FSC481Y5Y INDEPENDENT RESEARCH INTERNSHIP

SHOULD I CHOOSE THIS COURSE?

IF YOU:

✓ Prefer self-directed academic research

✓ Are looking for a one-on-one mentorship

✓ Prefer live presentation of your research to an audience

...THEN YOU SHOULD CHOOSE THIS COURSE!

This course provides students with **professional practice** and **research experience** by being placed with a participating forensic agency to conduct independent research and gain an understanding of the unit's daily operations, under the supervision of a designated mentor.

Students are required to attend the FSC481Y5Y classes that address proper research design and methodology, as well as issues of professional practice in the forensic sciences including: ethics; research protocols; written and verbal communication skills; professional communication (interviews, letters, emails, reports, presentations, and publications); and expert witness testimony. **NOTE:** Students enrolled in FSC481 should **not** enrol in FSC482, as these classes run in parallel with students in FSC483, 485 and 407.

In addition to practice presentations, critiques, an ethics approval application, a 10-15 page research proposal, and a mock interview, students are required to formally present the results of their research at the annual **Forensic Science Day** symposium and submit a publication

DO I MAKE UP MY OWN PROJECT?

NO!

Unlike an ROP, your internship project will be based on the needs of your mentor. You will work together to answer questions of evaluate methods that are relevant to the field, and rely on them for data collection and advancement.

Continuous and open communication will be key!

DO I PRESENT MY WORK TO AN AUDIENCE?

YES!

Part of your grade relies on communicating your work in several ways, from a mock trial, to a final publishable product, to a conference-style presentation of your work on Forensic Science Day.

Your mentor will be invited to support your success!

PREVIOUS PLACEMENT EXAMPLES

Ontario Forensic Pathology Service

Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario

York Regional Police Canine Unit

Toronto Police Services

ai2-3D Forensic Technologies

Novroski Research Laboratory

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health

The Innocence Project at Osgoode Hall – York University

Ontario Court of Justice

Toronto Rehab University Health Network/The Acquired Brain Injury Research Lab