



Fact Sheet on Practicum Opportunity at School of Social Work, University of Melbourne, Australia

The *School of Social Work at University of Melbourne* in Australia in partnership with the *University of Toronto* is offering an MSW practicum experience for Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work students.

MSW Program Status

Students undertaking a Year 2/Advanced Study Practicum in Melbourne will need to structure their courses outside the practicum time frame they spend overseas, as required to complete all other courses and be in good standing. The practicum will depend on the availability of field instructors and clients/projects.

Students' learning in practicum will be evaluated by the *University of Melbourne* field supervisor and our FIFSW Practicum Office. Usual documentation such as learning contracts and evaluations will be expected, although adaptations for competency relevancy can be arranged. Students will need to be in regular contact with their FIFSW faculty-field liaison via negotiated methods (e.g.: e-mail, reflection logs).

Students must contact the U of T policy re international study/placement, available at the *Centre for International Experience* (CIE) (<http://cie.utoronto.ca/>). Enquiries about financial support should also be directed to CIE.

Process

A student who wishes to be considered for a practicum experience in Melbourne:

1. provides a current resume and a 2-page report (250 word maximum) on why they would like to do a practicum in Melbourne, addressing:
 - Reasons for seeking this opportunity
 - Background and experience relevant to a Practicum in Melbourne
 - How they expect to integrate this experience into their future profession
 - Questions or concernsSubmit by deadline to practicum.fsw@utoronto.ca by April 1st in Year 1 of the Two-Year MSW Program.
2. Must be a student in good standing.

Criteria

The Assistant Dean, Field Education and the Associate Dean, Academic will review received reports. Selection will be based on the responses in the submission and any other evidence that suggest the student would benefit from the learning experience while being an ambassador for the FIFSW.

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Next Steps

After reviewing applications, the Practicum Office will negotiate with the *School of Social Work, University of Melbourne* for a Practicum that will meet the requirements of the FIFSW. The student is deemed a student of the *University of Toronto*. It is necessary to do pre-planning of your courses to allow for a length of time in Melbourne to complete the practicum and to address the different program schedules. For example, after finishing Year 2 winter classes, a FIFSW student may need to be immediately ready to complete a block placement in Melbourne for the spring/summer of that year. Students who successfully complete their practicum in Melbourne will not qualify for a June Convocation.

More Information

For information about the University of Melbourne:

www.unimelb.edu.au/

For information about the School of Social Work, University of Melbourne:

<http://socialwork.unimelb.edu.au/>

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