

Overview:

The Federation of Metro Tenants' Associations (FMTA) is a non-profit organization which advocates for better rights for tenants. Founded in 1974, we are the oldest and largest Tenant Federation in Canada. The FMTA is comprised of affiliated Tenant Associations and of individual members. We have over 3,000 members and continue to grow.

The placement:

FMTA fulfills its mission through several core activities:

- **Information & education:** Operating a Tenant Hotline and Infohub (via phone, email, and social media) to help tenants understand their rights and options. They also produce multilingual guides and host monthly and in-depth "Tenant School" workshops
- **Outreach & organizing:** Supporting tenants facing Above Guideline Rent Increases (AGIs), renovations, evictions, loss of services, and maintenance issues. FMTA helps form tenant associations in buildings, conducts outreach and meetings, and connects tenants with legal support
- **Advocacy & civic engagement:** Meeting with municipal, provincial, and federal officials to strengthen tenant protections under the Residential Tenancies Act and municipal standards. They also engage media to bring tenants' perspectives to public attention

At its heart, FMTA is rooted in **tenant empowerment**—helping renters come together, know their rights, organize collectively, and advocate for equitable, safe, and dignified housing.

<https://www.torontotenants.org/>

The position:

As a Tenant Advocacy & Community Engagement Student, you will support the Union's mission by assisting in community and marketing help as well as grant writing. You will

- Gain experience researching and identifying funding opportunities from union, grassroots and foundation sources
- Learn to analyze funder guidelines to assess alignment with organizational programs and priorities
- Develop skills in drafting grant proposals, including problem statements, objectives, outcomes, and budgets. Enhance their ability to edit and tailor grant applications to meet specific funder requirements
- Learn to develop and implement content strategies to engage diverse target audiences
- Improve their writing skills for multiple platforms including websites, email campaigns, and social media

The ideal candidate:

An ideal candidate for this placement is a student deeply committed to social justice, with a strong understanding of housing issues and tenants' rights. They will bring excellent writing, editing, and

research skills to support grant proposals and communications that advance the work of the tenant union federation. The candidate will be detail-oriented, organized, and able to manage multiple tasks and deadlines effectively. They will approach storytelling and communications ethically, representing tenants with dignity and respect. They should be adaptable, eager to learn, and comfortable working collaboratively within a team dedicated to fighting for housing justice and building tenant power.

How to apply:

For information about the application process, go to: <https://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/cel-courses/cel-how-to-apply/>

Application deadline: Thursday, July 31, 2025

For more information about the course, please visit: <https://www.newcollege.utoronto.ca/cel-courses/>

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