

OFF-PAS Practicum Matching: Information Session

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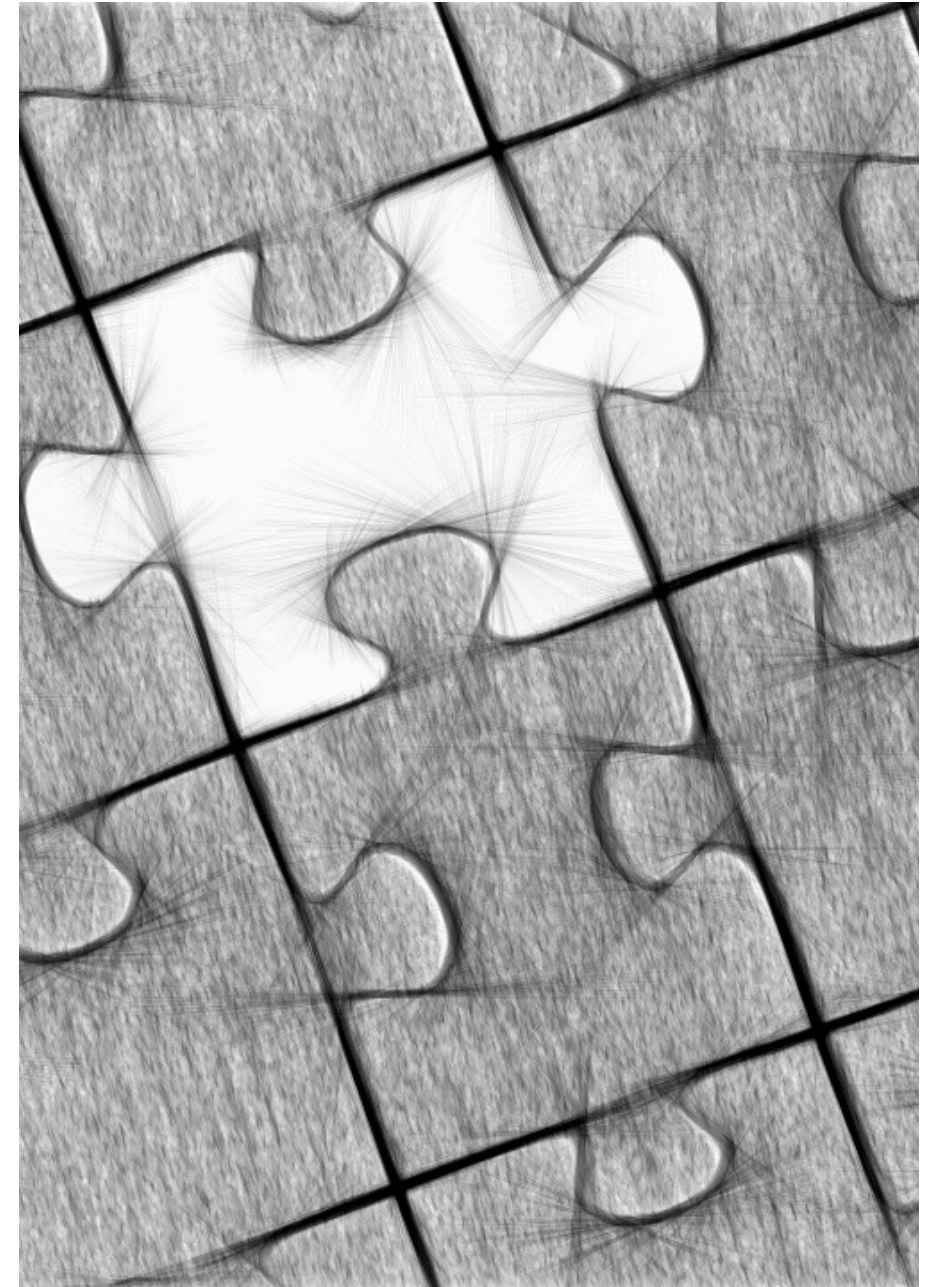
Practicum Coordinators

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The Practicum Office: Who are we?

- **Assistant Dean, Field Education**
 - Eileen McKee
- **Practicum Assistants**
 - Catherine Connochie
 - Matthew Cho
- **Practicum Coordinators**
 - Alexi Sparaggis
 - Leah Potash
 - Miri Ben Dat
 - Samar Hossain
- **Acting Indigenous Trauma Resiliency (ITR) Coordinator**
 - Lauren Akbar



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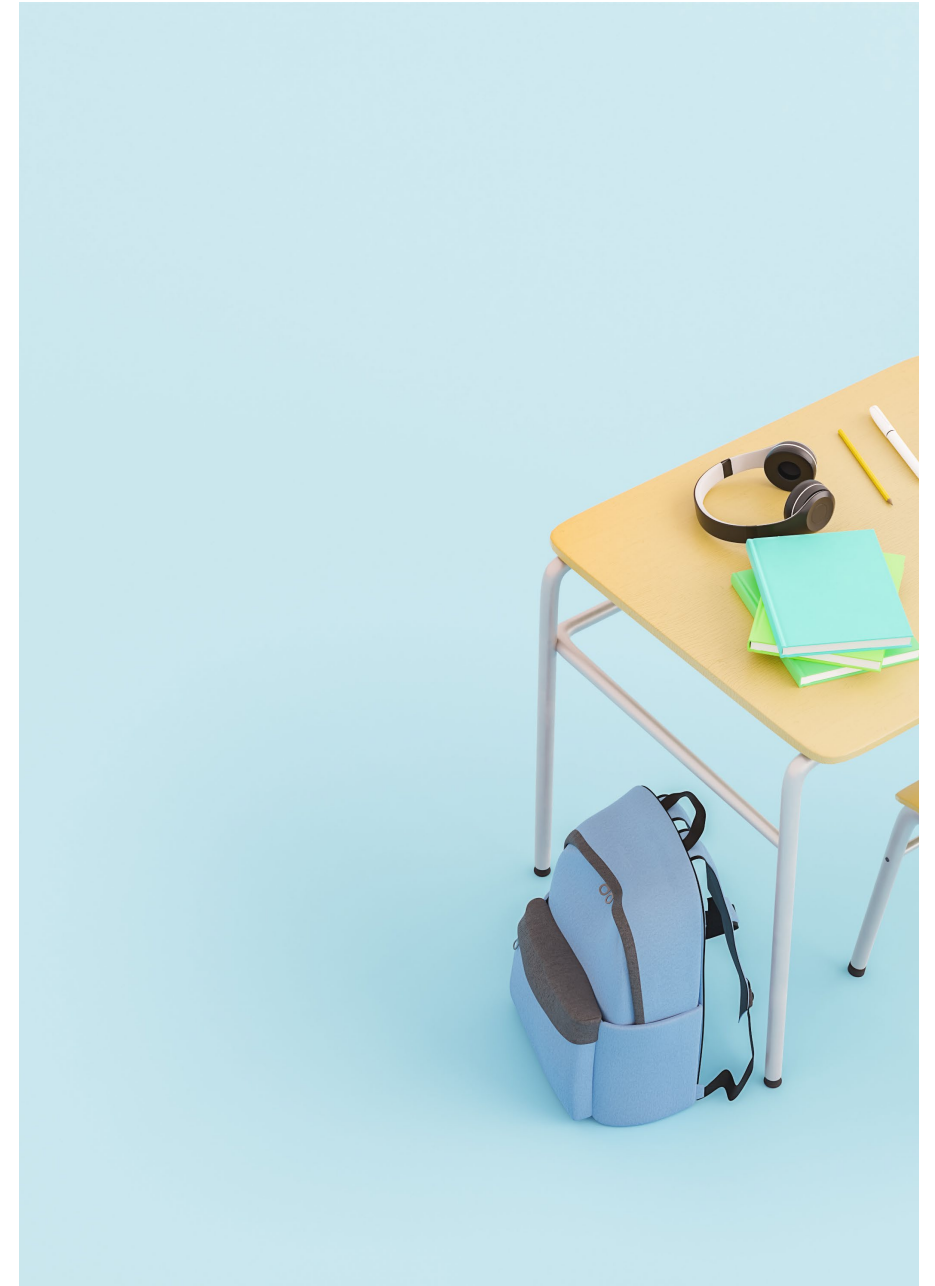
Today we are discussing **early practicum** matching, also known as **Off-PAS Matching**. We will **not** be discussing the PAS (Practicum Administration System).

We are having this session today because there are a number of practicum opportunities posted on the website with fast-approaching deadlines.

Information about **PAS Matching** will be provided by Eileen McKee and Catherine Connochie

Date: October 23, 2024

During the Elements and Lab Course



What are Off-PAS Practicum Opportunities?

- They 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 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.

Off-PAS Practicums fall into three different categories:



Competitive practicums

These are opportunities where students apply for practicums that are also open to other academic programs. Students compete for a limited number of practicum spots. There are also **internal** competitions. These are opportunities where FIFSW students compete for a practicum.



For equity-deserving groups

These are opportunities where field instructors indicate that they wish to support equity deserving groups and secure practicums for BIPOC, LGBTQ2S and/or Gender-Diverse students.



Outside of the GTA

Practicum opportunities located outside of the GTA are posted Off-PAS with the objective that students will be matched early with opportunities in their own communities.

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 > Current Information For Students > Off-PAS Practicum Opportunities > **Practicum 1 Off-PAS Opportunities**

<https://socialwork.utoronto.ca/practicum-1-off-pas-opportunities/>

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



Competitions: What are they?

Competitive practicums are opportunities where FIFSW students apply for practicums that are also open to students from other academic programs. Students compete for a limited number of spots.

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

Practicums secured for Equity Deserving Groups

Some field instructors express a preference for students in equity deserving groups; BIPOC, LGBTQ2S and/or Gender-Diverse students. These preferences are clearly indicated 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...

Students should make sure to meet the requirements before submitting an application.

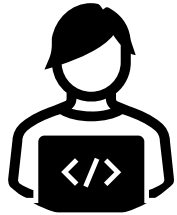
Outside of the GTA Practicum Opportunities

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 miri.ben.dat@utoronto.ca.

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

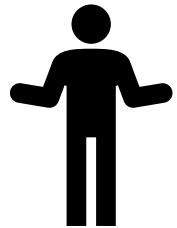
Who Should Apply For an Off-PAS Practicum?



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 practicum opportunities located outside of the GTA

What If I apply for an Off-PAS practicum and am successful?

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

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 a practicum offer within 48 hours.

Please keep me informed of your decision.

What if I applied- but have not yet heard back from an Off-PAS site and the PAS matching process is beginning?

We hope 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** participate in 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 for January 2025:

Two-year Mixed Psychotherapy and Research Practicum Department of Supportive Care, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre, University Health Network – Open until Thursday September 26, 2024

CMHA Hamilton – Open until Monday September 30, 2024

Catholic Family Services (CFS) Counseling & Wellbeing – Barrie, ON – Open until Tuesday October 1, 2024

Learning Disabilities Association of York Simcoe – Open until Tuesday October 1, 2024

St Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton- Youth Wellness Centre – Open until Tuesday October 1, 2024

Current Off-PAS Opportunities continued

Two-Year, Specialized Psychotherapy Training Practicum – University Health Network Centre for Psychology and Emotional Health – Open until Tuesday October 1, 2024

Upper Grand Family Health Team – Fergus, ON – Open until Tuesday October 1, 2024

The Collective of Child Welfare Survivors – **Practicum secured for BIPOC, LGBTQ2, gender diverse students** – Open until Wednesday October 2, 2024

Mississauga Community Legal Services (MCLS) – Open until Monday October 7, 2024

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health – Penetanguishene, ON – Open until Monday October 7, 2024

Other Important 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 or 416-978-8060.

Questions?

Thank you for joining us!

