

**COMPETITIVE AND OUTSIDE OF THE GTA
PRACTICUM INFORMATION SESSION
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL LAND

I wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

WELCOME

We are here to discuss **Competitive and Outside of the GTA** practicum opportunities. We are **not** discussing the matching process through the **PAS (Practicum Administrative System)** and **general practicum information**.

The reason we are having this session today (and first) is because we already have several competitive practicum opportunities posted with fast approaching deadlines that I wish to flag for you.

For information about the **PAS**, please make sure to attend the information session

Date: Wednesday October 13, 2021

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

zoom pre-registration required

With Mindy Coplevitch, Practicum Coordinator

WHERE ARE THE COMPETITIVE AND OUTSIDE OF THE GTA OPPORTUNITIES POSTED

Competitive and Outside of the GTA opportunities are posted on the **Factor-Inwentash Faculty of Social Work (FIFSW) website**. They can be found in the Practicum section of the website. To view these opportunities go to:

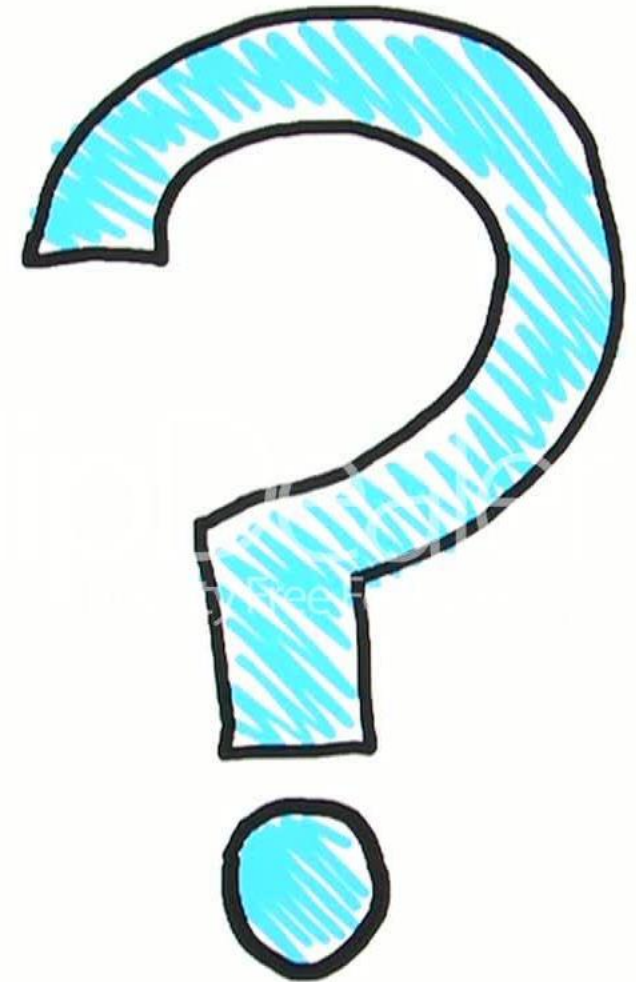
Practicum > Students > Practicum Opportunities > Practicum I Opportunities

<https://socialwork.utoronto.ca/practicum-i-opportunities-2021-2022/>

WHAT ARE COMPETITIVE PRACTICUMS?

Competitive practicums are opportunities where FIFSW students are applying for practicums 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 its own 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 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 asked 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.

But, if you are offered a competitive practicum, you will have to make a decision within one week of the offer.

OUTSIDE THE GTA PRACTICUMS

Practicum opportunities located **outside of the GTA** are also posted on the FIFSW website along with competitive opportunities. As this is a Toronto-based program, the Practicum Office cannot guarantee that all requests for practicums 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, miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca
- 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).

STUDENT SAFETY DURING THE PANDEMIC

The FIFSW complies with Public Health guidelines, directives from the University and decisions set out by community organizations.

This means that a practicum may **be in-person/remote/hybrid and may change at any time.**

At time of writing, all FIFSW classes are expected to be delivered in-person at the FIFSW building in January 2022.

When applying for a **Competitive or Out of the GTA** practicum please review whether a practicum is in-person/ remote/ hybrid and ensure that you meet this requirement.

CURRENT COMPETITIVE/OUTSIDE OF THE GTA PRACTICUM OPPORTUNITIES

Year 1 Practicum Opportunities:

Consent Comes First, Ryerson University- open until Tuesday October 5, 2021

Victim Services of Durham – open until Thursday October 7, 2021

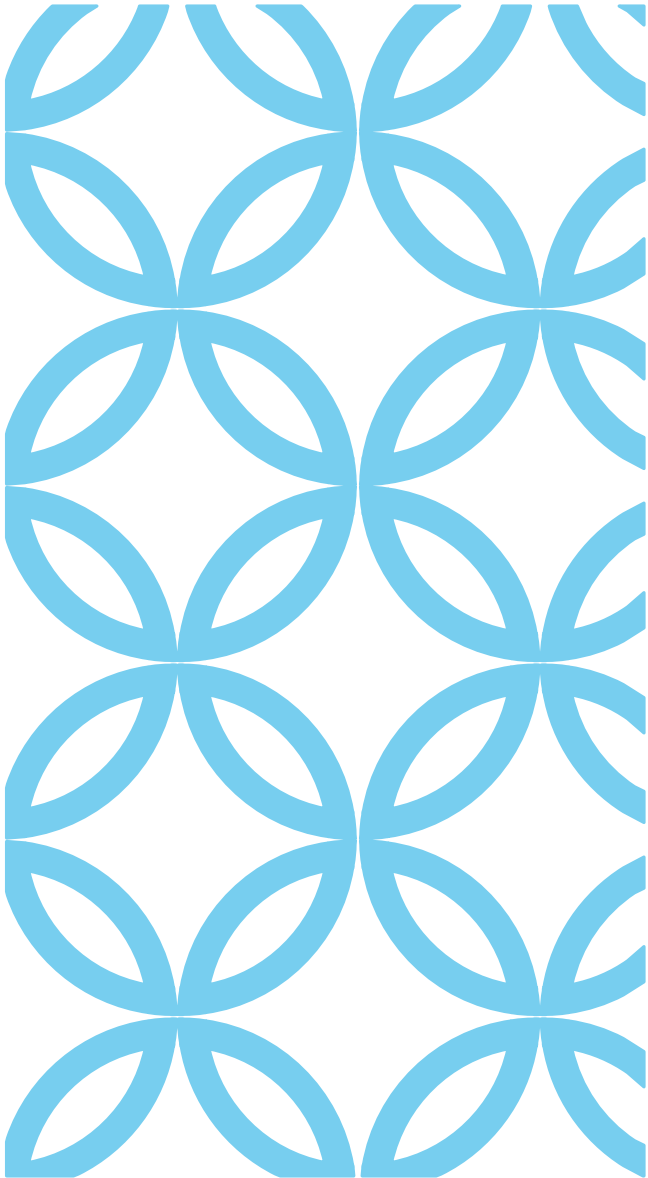
Bridging With Support, Picton Ontario – open until Wednesday October 13, 2021

Gilda's Club, Simcoe Muskoka – open until Wednesday October 13, 2021

Peel CAS – open until Wednesday October 13, 2021

Wyndham House, Guelph Ontario– open until Wednesday October 13, 2021

Brockville Mental Health Centre, Brockville Ontario- open until Wednesday October 27, 2021



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

Thank you for your time today.



QUESTIONS?!



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