

# CHM 395Y 2023/24 Course Overview

Welcome to CHM 395Y: Research Project in Chemistry for the 2023/24 academic year! The opportunity for doing original work in one of the branches of chemistry in either the atmosphere of a research laboratory or remotely is a very valuable one, not only for prospective graduate work, but also for many other endeavours. During 2023/24, CHM 395Y allows students to explore an experimental or theoretical research problem under the supervision of a faculty member. Each student is expected to spend approximately 180 hours on their work between September 2023 - April 2024.

**The grading scheme for CHM 395Y is as follows:**

- mid-year review grade (assigned December 2023): 10%\*
- research supervisor assigned grade: 40%\*\*
- research thesis reader assigned grade: 30%\*\*
- poster presentation and oral examination: 20%\*\*\*

\*the mid-year review is a formal assessment of your research progress during the Fall 2023 semester. **It is to be completed by both you and your research supervisor and is due no later than Friday 1st December 2023.** More information about the review process and the required form will be provided later in the semester.

\*\*the research supervisor grade of 40% is split between the work undertaken throughout the academic year and the quality of the research thesis. **The electronic submission of your final thesis to Quercus is due no later than end-of-day on Friday 5th April 2024.** The thesis will additionally be evaluated by one faculty reader other than your research supervisor.

\*\*\***individual poster presentations will be made virtually through Teams during scheduled time on Wednesday 27th/Thursday 28th March 2024.** An oral examination will be part of the presentation and your research supervisor will also contribute to the assigned poster grade.

If you have any questions regarding administrative aspects of CHM 395Y, please contact Professor Dicks ([andrew.dicks@utoronto.ca](mailto:andrew.dicks@utoronto.ca)).

Announcements will be forthcoming as the year progresses regarding the

supervisor review, poster presentations and thesis submission requirements.  
I hope that you enjoy your research experience!