student Organization
- Minority Organization of Architecture, Art, and Planning (MOAAP)
- Minority Undergraduate Law Society
- MOSAIC - for queer and same gender loving People of Color
- MultiCultural Greek Letter Council (MGLC)
- Muslim Educational and Cultural Society, Cornell
- Native American Students at Cornell
- National Society of Minority Undergraduate Law Students (NOMUS)
- National Society of Minorities in Hospitality, National Society
- Native American Law Students Association
- National Organization of Minority Architecture Students (NOMAS)
- National Society of Black Engineers
- National Society of Minorities in Hospitality
- Native American Students at Cornell
- Nepal Association
- Nigerian Students Association
- Out In The World
- OUtread
- Pakistani Students’ Association
- Partnership for Honduran Health
- PorColombia Cornell
- Project Nur
- Proyecto Palante
- PRSA - Sangre Taina
- Queer Association of Scientists and Researchers
- Quisqueya: Dominican Students Association
- Raas Club, Cornell
- Raga & Rock
- Sabor Latino Dance Ensemble
- Salsa en Rueda Dance Troupe, Palante
- Salsa Libre Dance Club
- Science Organization of Latinos
- Sepharadi & Mizrachi Association at Cornell (SMAC)
- Shintosh
- Sikh Student Association
- Singapore Student Association
- Sitara (Indian dance troupe)
- Society for Asian American Graduate Affairs
- Society for India
- Society for India at Cornell
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, Cornell Chapter
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers
- Sri Lankan Students Association
- Taiwanese American Society, Cornell
- Taiwanese Student Association, Cornell
- Teatrotaller (Spanish theatre)
- Thai Association, Cornell
- Turkish Student Association
- Undergraduate Asian Business Society, Cornell
- V.O.I.C.E. (Veterinary Students as One in Color and Ethnicity) WannaChic Association