

Externship Program

Placement Profile

ORGANISATION/FIRM:	Six Nations of the Grand River
LOCATION:	1721 Chiefswood Road, Ohsweken, Ontario N0A 1M0
WEBSITE:	www.sixnations.ca
DESCRIPTION of ORGANISATION:	Students will work under the direction of a lawyer in the Justice Department of Six Nations. The Six Nations consist of the Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Seneca, Onondaga and Tuscarora peoples, and is the largest population of all First nations in Canada. Students will be placed at the Six Nations Justice Department along with other justice related services. This is a multi-disciplinary department which has hosted social work and law students in the past.
NUMBER OF PLACEMENTS AVAILABLE:	1
ON-SITE SUPERVISOR NAME:	Barb General, Justice Department
ON-SITE WORKSPACE AVAILABLE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
ON-SITE COMPUTER AVAILABLE:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, student needs own laptop
HOURS:	Students will primarily complete work during typical office hours (9:00 am – 5:00 pm). <i>Please include additional information about hours of work in the space that follows:</i> Hours can be determined with the on-site supervisor but will typically be during regular business hours.
REQUIRED PLACEMENT COMPETENCIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ability to work with community members - Willingness to learn - Open-mindedness - Non-judgmental approach - Critical thinking skills - Good time management skills
PREFERRED COMPETENCIES:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some knowledge of dispute resolution and restorative justice

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some previous demonstrated ability or willingness to work with clients and communities in conflict - Strong research skills - MSW/JD students welcome
REQUIRED COURSES:	n/a
PREFERRED COURSES:	n/a
REQUIRED PRE-PLACEMENT READING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Law Society of Ontario materials clarifying “legal information” v. “legal advice” - Students should enter the placement with basic knowledge of the Six Nations territory and history. Reading materials available through the Externship Director or the on-site supervisor.
ANTICIPATED AREAS OF LAW:	Indigenous Legal Traditions and Aboriginal Law context (see below)
DESCRIPTION OF WORK ASSIGNMENTS:	<p>Work with the Justice Department of Six nations of the Grand River will be at the discretion of the on-site supervisor. Possible work assignments will include work on their MRP (Matrimonial and Real Property) bylaws, which were written and ratified in 2011. MRP bylaws need to be edited and formatted, then promoted with the community. The document might need to be turned into a plain language document and/or into community legal education. In addition, Six Nations has a Tribunal with three Nations who rotate mediators between them. Cases that are not mediated successfully or in which the agreement break down will go to the Tribunal on appeal. Areas of law include Child Welfare, victim services, family law, Indigenous legal traditions.</p>
POLICE CLEARANCE REQUIRED:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, type of Police Clearance: TBD <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, what type of police clearance is required
TRAVEL REQUIRED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, type of travel required: Travel is required. Students will be required to be on site for a significant number of hours throughout the term. <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide a description
CAR REQUIRED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, description as follows: Yes. Students must arrange travel to Six Nations. They might be required to travel within the community which also requires a vehicle. <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please provide a description

LODGING REQUIRED:

☒ Yes, description as follows: Possibly. Billeting may be possible.
☐ No

If yes, please provide a description

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

n/a

List any supplies a student is required to have

NOTES REGARDING
ACCESSIBILITY:

This worksite is accessible to persons with physical impairments.
Please include other notes regarding accessibility in the space that follows:
n/a

Please discuss your individual needs with the Externship Program Director.

OTHER NOTES ABOUT THE
ORGANISATION (optional):

n/a