

JEG 400Y5Y (Sci) or JEG 401Y5Y (SSc)

GEOGRAPHY/ ENVIRONMENT INTERNSHIP

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

JEG 400 or JEG 401Y is an **academic internship course**. Some of the goals of the course are to expose you to work situations in which geographical or environmental expertise is required; to integrate you into the local professional community; to provide an opportunity to make career contacts; and to develop skills that will help you succeed in the workplace. **The application deadline is April 9th, 2025. See application details below.**

We try to find a placement that suits your needs, skills, career aspirations, and transportation options, however, there are no guarantees concerning the type of placement that you will receive. Placements in corporations; municipal and regional government, provincial government; federal government and non-profit and non-governmental organizations are possible.

The placement will require an unpaid-work placement of **200 hours**. This is equivalent to approximately **one day per week (or two half days)** for the school year.

You will be responsible for getting yourself to your workplace. It is crucial that you conduct yourself as a **professional** in all dealings with your employer; you are a representative of the University of Toronto Mississauga in the community. Please note that although this is an unpaid placement you will have insurance coverage for the time you spend on the job. Students will be asked to attend a meeting with their provided placement site supervisors prior to beginning their placement work. Final acceptance into the course is dependent on the official acceptance of a student as an intern with a placement site.

The class will meet in a hybrid capacity approximately every other week. At the end of the academic year, you submit a written report and give an oral presentation at the annual symposium. **Attendance at all class meetings is required and comprises part of the course mark.** At the end of the academic year, you submit a written **report** and give an **oral presentation** at the annual symposium.

It is highly recommended that international students who are interested in applying for GS435Y5 visit the UTM International Education Centre (IEC) to determine any parameters regarding eligibility for participating in placement work for academic practicum courses.

The first official class meeting, a pre-placement orientation, is to be determined. You will be notified of the details. Please note that this is before term begins. Attendance is mandatory; please ensure that you are available for this session.

Important: Please use only your **mail.utoronto.ca** e-mail address for all course-related correspondence and check it regularly (at least once per day). If you have a message for voice mail on your phone, please make sure that it is professional in tone, and that you only answer your phone when you are free to speak, in a quiet location, with a potential supervisor.

Should you have any questions about your application, please contact Professor Laliberté (nicole.laliberte@utoronto.ca) and the course's Experiential Learning Officer, Alina Cheng (alina.cheng@utoronto.ca).

Application Process

Submit a Statement of Interest, Resume, and Academic Record in electronic format only in MS Word only, no pdfs.

Complete the application form (**fillable pdf**) and email it with the other required documents (as MS Word docs - see checklist below) to jeg400401.utm@utoronto.ca by **March 31st, 2024**.

The **file names** should follow this pattern, as closely as possible: **Your Name JEG40X Item** (for example: SHEARJEG400 resume)

If you do not submit in the format specified, your application will be rejected

Required items checklist

- The application form (**fillable pdf**).
- Statement of interest (one page or less, in the form of a cover letter), identifying your work interest (based on the skills acquired to date and your intended career path) and your reasons for applying to this course (**MS Word**)
- Your resume (**MS Word**)
- Academic record (**downloaded from ROSI or Acorn**)

The application committee will not review incomplete applications. The committee will call selected applicants for an interview in late April and successful applicants will be admitted into the course.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FIPPA)

Policy for Soliciting Personal Information on Student Application Forms

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Note:

Should students from abroad wish to participate in an Academic Internship course, Community Engaged Learning (CEL) course, and/or to conduct on-campus research, it is highly recommended that the [UTM International Education Centre \(IEC\)](#) be contacted early on to ensure that you are applying for the proper documentation as the process differs for undergraduate and graduate students.