#### University of Toronto Mississauga

#### Facilitating Student Success Through Experiential Learning and Professional Development

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# EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Effective Teaching & Learning Strategy
- Skill Development, Recognition & Application
  - Specific & transferable
- Confidence & Professionalism
- Community Engagement



## **INTERNSHIP COURSES**

## Geography and Environment

- Skill application in a workplace setting
- Public, Private, Not-for-Profit Partners
- Professional Development Workshops
  - Partnership with career centre
    - Cover letter & resume, interview skills, networking, career statement

#### Assessment

Placement Report, Reflective Journals, Symposium Day, Final Report - competency development & reflection



## **EXAMPLES OF PLACEMENT PARTNERS**



### **STUDENT RESPONSES**

'If it was not for this course I would lack many of the essential components of career development. I am very grateful I took this course and learned how a good resume looks and how important it is to be aware of your skills and strengths when searching for a job.'

'I thought this was one of the most successful courses of my undergraduate career.'

'Definitely an experience I would recommend to anyone in university. Courses like these should be offered in all programs.'

'The internship course is by far the most rewarding experience taken from my university career. The course allows for professional development and critical self-assessment, which prepares you for the future.'

'I feel greatly built my skills and knowledge of future careers and school options, and gave me tools to determine where I would like my future to go.'

