

Greetings to our 3rd- and 4th-year Philosophy specialists and majors:

I'm writing to tell you about a special philosophy course called *The Socrates Project*, which you may not yet have heard about. We think it offers a unique educational opportunity that will be of interest to our best students in their 3rd or (ideally) 4th year.

The Socrates Project (PHL489Y5Y) is a full year course that has two components.

The first component of the course is a seminar led by a faculty member which will meet once a week for 2hrs during the fall and once every other week for 2hrs in the Winter. The second component is the writing of a paper for an independent study during the winter. Roughly 25% of the seminar will focus on the methods and challenges of teaching philosophy. Roughly 75% of the seminar will focus on a study of the topics you will write about during second semester. Each student will choose a paper topic, assign several readings for the seminar, and then lead the seminar discussion of the topic. Guest faculty who work on these topics will visit the seminar from time to time. During winter term you will write a seminar paper on your chosen topic under the supervision of a faculty member whose research is in the relevant area. Late in winter you will present your paper at an undergraduate research conference.

Secondly, you will serve as a TA for either PHL103H5S or PHL113H5S during the Winter session (January –April). You will attend all of the PHL103H5S or PHL113H5S lectures and teach one tutorial section of 20-25 students, meeting with them for 1 hour. You will grade their papers, hold office hours, and meet with the professors and head TA (a graduate student) as needed. You will be paid the current TA hourly rate.

We can accept up to 8 students. The Socrates Project provides an extraordinary opportunity for high-achieving students to participate in an intensive course with a strong experiential learning component.

Please see the application form for the [Socrates Project](#), which provides more detailed information. The application deadline is April 30, 2023.

If you have questions, feel free to contact either me (chair.utm.philosophy@utoronto.ca) or the [undergraduate advisor](#) for Philosophy, Jane Medeiros.

All the best,

Prof. Rozemond

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Professor and Acting Chair

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO MISSISSAUGA DEPARTMENT OF
PHILOSOPHY
Job Posting
SOCRATES PROJECT: Teaching Assistants (Undergraduate)
2023-2024

Posted on: March 31, 2023
Applications due: April 30, 2023

Teaching Assistants for PHL103H5 or PHL113H5, winter term 2024, as part of
The Socrates Project

COURSE INFORMATION

You will TA for one of the following two courses:

PHL103H5S Knowledge and Reality OR PHL113H5S Persons and Value

Number of positions: up to 8

Estimated enrolment: approximately 22 students per tutorial group

Estimated TA hours: 80

Dates of Appointment: January – April 2024

Pay Rate: \$47.64

Qualifications

- Must be enrolled in an undergraduate specialist, joint specialist, or major program in philosophy at UTM, and must have completed more than half of the requirements for that program (preferably including PHL245H5). (4th year students are preferred, but very strong 3rd year students will also be considered.)
- A minimum average of A- in philosophy courses preferred

Duties:

- Leading one tutorial group (1 hr per week) and related preparation and activities.
- Grading of student work and related activities.
- Attending all lectures of PHL103H5S or PHL113H5S (two hours per week).
- Meeting with the Course Instructor and Socrates Project Leader as required.
- Required TA training session on the St. George campus. Date TBA but shortly after Labour Day.
- Reasonable student contact hours.

As a condition of employment, successful candidates will be required to enroll for regular academic credit in **PHL 489Y5Y Advanced Topics in Philosophy: Socrates Project**.

During Fall 2023 you will participate in a research seminar led by a faculty member. During the winter semester you will work independently on a research paper under the direction of a member of the Philosophy faculty, while serving as a TA for either PHL103H5F or PHL113H5F.

Application Procedure:

Applicants should submit using the online application [form](#)

By applying for these positions, applicants grant permission to the hiring committee to look at their University of Toronto student transcripts for the purpose of reviewing the philosophy courses that have been completed and the applicant's final grades for those courses.

NOTES:

1. The positions posted above are tentative, pending final course enrolments and the continuation of the Socrates Project through the 2023-2024 academic year.
2. Department standards and hiring policies are posted on the bulletin board in the UTM Philosophy Department.
3. The University of Toronto is strongly committed to diversity within its community and especially welcomes applications from visible minority group members, women, Aboriginal persons, persons with disabilities, members of sexual minority groups, and others who may contribute to the further diversification of ideas.

These jobs are posted in accordance with the CUPE 3902 Unit 1 collective agreement.