



Overview:

Science for Peace is a charitable organization dedicated to popular education and research on the intersections of demilitarization, decarbonization and social justice. Science for Peace synthesizes scientific knowledge to inform and change public policy. Science for Peace members focus, today as in the past, on the elimination of nuclear weapons and the prevention of nuclear war. In response to the threat posed by the climate emergency, Science for Peace has adopted a program for this decisive decade that explores and publicizes the mutually reinforcing relationship between militarism and global warming and, conversely, between demilitarization and decarbonization.

The placement:

We at Science for Peace contend that militarism and the national security system are a major part of the civilizational challenge we face, not the solution. States, on a global level, may spend vast sums on new generations of nuclear weapons and expanded military capabilities in the next decade, yet we the people will end up vastly more insecure and vulnerable than we are now. If accidental or deliberate nuclear attacks do not destroy us, ecological collapse will. And militarism, we contend, is a cause of, not a solution to, global warming. Our call for human security and global cooperation as an alternative to “national security” is thus a practical necessity, not a utopian proposal.

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

The position:

As a Policy Research & Communications Student, you will support Science for Peace's mission by assisting in research, policy analysis, and communication efforts. Your responsibilities will include:

- Conducting research on topics related to demilitarization, climate change, and social justice.
- Assisting in the development of policy briefs, reports, and other written materials.
- Supporting communication strategies, including social media and outreach efforts.
- Collaborating with team members on advocacy initiatives and campaigns.
- Attending and contributing to meetings, workshops, and events as needed.

The opportunity:

Through this placement, the student will gain hands-on experience in research, policy analysis, and advocacy within a respected peace and justice organization. This role will deepen their understanding of global issues, enhance academic learning in areas like international relations and environmental policy, and build practical skills for future work in the social purpose and nonprofit sectors.

The ideal candidate:

- Strong research and analytical skills – ability to synthesize complex information on peace, climate, and policy issues.
- Effective written and verbal communication – especially for preparing policy briefs, reports, and public communications.

- Initiative and self-direction – comfortable working independently and managing time effectively.
- Commitment to social justice and peacebuilding – a clear interest in global issues, equity, and systemic change.
- Collaborative mindset – able to work respectfully and effectively with a small, mission-driven team.
- Digital literacy – experience with basic office tools and comfort with social media or digital communication platforms is an asset.

How to apply:

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

Application deadline: Wednesday, July 2, 2025

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

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