



Code: Geva-B

APD 1210 RESEARCH PRACTICUM COURSE

PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS 2023-24 FALL/WINTER

Name and Title: *Professor Esther Geva.*

Lab Website: <https://www.oise.utoronto.ca/gevalab/>

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROJECT: How Cultural Beliefs and Attributions Mediate Parental Involvement in the Education of Children with Learning Difficulties: The Case of South Asian Immigrant Parents.

NUMBER OF STUDENT PLACES AVAILABLE: 2-3

PRIMARY MODE OF RESEARCH PLACEMENT PARTICIPATION (circle one option and describe):

___ IN PERSON

___ REMOTE (ONLINE)

___ HYBRID/FLEXIBLE

Please describe:

OBJECTIVES AND METHODOLOGY: *The student will be required to be present for field based data collection when data collection begins and also to attend lab activities where physical data will have to be coded and transcribed. All other activities which can be conducted via online methods (lab meetings, translations of questionnaires, literature review searches etc).*

DESCRIPTION OF STUDENT PARTICIPATION:

Specific responsibilities: Conducting interviews, engaging in data collection based on surveys, translation of questionnaires, engaging in pilot testing of questionnaires, participating in bi-weekly lab meetings, assisting with related research projects conducted in the lab when feasible.

Number of weekly hours expected in the lab: 8-10

Skills that will be taught: *Students will be able to attend workshops conducted on SPSS, Engaging in Effective Literature Searches, Ethical considerations in the Research Context. In addition to this through the data collection process students will be able to develop cultural sensitivity related competencies and develop skills relating to conducting focused group interviews, coding to develop relevant questionnaires based on information collected from interviews and entering and carrying out basic analysis using statistical software.*



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DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED SKILLS/BACKGROUND (OPTIONAL): Ideally, students applying for this position should be from a South Asian background as study participants will be from the same background. Applicants should have some experience (paid or volunteer basis) working with immigrant communities in various capacities. Fluency in one of the following languages: Sri lankan, Tamil/Sinhala/Hindi/Urdu/Bangla is mandatory as interviews with community members will take place in one of these language. Ability to work in a team setting and being open to constructive feedback are essential characteristics. Good inter-personal skills, professionalism, and compliance with ethical principles of conducting research.

DAY AND TIMES OF LAB MEETINGS: *Bi-Weekly Lab meetings will typically take place on Mondays from 9 am- 11 am (though times for fall/winter semesters in 2023/2024 might change to accommodate the schedule of lab members)*