TOBuilt Internship Opportunity

The Architectural Conservancy of Ontario (ACO) is looking for an intern to contribute to their TOBuilt database, specifically building knowledge on Toronto’s outer boroughs, including 1940s-1970s residential architecture.

Brief description of organization:
The role of the ACO has been to set the stage for conservation advocacy through public education. Our public information efforts have evolved from public events and publishing books and magazines, to development of our most significant research project to date: TOBuilt, a publicly accessible online database. TOBuilt offers a means of recording all property in Toronto, including photographs, research, drawings, and links to other, external sources of information. The database is open source and provides an opportunity for anyone with information to share it with others. We hope that consolidating community research will facilitate protection for future generations!

Description of placement:
Internship responsibilities would include photographing, researching and documenting the architecture of Toronto’s boroughs. This includes a particular focus on the residential architecture of the 1940s to 1970s. Essentially, this work will help to build knowledge of these under-represented areas in the TOBuilt database.

The intern will be joining a team of heritage researchers, working alongside city heritage planners and consultants. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in historic architecture, heritage and urban planning!

The student intern may also have opportunities to participate in and engage with other ACO operations.

Special Requirements for a student placed in this organization: While most of the internship would take place remotely, the ideal candidate would be based in Toronto in order to assist with photographing Toronto buildings.

Timing or hours of placement: 8-10 hours per week/12 weeks, up to a maximum of 120 hours. Flexible timing throughout the week.

Credit: This internship is for course credit at the University of Toronto through the Department of Art History. This is not a paid position.
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Internships course overview

**Course code:** FAH 481 H1  
**Department:** Department of Art History  
**Prerequisites:** Applicants should be in their third- or fourth-year of study.  
**Term:** 2022 Winter Term (begins week of January 24)  
**Total hours:** 96-120 (note: the duration may vary depending on the specific projects and in discussion with the partner organization; see individual posting for weekly expectations)

**Course requirements:**  
Graded on a pass/fail basis, the internship course offers the opportunity for advanced students to receive credit for work with an arts-based organization. The internship will be for one semester only.

During the course, the student will be required to check in periodically with an academic advisor to assess student learning. At the end of the placement, the student will also be required to submit a 3-5 page report (preferably with images) of activities and skills acquired to the Director of Undergraduate Studies. The summary must be submitted no later than the last day of classes of the semester in which the internship takes place.

**Note:** This is NOT a paid internship. This is for course credit at the University of Toronto.

Application procedure

Review the available opportunity above. Applications should include a letter of interest that covers why you want to take part in this placement, including details of any relevant coursework and experience, as well as a resume.

Send completed applications to Dr Jessica Mace jessica.mace@utoronto.ca by Monday, January 17 at 11:59pm.

Applications will be reviewed by Professor Christy Anderson, Professor Joseph Clarke, and Dr Jessica Mace to ensure that placements will be a good fit for the student and for the partner organization. Students will be notified of the decision within a week, and will be enrolled in FAH 481 for the Winter 2022 session by the Art History Undergraduate Office.

Questions can be directed to Dr Jessica Mace jessica.mace@utoronto.ca

These placements have been arranged for students with interests in architecture, architectural history, and heritage by the Canada Constructed initiative in the Department of Art History. For information and for updates, see https://canadaconstructed.ca/internships/