

International Youth Internship Program

Program description

The International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) is a program for Canadian graduates (ages 19 to 30 inclusive), part of the Career Focus stream of the Government of Canada's [Youth Employment Strategy](#) (YES). Canada's YES provides Canadian youth with tools and experience they need to launch successful careers.

The objectives of the International Youth Internship Program are to:

- Provide eligible youth with international experience, skills and knowledge that will prepare them for future employment
- Increase employment opportunities by promoting awareness among Canadian organizations of the advantages of integrating young Canadian professionals into their structures and programs
- Provide opportunities for Canadians to increase their awareness, deepen their understanding and engage in international development
- Contribute to the advancement of CIDA's mandate to reduce poverty, promote human rights and increase sustainable development and to meet CIDA's priorities for official development assistance.

CIDA funds selected Canadian partner organizations (CPOs) to deliver IYIP projects in accordance with agreed administrative and financial procedures. Funding is provided for a variety of costs related to the internship, including travel, living allowance, and administrative costs. CIDA allocates up to \$12,000 per internship to selected Canadian partner organizations.

Selected Canadian partners work with overseas partner organizations to design, deliver and monitor internships supporting local development projects that reflect CIDA's [Key Development Challenges](#). Interns are recruited by the CPOs to carry out the development-related activities identified in a work plan established by all parties. When interns return to Canada, they take part in outreach activities organized by the CPOs to share their experience and insights on development issues.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the International Youth Internship Program, an intern must be:

- A Canadian citizen or permanent resident
- A post-secondary graduate—graduate of a degree or diploma program from a university, college, post-secondary school of technology, post-secondary institute or a CEGEP (collège d'enseignement général et professionnel)
- Out of school
- Between the ages of 19 and 30
- Unemployed or underemployed
- Legally entitled to work in Canada

For more information, see the [FAQs for interns](#). The applicant MUST meet all eligibility criteria at the time of signing their contract with their Canadian partner organization.

Application process

Canadian partner organizations do their own recruiting for the International Youth Internship Program. If you are interested in applying, consult [available internships](#) or the websites of the Canadian partner organizations.

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