

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Cassandra Simmons


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WORK EXPERIENCE

10/2019 – Present

Researcher

European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Vienna, Austria

- Conducting quantitative and comparative research in the fields of health and long-term care
- Contributing to project acquisition
- Project(s): "Distributional Impact of asset contributions to residential care (Pflegerregress) in Austria (2019-2020)"

Business or sector UN-affiliated international organisation under Austrian law

04/2019 – 09/2019

Drug Control Intern

International Narcotics Control Board (INCB), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, Vienna, Austria

- Analysing information and data on approaches and developments in international drug control
- Data entry & verification
- Drafting official correspondence, annual report, technical report
- Evaluation of Government compliance with drug control

Business or sector International Organization

04/2019 – 08/2018

Teaching Assistant

Economics Department, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

- Courses: International Trade, Macroeconomics & Microeconomics
- Answering student's question forum, marking midterms and final exams

Business or sector Academic Institution

05/2017 – 04/2018

Bankruptcy Analyst Intern

Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy (OSB), Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

- Analysing new bankruptcy filings for abuse and compliance risks
- Aged estate project to facilitate closer of open bankruptcy files
- Assisting with trustee and debtor compliance of legislation

Business or sector Government of Canada, regulatory body for insolvency filings

09/2016 – 04/2017

Healthy Public Policy Analyst Intern

Policy Department, Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd., Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

- Qualitative research and analysis of policy issues related to prioritized therapeutic areas, health, investment, and innovation
- Contributing to internal communication material and policy newsletters, conference planning
- Project to improve patient access to clinical trials

Business or sector Private sector, Pharmaceutical Company

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

08/2018 – 04/2019

M.A. in Economics

Department of Economics, University of Toronto, Canada

- Specialization in Economic Development, International Trade and Quantitative Methods
- Final semester research paper: "The Effects of Social Integration on First and Second-Generation Immigrants: A Bartik Instrument Approach"

09/2015 – 05/2016

Exchange Semester (Economics & Political Science)

Institut d'études politiques de Lille (Sciences Po Lille), Lille, France

09/2013 – 04/2018

B.A. in Economics & Political Science

McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada

- Final year research proposal: "Effect of EPZs on Income Inequality in Nicaragua"
- Final year seminar: Socioeconomic indicators of support for government welfare policies in Egypt
- Member of the Model United Nations club
- President of the McMaster International Exchange (M.I.X.) Club (2017-2018)

PERSONAL SKILLS

Mother tongue(s)

English

Other language(s)

UNDERSTANDING

SPEAKING

WRITING

Listening

Reading

Spoken interaction

Spoken production

French

B2

B2

B1

B1

B1

German

B2

B2

B1

B1

B1

Levels: A1/A2: Basic user - B1/B2: Independent user - C1/C2 Proficient user
[Common European Framework of Reference for Languages](#)

Communication skills

- Excellent communication and public speaking skills gained through Model United Nations throughout university
- Writing skills achieved through writing reports and policy briefs for the INCB and Hoffmann-La Roche

Organisational skills

- Leadership skills gained through leading the M.I.X. Club at McMaster as President
- Teamwork skills gained through working in multicultural environments
- Organizational skills through planning events and conference logistics (M.I.X. Club & departmental meetings at Hoffmann-La Roche)

Job-related skills

- Quantitative data analysis skills gained through Masters and Bachelors program

Digital skills

SELF-ASSESSMENT

Information processing	Communication	Content creation	Safety	Problem solving
Proficient	Proficient	Independent	Independent	Independent

Levels: Basic user - Independent user - Proficient user
[Digital competences - Self-assessment grid](#)

- Excellent command of Stata, basic command of SPSS, R Studio and MATLAB
- Excellent command of office suite (word processor, spreadsheet, presentation software)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Contributions to Reports

- Exempted Preparations under the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. In: International Narcotics Control Board, *The Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2019* (Vienna: United Nations). p 58-61.
- Analysis of the World Situation: East and South-East Asia. In: International Narcotics Control Board, *The Report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2019* (Vienna: United Nations). p 84-87.