

**EARLY-MATCHING:  
COMPETITIVE AND OFF-PAS  
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

Today we are discussing early practicum matching opportunities, also known as **competitive and Off-PAS** opportunities. We will not be discussing the **PAS (Practicum Administration System)** matching process. The majority of students **will** be matched through the PAS.

The reason we are having this session today (and first, yes it seems out of order) is because there are already practicum opportunities posted on the website with fast-approaching deadlines. We wanted to ensure this information is shared so students do not miss out on these rich learning opportunities.

Information about the **PAS Matching process**, will be provided

**Date: October 19th and 20<sup>th</sup> in the Elements and Lab Course**

**Time: 1-2 pm**

**With Eileen McKee, Assistant Dean of Field Education and Catherine Connochie, Practicum Administrator**

# WHAT ARE COMPETITIVE AND OFF-PAS PRACTICUMS?

These are practicum opportunities posted on the website (not the PAS) that have a unique application process and/or requirements.

Most require students to send a cover letter and resume to the practicum site before a specific deadline. Each site has its own application process. Most of these sites will only follow-up with students who are accepted for interviews.

Please note, there is no obligation or requirement for students to participate in this process. If you are interested in the opportunities posted, you are welcome to apply



# WHERE ARE OFF-PAS OPPORTUNITIES POSTED?

They can be found in the Practicum section of the FIFSW website. To view these opportunities go to:

Practicum > For Students > Off-PAS Practicum Opportunities (left column)

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

Students are encouraged to check out the practicum opportunities on the website regularly as new opportunities continue to be added.

# COMPETITIONS- WHAT ARE THEY?

Competitive practicums are opportunities where FFSW students are applying for practicums that are also open to students from other academic programs. FFSW students compete with other students for a limited number of spots.

There are also internal competitions. These are opportunities where FFSW students compete internally for a practicum. Field Instructors will review applications and decide which candidates to interview.

# PRACTICUMS SECURED FOR BIPOC, LGBTQ2S, GENDER-DIVERSE STUDENTS

Some field instructors have expressed a preference for students in equity deserving groups; BIPOC, LGBTQ2S and/or Gender-Diverse students. These preferences are clearly indicated in bold letters on the FIFSW website.

There may also be other preferences or requirements specified by field instructors, such as evening attendance, language requests, access to a car, drivers license etc...

Please make sure that you meet the requirements before submitting an application.

# OUTSIDE OF THE GTA OPPORTUNITIES

Practicum opportunities located outside of the GTA are also posted on the website. The location of the practicum is in **the title**.

If you are interested in a practicum outside of the GTA that is not on our website, please email me, [miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca](mailto:miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca).

The Practicum Office cannot guarantee that all requests for opportunities outside of the GTA will be met. However, we try our best to accommodate student requests.



# WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR AN OFF-PAS PRACTICUM?

Anyone interested in one of the available opportunities on the website

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

Anyone who meets the specific practicum requirements indicated on the website

Anyone interested in an out of town practicum

**WHAT IF I  
APPLY FOR  
AN OFF-PAS  
PRACTICUM  
AND AM  
SUCCESSFUL?**

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

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**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 PAS matching process.

We ask that as a courtesy to the practicum site, students respond to the practicum offer within 48 hours.

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

We are hoping that the **early matching process** will be completed before the PAS opens. If, however, you have interviewed for an Off-PAS practicum and have not yet heard back, you **can be** a part of the PAS matching process.

If you are waiting for a response from an Off-PAS site, please reach out to me and I will follow-up with the site.

# CURRENT OFF-PAS OPPORTUNITIES

## PRACTICUM 1

UHN – Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, Department of Supportive Care, Research Division: Mixed Research and Psychotherapy (two-year practicum) – open until Monday October 3, 2022

Hamilton Health Sciences, McMaster Children’s Hospital Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care Centre– open until Wednesday October 5, 2022

St. Michael’s Family Health Team Unity Health Network at the Sumac Creek Site– open until Wednesday October 5, 2022 – preference to BIPOC-identifying student

Jewish Addiction Community Services (JACS) – open until Wednesday October 5, 2022

Canadian Mental Health Association – Waterloo Wellington – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Catholic Family Services of Simcoe County – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Children’s Mental Health Services Belleville – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Compass Community Services (Guelph) – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

# CURRENT OFF-PAS OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

Consent Comes First, The Office of Sexual Violence Support and Education, Toronto Metropolitan University – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Family and Children's Services of the Waterloo Region (Kitchener) – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Queen's University Student Wellness Services Mental Health Intake/Triage and Counselling – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

The Napanee Community Health Centre Napanee – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Talk It Out Counselling Clinic – open until Thursday October 6, 2022

Winrose Oasis Counselling Services (Hamilton) – open until Thursday October 6, 2022 – preference to a BIPOC-identifying student

# OTHER INFORMATION:

- Students are asked **not** to contact potential practicum sites to secure their own placements. Practicum matches must be secured through the Practicum Office; whether through the PAS matching process, by applying for an Off-PAS practicum or by working collaboratively with a Practicum Coordinator. If you have any questions or ideas about a new partnership organization, please do not hesitate to be in touch.
- Students who think they may require accommodations in their practicums are encouraged to contact Accessibility Services at [accessibility.services@utoronto.ca](mailto:accessibility.services@utoronto.ca) or 416-978-8060. <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/departments/accessibility-services/>

# COVID: STUDENT SAFETY

- The FIFSW continues to comply with Public Health guidelines and follows directives from the University. This means that a practicum may **be in-person/remote/hybrid and it can change at any time.**
- Before applying for a practicum please review whether a practicum is in-person/ remote/ hybrid and ensure that you are comfortable with and can meet this requirement.
- If you have questions about whether you should attend practicum, please review: <https://ehs.utoronto.ca/symptomatic-or-confirmed/>





**Thank you for  
your time  
today!**



**QUESTIONS?!**



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