



## BIOL 480 Internship (Part Time)

ABOUT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY:

**Our Vision:** To be the preeminent Catholic University in Canada, known as a centre of academic excellence providing a vibrant and engaged student experience that prepares authentic leaders committed to the service of others.

**Our Mission:** Open to all and grounded in the [Catholic Intellectual Tradition](#), St. Mary's University educates the whole person to inspire and empower tomorrows engaged, global citizens for the future.

**Our Values:** As a Catholic community, we value being Welcoming and Serving of all, Academic Excellence and Faith.

As an independent Catholic university in Canada, with a strong emphasis on liberal arts and sciences, St. Mary's University prepares its students to live with integrity, compassion and confidence while embodying a compassionate commitment to ethics, social justice, and respect for diversity of opinion and belief. St. Mary's is focused on developing the whole person: mind, body and spirit. For more information about St. Mary's and our Strategic Plan, visit <https://stmu.ca/> and <https://stmu.ca/about-us/strategic-plan/>

ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY:

This position is a paid internship where the student will work 4-6 hours per week in the Biology laboratory for 13 weeks in each of the F26 and W27 terms. Upon completion of the practical component and submission of the required coursework the student will receive credit for BIOL 480. Internships are experiential learning activities designed to connect academic study and the practical application of that study in a professional work environment, offering students the opportunity to gain relevant experience and professional connections. In this course, students will build on the laboratory skills they have learned in previous Biology courses in a real-world setting, demonstrating the skills and techniques that are required to prepare for teaching laboratories, maintain laboratory equipment, and care for laboratory plants and animals.

Main responsibilities for this position will include:

### PRACTICAL WORK:

- Prepare for and clean up after teaching laboratories.
- Demonstrate understanding of laboratory safety and waste disposal protocols.
- Perform routine laboratory maintenance, e.g., calibration of equipment.
- Keep the laboratory clean and organized to a professional standard.
- Prepare various solutions, reagents, materials, and media to be used in teaching laboratories.
- Care for plants and other live organisms.

### COURSE WORK:

- Set and record goals for the internship and submit written reflections.
- Connect with a mentor and submit written findings.
- Submit an updated resume at the end of the internship.

### QUALIFICATIONS

Open only to continuing StMU B.Sc. Biology students with credit for BIOL 311 by the end of the W26 semester.



- Enthusiasm for practical work in the field of biology.
- Eagerness to work and learn in a collaborative setting with the laboratory co-ordinator.
- Ability to pay attention to detail.
- Ability to focus on repetitive tasks.
- Strong organizational and communication skills are essential.

VALUES & ATTRIBUTES:

- Alignment with institution values and strategic plan pillars.
- Upholding core competencies associated with the institution's four pillars.
- Ability to promote, or at least respect, the institution's Catholic mission and identity
- Ability to foster equity, diversity, and inclusion, as well as Truth and Reconciliation.

WHAT WE OFFER:

Wage: \$15.38/hour, plus 4% vacation pay.

OUR COMMITMENTS:

St. Mary's University is committed to Indigenous Truth and Reconciliation. Our land acknowledgement and Indigenous initiatives information can be found at <https://stmu.ca/campus-life/indigenous-initiatives/>. St. Mary's University is an equal opportunity institution. We hire on the basis of merit and are passionate about building and sustaining an equitable and welcoming campus environment where diversity in all areas is celebrated and valued. If you require support services or accommodations during any stage of the recruitment process, please include this in your application. All requests will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.

APPLICATIONS:

Please email application packages to Human Resources at [careers@stmu.ca](mailto:careers@stmu.ca) in one .pdf formatted document with the Subject Line of: "BIOL 480 Internship" by March 16, 2026. All applicants must submit a cover letter, resume, and their intended F26 and W27 class schedules.

*We encourage all qualified applicants to apply. Canadian citizens, permanent residents and others currently legally authorized to work in Canada will be given priority. We thank all applicants for their interest. However, only those applicants being interviewed will be contacted. **No phone calls please.***