Fact Sheet on Year 1 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 1 MSW Practicum in Melbourne will need to be in good standing. Students' learning in practicum will be evaluated by the *University of Melbourne* field supervisor and the 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).

Process

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

1. Provide a current resume and a 1-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, and
   - any questions or concerns.
2. Be a student in good standing.

Deadline to submit: December 17, 2018 - in Year 1 of the Two-Year MSW Program.

Submit by email to practicum.fsw@utoronto.ca.

Criteria

The Selection Committee, composed of the Assistant Dean, Field Education and the Associate Dean, Academic, will review the submissions. Selection is based on the submission and any other evidence that suggest the student would benefit from the learning experience while being an ambassador for the FIFSW.

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*.

Students who are selected must:

- Plan courses to allow for a summer block placement in Melbourne. For example, after finishing Year 1 winter classes, a FIFSW student may need to be immediately ready to complete a block placement in Melbourne until August of that year. Students who undertake SWK 4701 Practicum I in Melbourne will participate in the Year 2 September 2019-April 2020 practicum interview/matching process remotely. Students must successfully complete the SWK 4701 Practicum I course before commencing the SWK 4702 Practicum II course in September 2019.
- Register with the Centre for International Experience (CIE) at University of Toronto and adhere to their policies re international study/placement http://cie.utoronto.ca/ . Direct all enquiries related to financial assistance to the CIE.

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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