



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE OFFICER
CENTER WHERE ADOLESCENTS LEARN TO LOVE AND SERVE (CALLS)
PORTSMOUTH, DOMINICA
MAY 24 – DECEMBER 2, 2022

BACKGROUND

The International Youth Internship Program offers Canadian post-secondary graduates the opportunity to gain professional experience through international development work. College of the Rockies, Bow Valley College and Selkirk College are providing opportunities to 28 young Canadians in 2022 to support sustainable international development initiatives with partners in Africa, Central America, and the Caribbean. The program, which is funded by Global Affairs Canada, is part of the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION

This internship is being hosted by the Center where Adolescents Learn to Love and Serve (CALLS), which is in the town of Portsmouth, Dominica. CALLS is a grassroots development organization that is run predominantly by community volunteers with a full time Executive Officer. The organization serves as a safety net for at-risk youth between the ages of 14 and 25. CALLS offers courses in agriculture, small engine repair, fish processing, bar services, and furniture making.

The Sustainable Agriculture Officer will work under the supervision of CALLS' Executive Director and the Agriculture Supervisor to support CALLS' agricultural training program at One Mile Agriculture, an area of land donated to CALLS for training purposes. In particular, the intern will:

- Assess existing agriculture projects at One Mile Agriculture and work with the supervisor to develop a sustainable agriculture farm plan to better develop One Mile.
- Guide the trainees and the supervisor in sustainable agriculture.
- Cultivate the two green houses and farm at One Mile.
- Operate and manage the compost pits at One Mile.
- Guide and support the supervisor and the workers at One Mile in the preparation of the beds, seedlings, planting etc.
- Support the business operations at One Mile Agriculture.

ELIGIBILITY

- Canadian citizen or permanent resident of Canada between 19 and 30 years of age
- Graduate of a diploma or degree program (as of the start date of the internship)
- Have not previously participated in the International Youth Internship Program

QUALIFICATIONS

This opportunity is a good fit for candidates who have:

- A diploma or degree in agriculture, horticulture or a related area or work experience in agriculture or horticulture.
- An aspiration to pursue a career or further education in agriculture or horticulture, or a career in teaching and training related agriculture or horticulture.
- An open mind, a desire to learn and to contribute to learning, and the ability to get along with others, particularly in situations outside the applicant's comfort zone
- An openness to adapt to life in a different cultural context
- Strong communication, writing, research and problem-solving skills
- Proficiency in the use of Word, Excel, and PowerPoint

Other qualifications that might contribute to a successful internship are:

- Volunteer or work experience with at risk youth
- Volunteer or work experience in teaching or training
- An interest in sustainability

In addition, the intern will be required to do the following:

- Comply with College of the Rockies' risk management plan and emergency protocols
- Conduct themselves in an ethical manner, respect local customs, and comply with Canadian and Dominican law
- Participate in, and be present during, all aspects of the program, including:
 - Online pre-departure training
 - In-person pre-departure training and related activities in Cranbrook, BC
 - Reintegration and public communications activities in Cranbrook, BC

FINANCES

College of the Rockies will assist with arranging accommodation abroad and provide a modest monthly stipend to support interns' living costs. The College will arrange and cover the costs of travel to / from Cranbrook, BC for pre-departure / reintegration activities, accommodation in Cranbrook, travel to and from Dominica, and health insurance. In addition, the College will reimburse interns for costs associated with obtaining a Dominican visa and will contribute to costs related to vaccinations / travel medicine.

Note that interns participate in this program in a voluntary capacity and their agreement to participate is by no means, and shall not be construed as, an employment contract.

KEY DATES

April 7, 2022	Application deadline	Email
April – May 2022	Pre-departure assignments	Online
May 24 - 27, 2022	Pre-departure preparations	Cranbrook, BC
May 30 – Nov 25, 2022	Internship	Dominica
Nov 28 – Dec 2, 2022	Reintegration and public communications	Cranbrook, BC

HOW TO APPLY

Email, by close of business on April 7, 2022, a covering letter (maximum one page) and resume (maximum two pages) that illustrate why you're the right fit for this opportunity and how you anticipate that this experience will help equip you with the tools and experience you need to launch a successful career.

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Please note that only those selected for an interview will be contacted.