



COMPETITIVE PRACTICUM Q + A

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WELCOME!

Today we are **not** here to discuss the established practicum matching process through the **PAS (Practicum Administrative System)**. For information about the PAS matching process, please make sure to attend the Practicum Information Session on October 7, 2019 or October 8, 2019 with Practicum Coordinator Mindy Coplevitch, m.coplevitch@utoronto.ca

We are here to discuss other ways to secure a Year 1 practicum- through **Competitive** and **Outside of the GTA** opportunities. These opportunities are posted on the Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) website (as opposed to the PAS). We already have 10 competitive opportunities posted with fast approaching deadlines. This is why we have scheduled this session for today. We want to give interested students ample time to work on their applications.

Competitive and Outside of the GTA practicums can be found in the Quick Links section of the FIFSW website.

<https://socialwork.utoronto.ca/practicum/for-students/competitive-opportunities/>

WHAT IS A COMPETITIVE PRACTICUM?

Competitive practicums are opportunities where FIFSW students are applying for practicum spots that are also open to students from other academic programs. FIFSW students will be competing with other students for a limited number of spots.

Competitive practicum applications typically require students to send a cover letter and resume to the practicum site before a specific deadline. Each site, however, has a different application process.



WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR A COMPETITIVE PRACTICUM?

Anyone interested in any of the available opportunities

Anyone keen to begin the practicum matching process soon (you can start today!)

Anyone who does not wish to participate in the PAS matching process but wishes to secure a January practicum

Anyone interested in an out of town practicum

WHAT IF I APPLY FOR A COMPETITIVE PRACTICUM AND AM SUCCESSFUL?

If you apply and are offered a competitive practicum and accept the offer- congratulations- you are matched! You will not be a part of the PAS matching process

*Please be aware that as a courtesy to the practicum site, students are required to respond to a competitive practicum offer within one week.

**WHAT IF I
APPLY AND DO
NOT GET A
PRACTICUM OR
DECIDE NOT TO
ACCEPT A
PRACTICUM
OFFER?**

If you do not get a practicum offer or apply and decide that it is not a good fit, you will be included in the regular PAS matching process.

**WHAT IF I
APPLIED- BUT
HAVE NOT YET
HEARD BACK FROM
A COMPETITIVE
SITE AND THE PAS
MATCHING
PROCESS IS
BEGINNING?**

In these cases you can apply to competitive practicums and be a part of the PAS matching process. If you are offered a competitive practicum, you will have to make a decision within one week.

OUTSIDE THE GTA PRACTICUMS

Practicum opportunities located outside of the GTA are posted on the FIFSW website along with competitive opportunities. As the FIFSW is a Toronto-based program, the Practicum Office cannot guarantee that all requests for outside of the GTA will be met. However, we do have many partnerships outside of the GTA and try our best to accommodate student requests.

*If you are interested in a practicum outside of the GTA **that is not on our website**, please set up a meeting with me.

*Students are asked **NOT** to contact potential practicum sites to secure their own placements. Practicum matches can only be secured through the Practicum Office (whether through the PAS matching process, by applying to practicums on the website or in collaboration with someone from the Practicum Office).

LIST OF CURRENT COMPETITIVE/OUTSIDE OF THE GTA PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health Care- Penetanguishene – closes at 5:00 p.m. September 26, 2019

Renascent Treatment Centre-Durham site – closes at 5:00 p.m. September 30, 2019

Renascent Treatment Centre-Toronto site – closes at 5:00 p.m. September 30, 2019

YMCA of Durham Region – closes at 5:00 p.m. September 30, 2019

Durham Children's Aid Society – closes at 5:00 p.m. October 4, 2019

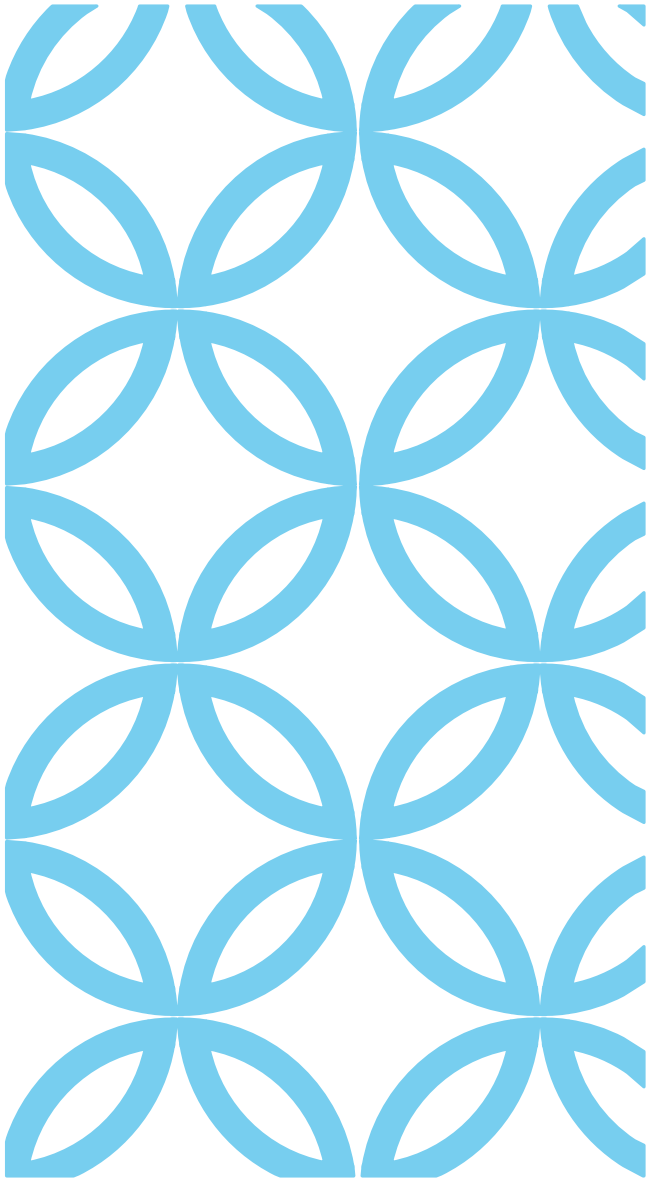
Alzheimer Society of York Region – closes at 5:00 p.m. October 11, 2019

Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka – closes at 5:00 p.m. October 11, 2019

OakMed Family Health Team – closes at 5:00 p.m. October 11, 2019

DANI – Developing and Nurturing Independence, Thornhill – closes at 5:00 p.m. October 18, 2019

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Toronto – closes at 5:00 p.m. October 18, 2019



If any of these opportunities interest you, please follow the application directions and note the deadlines. Students are encouraged to continuously check out the opportunities on the website as it will continue to be updated regularly.

DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE ALSO INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES??



The Faculty of Social Work has partnered with the following social work programs to offer spring/summer semester practicum courses:

- 1) Hebrew University, Israel
- 2) University of Edinburgh, Scotland
- 3) University of Melbourne, Australia

* Year 1 practicum opportunities, however, are only offered at Hebrew University and University of Edinburgh. (University of Melbourne offers to Year 2 students).

* If you are interested in pursuing an international practicum opportunity, please submit a statement of interest to Eileen McKee, e.mckee@utoronto.ca, Assistant Dean of Field Education by October 30, 2019. More information can be found on our website.

<https://socialwork.utoronto.ca/practicum/for-students/international-study-opportunities/>



QUESTIONS?!



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