
Job Posting - Course Instructor Position
Fall Term (September 2026 – December 2026)

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The Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology seeks a Course Instructor, 0.10 FCE, for the following course:

PCL470H1: Systems Pharmacology II

A culmination of pharmacological principles discussing concepts of drug properties and their interactions within the body. The mechanism of action, pharmacological properties including clinical use and adverse effects of drugs acting on the central nervous systems and immunological system; antimicrobial and cancer chemotherapeutic agents as well as the potential therapeutic use of endogenous/herbal compounds will be examined. Critical evaluation of primary literature and examination of clinical problem-based case studies will be integrated with lecture material through small group sessions.

Qualifications

The successful applicant will be a PhD candidate or have already completed a PhD or equivalent in Pharmacology, Neuroscience or another related field. The individual will have excellent knowledge of pharmacology and/or toxicology and diverse experience within research, scientific literacy and knowledge translation in pharmacology and/or toxicology. The candidate should have experience in course management (Quercus preferred) and course delivery, managing and mentoring teaching assistants, interacting and mentoring undergraduate students. Previous experience as a TA or experience in assessment development and grading is an asset.

Relevant Criterion

Past teaching experience is the more relevant criterion than the need to acquire experience in respect of this posted position.

Duties:

Develop and deliver 4-hours of lectures to cover Antipsychotic Pharmacology. (Enrolment ~ 130 students). Develop and integrate exam/assessment questions for PCL470 and PCL ACP and answer keys. Attend and grade student presentations on neuropharmacology and grade according to grading key. Assist with term test invigilation and term test take up with the PCL470

students. Be familiar with the Quercus learning management system. Work as part of a teaching team, including faculty and teaching assistants. Interact with Dr. Ali Salahpour, course coordinator and program chair/coordinator as needed.

- 2 lectures on antipsychotics (24 hrs). 4h lecture, 20h prep (10h prep/lecture as its new lecture.)
- Small groups sessions (2 hrs)
- Term test development (2 hrs)
- Term test review (2 hrs)

Duties of this position shall be performed at the campus on which the position is located. In-person teaching on St. George campus is required.

Dates of Appointments: September 1, 2026 – December 1, 2026

Hours of work: approx. ~30 hours

Estimated course enrolment: 120

Estimated TA support: 6

Rate of pay: \$1,888.60 (plus vacation pay). First CI appointment receives an additional stipend.

Please note that should rates stipulated in the collective agreement vary from rates stated in this posting, the rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.

Schedule: Monday 1-3pm, Wednesday 11am-1pm.

Final availability of the position is contingent upon enrolment, budgetary consideration and the determination of appointments as governed by the collective agreement.

Application process

Applicants should submit a cover letter and CV (via email) by **July 23, 2026**. Applications should be sent via email to:

To Dr. Leonardo Salmena, Interim Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
c/o Ms. Charlotte Pashley, Medical Science Building, 1 King's College Circle, room 4207,
Toronto, ON, M5S 1A8, charlotte.pashley@utoronto.ca

If during the application and/or selection process you require accommodation due to a disability, please contact: charlotte.pashley@utoronto.ca.

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The hiring criteria for Course Instructors positions are academic qualifications, the need to acquire experience, previous teaching experience and previous satisfactory employment under the provisions of this Collective Agreement.

The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from racialized persons / persons of colour, women, Indigenous / Aboriginal People of North America, persons with disabilities, LGBTQ2S+ persons, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

Candidates who are members of Indigenous, Black, racialized and LGBTQ2S+ communities, persons with disabilities, and other equity seeking groups are encouraged to apply, and their lived experience shall be taken into consideration as applicable to the position.

This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 Collective Agreement.
The position(s) posted above is (are) tentative, pending final course determinations and enrolments.

Positions posted here are open to Graduate Students in the School of Graduate Studies, Postdoctoral Fellows and Undergraduate Students in the University of Toronto.

Note: Although a graduate student's preference as to the campus location of his/her TA appointment will be taken into account, both the initial TA appointment (or CI appointment) and the subsequent appointment obligation related to that appointment may be met through position(s) on any one of the three University of Toronto campuses (UTM, UTSC or St. George) in courses in the same discipline as the initial appointment. TAs will only be assigned to courses in fields in which they are or should be qualified to assist. Duties of this position shall be performed at the campus on which the position is located. Where the duties are intended to be performed at another location, such other location will be specified in the posting.