Cuso International is recruiting interns for Youth Empowering Youth and Communities

Cuso International is looking for International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) interns

The International Youth Internship Program (IYIP) is a component of an employment program for Canadian graduates (ages 19 to 30 inclusive), which is part of the Career Focus stream of the Government of Canada’s Youth Employment Strategy (YES) and is funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Canada’s YES program provides Canadian youth with tools and experience they need to launch successful careers.

Cuso International’s IYIP placements are designed to offer young Canadian post-secondary graduates the opportunity to gain professional experience through international development work. The overall project capitalizes on the power of youth-to-youth interaction, enthusiasm and collaboration, with the overall objective of providing interns with meaningful international work experience, and a greater understanding of the complex development challenges faced in Belize, Bolivia, Cameroon, Dominica, Guyana, Jamaica, and Peru.

The interns will contribute to three thematic areas through their involvement with Cuso International’s local partners: youth employment and entrepreneurship, active citizenship, and natural resource management.

Who is eligible to be an IYIP intern?

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
- out of school
- between the ages of 19 and 30
- unemployed or underemployed
- legally entitled to work in Canada
- have not previously participated in a government funded youth employment strategy (YES) program

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How do I apply?

Visit the Cuso International IYIP page on our website for more details and to access the secure online form to apply.

http://www.cusointernational.org/international-youth-internship-program

What skills or experience does an IYIP intern need?

Skills and experience will depend on the placement selected, but in general, IYIP interns will have:

- a degree or diploma in social sciences, business, social work, psychology or a related field
- experience working with youth and/or disadvantaged individuals or groups
- advanced Spanish language skills for Bolivia, Peru and French language skills for Cameroon
- excellent planning, organization and project management skills are assets
- a strong set of “soft” skills – like flexibility, adaptability and cross-cultural sensitivity – that are critical to an intern’s success overseas

What would I do as an IYIP intern?

IYIP interns will spend 6 months working alongside local community partners to strengthen youth programs, and/or support civil society organizations. Depending on their placement focus, interns can expect to engage in:

- supporting the implementation of youth-centered programs – including those focused on entrepreneurship, volunteering, and child protection
- conducting outreach and awareness-building activities with youth and populations at risk
- building organizational capacity through participation in workshops, meetings, focus groups and research
- designing training materials and developing tools to assist in advocacy, outreach and program development

Cuso International’s comprehensive package

Cuso International provides comprehensive financial, training, personal and professional support for its interns. Our face-to-face training and personal learning program helps to prepare you for your placement overseas.

Our financial support package covers the costs of the placement abroad, allowing you to enjoy a modest but healthy lifestyle during the internship. While specific terms and conditions are available upon request, interns can generally expect to receive the following:

- all costs related to the placement, including airfare and accommodation, medical costs and health insurance
- a modest living allowance
- reintegration support for when you return home

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