

# Career opportunity

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**Location: Calgary**

**Position: Articling Student**

**Type: Fixed-term, one-year contract**

**Division: Law**

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## What we do

The Alberta Utilities Commission is an independent, quasi-judicial agency of the province of Alberta. The AUC is responsible to ensure that the delivery of Alberta's utility service takes place in a manner that is fair, responsible and in the public interest.

We regulate investor-owned natural gas, electric and water utilities and certain municipally owned electric utilities to ensure that customers receive safe and reliable service at just and reasonable rates. The AUC ensures that electric facilities are built, operated and decommissioned in an efficient and environmentally responsible way. The AUC also provides regulatory oversight of issues related to the development and operation of the wholesale electricity market in Alberta as well as the retail gas and electricity markets in the province.

## The ideal candidate

We are looking to hire an articling student to begin during summer 2025.

As an articling student at the AUC, you will focus mainly on regulatory and administrative law. You will work on matters related to the regulation of Alberta's utility sector (electricity and gas rates, electricity and gas pipeline facilities, electricity and gas markets), and represent the AUC before the Court of Appeal. You will participate in hearings and questioning, and you will utilize your strong analytical and writing skills to support to the Commission members in reaching their decisions.

## Key responsibilities

- Provide legal support on Commission related legal matters as part of an integrated member of the Commission's Law Division, under supervision of your principal and/or

senior counsel.

- Identify, research and analyse legal issues, including preparation of legal memos and opinions.
- Prepare legal aspects of correspondence, rulings, information requests and Commission decisions upon receipt of instructions from Commission members on legal and non-legal issues.
- Conduct Commission counsel questioning at oral hearings.
- Provide legal support in the preparation of Commission rules and bulletins.
- Act as a fully integrated member of a cross-disciplinary team assigned to a file, supported by principal or other senior counsel.
- Represent the AUC positively to the external community through formal interactions on applications.
- Develop an understanding of the AUC's mandate and relevant legislation.

## **Qualifications**

- Have a Canadian common law degree or equivalent qualification (i.e. LL. B. or J.D., expected by June 2025)
- Be eligible for membership with the Law Society of Alberta as a student-at-law at the time articles are to commence.

## **Competencies and experience**

- Ability to conduct effective research and express written results in a well-crafted, legally sound manner.
- Basic knowledge of administrative law.
- Strong organization, teamwork, communication and interpersonal skills.
- Ability to work independently on research projects and work with a mentor on more complex files, and exercise judgment to identify issues requiring further direction or involvement of senior counsel.
- Ability to perform well in challenging conditions and learn from a range of different situations.
- Intellectual curiosity and willingness to learn, including an interest in the regulatory framework of Alberta's electricity industry.

## **Why the AUC is a great place to work**

- Fair compensation.
- Paid office closure days.
- Flex day program.
- Hybrid work model.
- Work-life integration.
- Collaborative work environment.
- Professional development opportunities.

## How to apply

Please send your resume to [opportunities@auc.ab.ca](mailto:opportunities@auc.ab.ca) and include your name in the subject line. Applications will be accepted until July 28, 2024.

We thank everyone who applies for their interest in the AUC. Please be advised that we will only be contacting those applicants who we will be scheduling for an interview.

The AUC is proud to be an equal opportunity employer that celebrates diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for everyone.