Project title: Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board Applied Research Practicum

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Location of the Placement: Research and Analytics Department
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Please note: The HWDSB Education Centre is the “home base” for the practicum, but students may spend time in other locations (schools, other school district offices)

Special Requirements:
- Interest in working within school district setting
- May work with central office & school based staff; may also work with community members and children
- While it is possible to participate in the practicum relying on local transit and shared rides, it would be helpful for students to have access to a vehicle. At times students may be asked to visit schools and staff development offices across the Hamilton-Wentworth area

Number of Students: 4

Description of the Placement:
The Research and Analytics Applied Research Practicum is designed to:
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○ offer undergraduate students the opportunity to work in an applied research setting
○ expand the student’s knowledge of various research and program evaluation procedures
○ introduce the student to new research-related skills, practices, and experiences

As such, students will be involved in several different projects over the course of the year, participating in one or more stages of the research cycle each time.

Applied Research Practicum Students will:
- attend regular meetings and participate in group discussions
- attend special training sessions (e.g. online survey software, Tri-Council Policy Statement Ethics course, focus group facilitation skills, introduction to statistical software, data collection design & implementation, literature review techniques)
- participate in applied research activities (e.g. design and implement surveys, analyze data, write reports, conduct ethic reviews, conduct focus groups, prepare literature reviews)
- submit a summary paper, as required by the Department of Psychology

Throughout the course, the Research and Analytics department will offer a number of opportunities related to ongoing initiatives within the school board. Students are encouraged to take advantage of as many of these as possible for a rich experience and deeper learning.