

**JIAS Toronto**

Year 1 Practicum

Dates: January 10- May 31, 2024

**Please provide a description of the practicum site and student activities:**

JIAS Toronto is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to helping immigrants with settlement in the Greater Toronto Area. JIAS Toronto assists immigrants and refugees in meeting basic financial, language, social, and other requirements of immigration. We work to advance the well-being and social integration of newcomers by providing a full range of settlement support, counseling, language training, and referral services.

A social work student placement will provide the opportunity to learn more about the settlement sector and the kinds of services provided to newcomers. A student will be able to provide settlement and integration services to immigrants and refugees, ensuring their successful adjustment in Canada as well as fostering connections to their new communities. A student in this placement will also have the opportunity to work with the Programs area at JIAS (also managed by an MSW) helping to plan and deliver group programs to clients (if interested). The placement will include the opportunity to support LGBTQ+ newcomers and to participate in JIAS's LGBTQ+ workgroup which focuses on ways to make the agency more inclusive and welcoming to LGBTQ+ newcomers.

**Practicum Requirements:**

- Covid Vaccinations
- Police Reference/Vulnerable Sector Check
- Travel by public transportation between home visits, or satellite offices, or community meetings, etc.
- Comfort working with the population being served
- Language Requirements. Request for a student who speaks one of the languages spoken by our clients. These include: **Tigringa, Russian, Ukrainian, Dari, Pashto, Farsi, Hebrew**

**Does your practicum require any previous experience? If yes, please specify.**

It would be helpful if the candidate had some familiarity with Canadian immigration rules and some understanding of the experiences of newcomers, but it is not required. Prior case management experience is also helpful but not required.

**Please indicate whether this practicum will be in-person, remote or hybrid.**

Hybrid

**Please indicate whether this practicum will involve direct work or a mix of direct and indirect.**

Both. There will be opportunities to work directly with clients as well as help to plan group programs for clients.

**Number of practicums offered?** 1

**Field Instructor(s)' name and credentials (BSW and/or MSW)**

Laura Gold, MSW, RSW

**Do you require a resume? Or resume and cover letter?**

Yes both

**Accessibility Considerations:**

- Will the student have access to a private space for notes or computer use? **No**  
Not while at office.
- Are there breaks between clients/patients/meetings? **Sometimes**
- Is the practicum considered fast-paced? **Medium**
- Is there a high noise level in the practicum? **Low**
- Is the site wheelchair accessible? **Yes**
- What are the physical demands of the practicum? Commuting to one of the office locations at least 1 day per week. Using agency laptop for zoom meetings and recording client services.
- Are there any other accessibility considerations that potential applicants with disabilities should be aware of? **NA**

Students registered with University of Toronto Accessibility Services may receive appropriate accommodations for practicum settings. To register: <https://studentlife.utoronto.ca/departments/accessibility-services/> or call 416-978-8060.

**If you are interested in this practicum, please send a cover letter and resume to [miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca](mailto:miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca) by 5 pm on September 27, 2023. Applications will be forwarded on to the site.**