

Overview:

TTCriders is a grassroots, membership-based advocacy organization that works to build a more just, affordable, and sustainable public transit system in Toronto. Founded in 2010, TTCriders brings together transit users from across the city to advocate for better service, lower fares, and greater public investment in transit infrastructure. We are committed to amplifying the voices of transit riders—particularly those from equity-deserving and underserved communities—through community organizing, coalition-building, research, and public education. Our campaigns focus on holding decision-makers accountable, influencing transit policy, and mobilizing public support to win improvements to the TTC and regional transit systems. Our work is guided by the belief that public transit is a public good—and that every resident has a right to safe, accessible, and affordable transportation, regardless of income, ability, or postal code.

The placement:

TTCriders is seeking a motivated and passionate co-op student to support our campaigns and communications work. This is an excellent opportunity for a student interested in community organizing, communications, policy, and sustainable cities.

<https://www.ttcriders.ca/>

The position:

Your responsibilities will include:

- Assist in planning and promoting transit advocacy campaigns
- Create content for social media, newsletters, and our website
- Help coordinate events, including town halls, rallies, and workshops
- Conduct research on transit issues, policies, and funding
- Support outreach efforts to engage transit riders and community partners
- Attend campaign meetings and assist with administrative tasks as needed

The opportunity:

Participating in a co-op placement with TTCriders offers a unique opportunity for students to bridge academic learning with real-world community engagement. Through hands-on involvement in transit justice, advocacy, and grassroots organizing, students will gain both personal and professional growth rooted in social justice practice.

- Apply classroom theories about equity, anti-oppression, and systems change in a real-world, community-led context.
- Learn how transit systems are intertwined with racial, environmental, and economic justice.
- Community Engagement & Outreach: Build relationships with diverse stakeholders, facilitate conversations, and support grassroots mobilization.
- Event Coordination: Help organize community events, fundraisers, and workshops—gaining project planning and logistics experience.

- **Policy & Research Skills:** Conduct research, analyze data, and contribute to the development of reports and transit policy recommendations.
- **Communication Skills:** Write for public, academic, and advocacy audiences; manage social media and outreach materials.
- **Organizational Skills:** Learn how nonprofit and advocacy organizations operate, and support internal coordination tasks.

The ideal candidate:

- Strong research, writing, and communication skills—able to produce materials for both academic and public audiences.
- Brings creativity to event planning, content creation, and problem-solving.
- Capable of working independently, managing tasks, and taking initiative in a fast-paced, evolving environment.
- Passionate about dismantling systemic barriers related to transit access, land use, and economic equity in across Toronto’s diverse communities.
- Enrolled in a relevant discipline such as Social Justice Education, Environmental Studies, Public Policy, Urban Studies, Geography and Planning or similar.
- Brings an academic lens to their work but can translate ideas into accessible, community-facing actions.

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 16, 2025

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

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