

Teaching Machines to Learn

DEEP Course Instructor

Hiring Department: Engineering Outreach Office, Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering

Course: Teaching Machines to Learn

Campus: St George Campus

Rate of Pay: SGS I/II - \$47.17/hour (+4% vacation pay)

Course Enrollment: 25 high school students

Date of Employment: May 2022 - August 2022

Class Schedule Monday 9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-3:30pm
Tuesday-Friday 9:30am-12:00pm, 1:00pm-3:30pm

Posting Date: May 6, 2022

Closing Date: May 16, 2022

Course Description:

Due to the increase of computing power in the past decade, many problems that were once unsolvable by a computer, have been realized using ML (Machine Learning). Even in the past year, there have been significant advancements in the field of ML such as the discovery of transfer learning for BERT models in NLP (Natural Language Processing), improvement of GANs (Generative Adversarial Network) for Deepfake detection and promise in fields outside computer vision, and the expansion of ML models to run on lightweight devices, enabling ML to be used on many devices such as our phones and in the browser. In this ever advancing world, research and industry have turned to ML to solve some of the hardest problems and hopefully, solve problems that are still unknown to us. In this course, we will introduce the concept of ANNs (Artificial Neural Networks) and use machine learning libraries to create algorithms that learn from data. You will apply these algorithms to robotic arms to accomplish different tasks. May the smartest robot win!

Position Description:

To provide high school students with a unique and challenging learning experience during the program, it is preferred that all DEEP instructors are currently in pursuit of either a Masters or PhD degree at the University of Toronto and have previous teaching experience. Instructors generally come from the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering at the University of Toronto; however, previous instructors have also come from other professional faculties including the Faculty of Pharmacy and the Faculty of Medicine, and other universities. Instructors of this calibre serve as an inspiration for high school students while providing them with a taste of the university experience. The Engineering Outreach Office also welcomes applications from recent alumni.

- All instructors must attend both training sessions. The first training session will take place in early May. The second training session will take place in mid-June. Full details will be shared with successful candidates.
- The instructor will receive a full course outline and detailed activity descriptions for their assigned course. Up to 3 hours of instructor-created activities may be included. The instructor acknowledges that the content of the course will conform to the description of the course on the Engineering Outreach Office website and any other publications.
- Instructor-created activities must be approved by the Outreach Coordinator and the department's Safety Officer. Forms (including detailed materials/equipment list) must be completed by the deadline (TBD) for all instructor-created activities.

- The instructor will be present in class at all times and will facilitate the entire course. This includes arriving at 8:00am on the first day of the course and 8:30am for all other days. At the end of the day, instructors are dismissed after a daily debrief (4:00pm).
- The instructor is responsible for conducting lessons, facilitating class discussion and/or debate, conducting/demonstrating laboratory and design activities, and providing in-class assistance to the participants. Additionally, the instructor will lead any applicable course field trips. The instructor is responsible for setting-up lab equipment and audiovisual equipment as required for their course.
- The instructor is required to meet with the course counsellors and content specialists prior to the specified date set by the Outreach Coordinator, and remain in close communication with the staff until the delivery of the course.
- Each instructor is required to meet with a High School Team Leader and Materials Team at least once in May or June to review course logistics, materials, and facilities.

Qualifications:

- MAsc or PhD candidate preferred, ideally at U of T Engineering.
- Applicants should have a strong record of teaching, particularly using engaging teaching methods.
- Applicants must be able to demonstrate considerable depth of knowledge and experience in Data Analysis, Artificial Intelligence.
- Relevant skills, as applicable to the course.
- The applicant must be able to speak to a group (25 students) in a clear voice, and explain concepts clearly.

Other:

- If an offer of employment is extended, it will be conditional upon the submission of a police records check clearance letter AND proof of completion of mandatory online U of T training (AODA, WHMIS, Workplace Safety).
- There are no marking or evaluation assignments/duties in DEEP; however, the instructor may choose to produce problem sets, non-marked mini-assignments, or reading for the class depending upon the nature of the particular course.
- Instructors are required to be part of the opening (9:00am-9:30am on the first day) and closing (3:00pm-3:30pm on the last day) ceremonies as directed by the Program Coordinator.
- Instructors are required comply with any safety procedures outlined in training.
- Instructors are expected to communicate any and all concerns and incidents to the Program Coordinator immediately. Documentation related to any incidents will be promptly completed by instructors.
- Instructors are required to complete all course feedback forms in a timely fashion and submit them to the Program Coordinator at the completion of each course.
- Instructors are encouraged to offer support and guidance, and demonstrate leadership to all program participants being mindful that they are representing the Faculty of Applied Science & Engineering and the University of Toronto.

How to Apply:

Applicants are required to fill out the [application form](#). A cover letter and resume/CV must be uploaded within the application form. Short link to application form: <https://forms.gle/7UPCpXswh7PvNqGY7>

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The University of Toronto invites all qualified applicants to make application.

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