



## 20 Four Month Funded International Internship Positions Available for Indigenous Youth this Fall!

The Northern Council for Global Cooperation ([NCGC](#)) and the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation ([ACIC](#)), in partnership with [BYTE](#) – Empowering Youth, the [Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq](#), the [Native Council of PEI](#) are happy to announce recruitment for the International Internships for Indigenous Youth (IIY) [program](#) (2018-2023). This year's **four-month internship placement** will run from **October 2018 to January 2019**. We will be hiring 20 Indigenous youth each year to participate in a diverse offering of internship placements in indigenous communities in **five countries around the world (Costa Rica, Guyana, Kenya, Nepal, and Cambodia)**. In collaboration with our partners, we are excited to support and engage indigenous youth as global citizens and as leaders in their own communities. We have taken a holistic approach to supporting indigenous youth as global citizens, incorporating Elders, traditional knowledge, families and community members, indigenous community organizations, and local partner organizations who work in priority development sectors in indigenous communities in the Global South. We strongly encourage youth to participate not only as individuals but also as an extension or representative of their community.

By participating in this program, interns will:

- be provided opportunities to gain transferable skills,
- learn how to engage with key development themes in their own communities and abroad,
- explore education and career pathways in the field of international and community development,
- build confidence and experience in public engagement,
- and build networks in the international development sector and their own communities that will allow them to put their skills and passion to work for positive change.

Interns will have the opportunity to work with Elders and mentors from their communities to learn more about their own culture while also learning about other cultures during their overseas placements.

Relating to the TRC Call for Action # 7, this program seeks to use international internships to achieve the end goal of increased participation of youth in their communities, in the labour market and in the higher education sector in Canada and abroad. We have set eligibility specifically to target those youth between 18-35 years of age who have not yet completed a university degree.

Including Elders in training, supporting, and re-orienting interns stems from the belief that it is important for youth to understand their own culture before they are able to appreciate another culture, and that they must be able to contextualize the development issues they see overseas in a foundational knowledge of how different Indigenous cultures conceptualize development. With this foundation, the internship becomes an opportunity to participate first-hand in development issues. This will enable interns to be better able to promote development efforts in their own communities and beyond. Returning interns will be supported in: engaging as active global citizens who promote development efforts, planning their careers and academic pursuits, or in their community leadership roles.

We would like your help in spreading the word to make sure this incredible opportunity does not go missed!

This year's International Internships for Indigenous Youth Program will begin

**October 2018 to January 2019!**

**Key Internship Components:**

**4 Month fully funded internships**

We cover:

- Travel costs to and from the host country
- Visas
- Travel insurance and vaccinations
- Monthly stipend covering living costs

**Positions in 5 countries**

- Costa Rica
- Guyana
- Kenya
- Nepal
- Cambodia

**A team** of 4 Interns working together in each country

Internship eligibility requirements are:

- be an Indigenous person in Canada (Federally recognized as either status or non-status First Nations, Inuit, or Métis)
- be between the ages of 18 and 35 at the time of hiring
- have **not** previously participated in an internship within the Global Affairs IYIP initiative (formerly CIDA and DFATD)
- have a High school degree or equivalent (GED etc)
- **not** be a university graduate. However, if a youth has started a program and not finished, they are eligible.
  - please note that Indigenous youth with a CEGEP or technical college diploma **are** eligible to apply!

Applications for the October 2018 departure are now open! Please visit the [NCGC website](#) for more information about our partners overseas, the internship descriptions and to apply online. The deadline to apply is June 22<sup>nd</sup> for the October 2018 departure.

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