



The Youth Wellness Lab (YWL)
Fall 2021
Mostly Remote
Internal Competition

The Youth Wellness Lab (YWL) is a collaborative “hub” for youth who are interested in participating in the design and dissemination of research, academic and community-based researchers who are committed to promoting the well-being of young people across a broad spectrum of domains, and service providers, networks, and advocates who are passionate about partnering on youth-related research. Our broad goal is to engage youth as partners and leaders in designing, developing, implementing, and disseminating research that impacts service delivery across sectors and ultimately improves youth outcomes. Despite how services and research projects are often siloed by disciplines, populations, and institutional or organizational contexts, the YWL seeks to create knowledge that engages the intersectional identities of young people. YWL is committed to working with youth across a range of populations (Black, Indigenous, LGBTQ+) and domains (public systems involvement, housing/homelessness, neighbourhood/community health, health/mental health, and resilience/thriving). The mission of the YWL is to create a safe space for sustainable empowerment and expression through research and collaborative conversations for youth, by youth. By providing opportunities to engage in dialogue, we focus on issues that youth experience, and uplift ideas about their wellness.

Student responsibilities:

The practicum student will be a member of the core team of the YWL, which will also involve interaction with the larger academic team, community partners, and most importantly, the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). This is a research practicum, so much of the tasks will be related to helping with all aspects of our research agenda, including: outreach to funders, youth, community and academic partners; administrative (tracking meeting minutes, managing tasks for the team), participation in research projects - from development to dissemination; writing and organizing grants, publications, fact sheets, social media content; and participation in all team meetings. The practicum student will have the opportunity to lead aspects of particular projects or even generate their own. .

Student requirements:

Because of the importance of this engagement with our YAC, it is hoped that the practicum student will have lived experience across any (or multiple) domains of the YWL's collective research (see above). Personal, professional, or volunteer experience with populations and domains we address is important. Research experience is helpful, but not required. Essential to the position is a commitment to our mission and an ability to engage directly with young people.

Primarily remote until it is safe to meet in person, but we expect that much of the work will still be done remotely for academic year 21-22

Fields of Study: Children and Families, Social Justice and Diversity

Application deadline: until filled

If you are interested in this practicum,

1. Send your cover letter and resume to Practicum Office at practicum.fsw@utoronto.ca.
2. Students registered with University of Toronto Accessibility Services may receive appropriate accommodations for practicum settings. To register: <http://www.studentlife.utoronto.ca/as>
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