

Job Title: Sessional Instructional Assistant - HMB306H1F - Ethical Considerations in Emerging Technology

Date Posted: 07/09/2025

Req ID: 44136

Faculty/Division: Faculty of Arts & Science

Department: Human Biology

Campus: St. George (Downtown Toronto)

Description:

Sessional Instructional Assistant

Course number and title: HMB306H1F – Ethical Considerations in Emerging Technology

Course Description: Advancing technology increases our ability to intervene in the course of natural events involving human health and well being. Questions arise as whether we ought to and who will benefit or be harmed. This course considers the far-reaching bioethical implications of emerging bio-technology. Topics to be explored include but are not limited to ethical considerations in emerging reproductive technologies, genetic alteration/genetic enhancement. Use of life support technologies, synthetic life, life extension.

Estimated course enrolment: 110 students

Hours of Work: 108 (to be confirmed)

Class schedule: Lectures on Mondays 9am – 11am (in-person)

Sessional dates of appointment: September 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025

Salary: \$54.27 per hour plus vacation pay;

*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.

Minimum qualifications: Candidates should have a completed M.Sc. degree in a related field and basic knowledge of bioethics and ethical theory.

Preferred qualifications: Previous Teaching Assistant experience in a bioethics course preferred.

Description of duties:

- Assist in preparation of course syllabus and course marking scheme;
- Assist in teaching weekly lectures and tutorials;
- Assist in marking assignments and exams;
- Provide office hours for academic counselling of students;
- Assist in setting and marking assignments/exams
- Assist in course administration in accordance with University regulations as described in the Faculty of Arts & Science Academic Handbook for Instructors.

Application instructions:

Applicants should submit a detailed letter of application; an updated curriculum vitae and the CUPE 3902 Unit 3 application form located here: <https://people.utoronto.ca/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2016/04/Employment-CUPE-3902-Unit-3-Application-Form-June-2012b.pdf>

Applications should be submitted by **July 30, 2025** and sent to:
Director, Human Biology Program,
Email: hmb.applications@utoronto.ca

Please submit all the documents (except Unit 3 application form) as one pdf file, named as "SIA Application_First Name_Last Name".

Please note that only applications sent by email to hmb.applications@utoronto.ca will be considered; applications submitted via a different method will not be reviewed or considered.

Closing Date: 07/30/2025, 11:59PM EDT

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This job is posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 3 Collective Agreement.

It is understood that some announcements of vacancies are tentative, pending final course determinations and enrolment. Should rates stipulated in the collective agreement vary from rates stated in this posting, the rates stated in the collective agreement shall prevail.

Preference in hiring is given to qualified individuals advanced to the rank of Sessional Lecturer II or Sessional Lecturer III in accordance with Article 14:12 of the CUPE 3902 Unit 3 collective agreement.

Please note: Undergraduate or graduate students and postdoctoral fellows of the University of Toronto are covered by the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 collective agreement rather than the Unit 3 collective agreement, and should not apply for positions posted under the Unit 3 collective agreement.

Candidates who are members of Indigenous, Black, racialized and 2SLGBTQ+ communities, persons with disabilities, and other equity-deserving groups are encouraged to apply, and their lived experience shall be taken into consideration as applicable to the position.