INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND DIPLOMACY

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

LE PROGRAMME DE STAGES
EN DÉVELOPPEMENT INTERNATIONAL ET EN DIPLOMATIE

GROWING GLOBAL CITIZENS
A PROVEN BRIDGE TO EMPLOYMENT

TALENTED YOUNG CANADIANS require professional international training experiences. It bolsters employment prospects. It broadens horizons. It meaningfully contributes to international cooperation efforts - and creates strategic connections that will better serve themselves, their communities and their provinces.

The International Development & Diplomacy Internship Programme (IDDIP) is a historic and prestigious UNA-Canada initiative which invests in talented Canadian university graduates. The programme is targeted towards un- or underemployed Canadian youth who require direct real-life employment skills. Statistics show that talented Canadian youth are struggling with high unemployment and are looking to invest in meaningful international experiences.

For over 19 years, the strategic IDDIP has proactively responded to emerging labour market demands by providing our Junior Professional Consultants (JPCs) with a unique opportunity to follow through on their educational investment. Working alongside professionals and global experts with the United Nations, or other international organizations for six months, the IDDIP has proven to bridge talented young Canadians to employment as 98% of our most recent JPCs found meaningful work in their fields within six-months of completing their training.

BY THE NUMBERS

Monitoring Outcomes – Measuring Success

UNA-Canada is a leader in monitoring and evaluation, valuing the power of measuring success to ongoing programme improvement. IDDIP maintains detailed metrics on the continued success of our alumni. UNA-Canada continually measures success qualitatively and quantitatively.

UNA-Canada’s results speak for themselves.

“My internship as a Procurement Officer provided me with the privilege of ordering medicines for the UN Clinic and IT Equipment to assist the government in capacity building, amongst other things. The professional experience I gained through the programme was invaluable. There is nothing quite like experiencing a new culture and immersing yourself in a new environment.

Upon my return to Vancouver I obtained a job as a Buyer with the Greater Vancouver Regional District. International UN experience really makes you stand out from the crowd.”

AHMED, from British Columbia, interned with UNDP Zimbabwe

EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS SIX MONTHS POST-PLACEMENT

1. Stayed with UN 30%
2. Canadian Government 22%
3. International Organizations 24%
4. Back to School 7%
5. University / Hospital 8%
6. Other - Unreachable 10%
7. Actively Searching 2%

PARTNER AGENCIES

1. UN Women
2. UNRCO
3. UNCDF
4. UNHCR
5. UNDP
6. UNICEF
7. IOM
8. UNODC
9. UNRCPD
10. UNFPA
DIRECT BENEFITS TO INTERNS

Essential employment skills that uniquely address emerging labour market demands.

Mutually agreed upon Memorandum of Understanding detailing six-month placement.

Thorough pre-departure and post-placement briefings along with re-entry support.

Bi-monthly job listings. Detailed reference letters.

Access to our elite mentorship programme and video series with retired ambassadors, government officials, global human resource experts and training in financial literacy and project management.

Opportunity to meet and network with Canadian diplomats at Canadian High Commissions and Embassies.

Continual oversight with 1st month, mid-term and final report.

Strategic career advice, resume tailoring and interview strategies.

Promotion of work through UNA-Canada's social media networks and newsletters

The opportunity to act as an ambassador of the programme.
CURRENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA
TO BE ADMITTED TO THE IDDIP:
Canadian Citizenship or Permanent Resident
Hold a recognized university degree

“... The program was an amazing experience and opportunity to work with the UN, travel to a new country and grow both professionally and personally. My experience in Honduras was truly one of the most memorable and exciting times in my life. The program gave me the professional experience and meaningful skills I needed to launch my communications career in International Development and down the road, helped facilitate the transition into Marketing.”

ALIYA, from Ontario, interned with UNDP Honduras

DO YOU SEE YOURSELF HERE?
These are challenging six-month placements with remarkable outcomes. The programme has been designed to address the labour market gaps students encounter while transitioning from university to the workforce. It helps alleviate chronic youth unemployment by launching young professionals into meaningful careers.

- Are you willing to challenge yourself in a new culture and work environment while being supported by the programme?

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