VOLUNTEER AND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD

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YORK INTERNATIONAL

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TYPES OF INTERNSHIPS

1) Global Internships
2) Other Funded Internships
3) External Internships
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

- York International currently has Global Internship agreements with 40 organizations in 25 different countries.

- Global Internships provide York undergraduate and graduate students a funded opportunity to intern in another country, or at an international host within Canada, for 3 months during the summer, starting in May.

- Not for academic credit. (Except for GL/ILST 4300 6.00, SB/IBUS 4100 3.00 and SB/IMBA 5300 9.00)

- 3 month placements between May and August.
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS—ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

- Full time undergraduate and first year graduate students registered in a degree program
- Cumulative GPA of 6.0 (B)
- Returning YorkU student for at least 1 term
- Other potential considerations: academic background, volunteer/professional experience, language proficiency, proven ability to adapt to new environments, capacity to communicate effectively across cultures, willingness to take initiative, ability to work in a team etc.
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS- FUNDING

- $3000, 3 installments – to help with expenses
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS—ADVANTAGES

- Enhance student learning and job related skills
- Hands-on experience in core projects, programs, and community initiatives
- Connect theory/research with practical and policy issues
- Work and learn in different socio-cultural contexts
- Build professional networks

} Transferable skills
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP: EXAMPLE

Not all Global Internships are outside of Canada

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GLOBAL INTERNSHIP: EXAMPLE

Position Description:
(Given the fluid nature of the work at this organization, the job description of the incoming intern is subject to change.) The intern will assist the program officers with execution of key projects relating to our core academic exchange programs.

Specific tasks will include:
- Assisting in the planning, management, and coordination of the Fall Orientation programming (2 days in Ottawa that include academic and cultural activities) for incoming American Fulbright students and scholars, and for incoming American and Canadian Killam Fellows;
- Supporting multiple aspects of Fulbright and Killam programming, including communications development and database management;
- Special Research Projects.

Complete all tasks assigned, which includes but is not limited to the responsibilities outlined above.
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP: EXAMPLE

**Expected work hours:** 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

**Preferred start date:** First week of June preferably, but flexible

**Qualifications/skills required:**
- Basic administrative skills (familiarity with Windows operating system and software)
- Ability to work independently
- Excellent attention to detail
- Broad understanding of Canada-U.S. relations and higher education
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP: EXAMPLE

Some internships have a language requirement OR listed as an asset

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<th>Organization</th>
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<td>Budapest, Hungary</td>
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<td><a href="http://www.terredeshommes.hu/">http://www.terredeshommes.hu/</a></td>
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<td>Position Description</td>
<td>The Regional Office of Terre des hommes is looking to hire two interns - a research intern and a communications intern - to produce content for the Child Protection Hub and to promote the Hub in the region.</td>
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<td>Language</td>
<td>Fluent English. Knowledge of Serbo-Croatian-Bosnian, Romanian, Hungarian, Albanian or Bulgarian is an asset, but not mandatory.</td>
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GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

- **Deadline:**
The deadline to apply for a Global Internship with York International for Summer 2019 is January 10, 2019 at 11:59pm. (THAT’S TOMORROW!!!!)

- **Selection:**
  interview at the York International office. Some host organizations will participate in person or via Skype.
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS– APPLICATION

- In order to apply for a York International Global Internship, you must complete the following:
  - Application form
  - Resume (2 pages max)
  - Letter of Intent (1 page max)
  - Video (2 mins max)
  - Two letters of reference, one academic and one non-academic
  - $100 Application fee (non-refundable) which can be paid by visiting the York International office between Monday and Friday from 9am to 4pm (We accept Visa, MasterCard and Debit.)

http://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/go-global/intern-abroad/#squelch-taas-tab-content-0-4
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS

- Pre-departure orientation program.
- Make appropriate immigration and travel arrangements, including obtaining required travel documents, immunizations and health certificates.
- Arrange accommodation. Participating organizations may be able to assist with information, but housing will be the responsibility of the student.
- Purchase medical insurance from guard.me® for the period of the internship as part of the travel risk management program of York International, and provide proof to York International before departure.
GLOBAL INTERNSHIPS—DURING INTERNSHIP

- Contact York International representative if problems arise with internship.
- Handle finances responsibly.
- You will be representing YorkU.

- There are some post-internship duties as well
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### Other Funded Internships

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<td><strong>EcoSwell Volunteer Programme</strong></td>
<td>Market Research Intern</td>
<td>Peru</td>
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<td>NGO Management Intern</td>
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<td><strong>EUROACE Internships Program</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Student Exchange Vietnam</strong></td>
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<td><strong>True Spanish Experience Internships</strong></td>
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# External Internships

Below is a list of organisations which offer international opportunities. Please note that these are not endorsed by York University.

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<td><strong>Canadian Society for International Health (CSIH)</strong></td>
<td>CSIH recruits for 20 government-sponsored internships that support health systems strengthening in East Africa and the Caribbean.</td>
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<td><strong>CharityVillage</strong></td>
<td>This website lists positions with non-government and not-for-profit organizations. You can browse opportunities by region or search international volunteer opportunities.</td>
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<td><strong>Crossroads International</strong></td>
<td>Crossroads International is an international development organization that is reducing poverty and increasing women’s rights around the world. Working with local partners in 28 projects, in eight countries and supported by hundreds of volunteers each year, Crossroads leverages expertise and resources, North and South, required to help people overcome poverty and assert their human rights.</td>
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<td><strong>Cultural Vistas</strong></td>
<td>Cultural Vistas provides a variety of opportunities for students to work/learn in Europe and Latin America.</td>
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<td><strong>DAAD RISE – German Ministry of Higher Education</strong></td>
<td>The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers outstanding opportunities to combine serious research with a rewarding study abroad experience. All programs are targeted to students in the fields of engineering, physics, chemistry, biology, earth sciences (geology) and related disciplines. Research Internships in Science and</td>
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Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are at the heart of our international development efforts.

Whether a Canadian looking to have a positive impact overseas or an individual driving change in their own community, our volunteers are advancing development efforts in Africa, Asia, and the Americas.

WUSC is harnessing the expertise of Canadian volunteers to enhance program delivery in a variety of countries. These are unique short-, medium-, and long-term opportunities to contribute directly to WUSC’s broader work in education, employment and empowerment around the world.

Agribusiness Incubator Advisor

The Agribusiness Incubator Advisor Volunteer will support the establishment of a sustainable Agribusiness Incubation Centre that operates on international best practices, working under the overall supervision of PROPEL’s Country Coordinator and direct supervision of the Principal of the Guyana School of Agriculture.

Location: Guyana
Duration: 4 months

Deadline to Apply: Ongoing until the position is filled

These external opportunities might be a good option for those of you that need more time to get your applications ready by the Jan 22th, 2018 deadline for York International internships.
AWARDS TO HELP FINANCE YOUR INTERNSHIP – YORK INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AWARD (YIMA)

- All York University students selected for international mobility programs are eligible to receive YIMA.
- Deadline: May 1, 2018 and April 30, 2019
- How to Apply? Online Forms that can be found here: http://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/go-global/york-international-mobility-award-yima/
## OTHER YORK UNIVERSITY AWARDS

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<td><strong>All</strong></td>
<td><strong>York University Undergraduate Bursary</strong></td>
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<td>Students participating on official York University exchange programs and are registered at York for the period of their exchange are eligible for the York University Undergraduate Bursary. Please ensure that you observe all deadlines and indicate in the written comments section of the bursary application that you are participating on an official exchange program.</td>
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<td><strong>Apply:</strong> Bursary applications can be completed online at the website of the Office of Student Financial Services.</td>
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<td><strong>Austria/Germany</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ahrens Scholarship</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Value:</strong> 1 award, amount varies</td>
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<td>Applicants must:</td>
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<td>● Have at least a B+ average (7.0 GOA)</td>
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<td>● Have elected to travel to Germany/Austria under the year-abroad program</td>
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<td>Selection is made by the faculty of Arts, with preference given to a student majoring in German or German Studies.</td>
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- Some awards are only available to internships to certain countries, others are applicable to all countries.
- There are other awards available that are on a needs base or for those that have extensive community involvement!
- [http://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/go-global/york-international-mobility-award-yima/funding/](http://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/go-global/york-international-mobility-award-yima/funding/)
York's EcoCampus

Challenge what is. Imagine what could be. Transform the Future.
Activities: visiting a wind farm, hiking, learning about sustainable coffee farming and meeting with Indigenous communities, as well as participating in a community festival.

Courses Offered:
- ENVS 4810 6.0 Ecology and Sustainability in Costa Rica (taught by Felipe Montoya)
- ENVS 4215 3.0 Globalization and Indigenous peoples (taught by Ravi de Costa)

Course cost: $1950
When you take a field course module from another Ontario university through the Ontario Universities Program in Field Biology (OUPFB) you will earn credits towards your York University degree.

For more info, please see: http://www.oupfb.ca/index.html
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<td>Belize: Rainforest and Reef</td>
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<td>Waterloo</td>
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<td>Turtles: Ecology, Behaviour, and Conservation</td>
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<td>Carelton</td>
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<td>Dolphin and Whale Biology and Conservation in Tropical Asia</td>
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<td>Trent</td>
<td>Hong Kong and Taiwan</td>
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<td>Field Ornithology</td>
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<td>Ottawa</td>
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<td>May 6 - May 19</td>
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<td>Subtropical Ecology: Biodiversity and its Sustainable Utilization</td>
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<td>McMaster</td>
<td>Chongqing Metropolitan area (includes city, Yangtze River, Jinfo Mountain Nature Reserve)</td>
<td>May 7 - May 21</td>
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OUPFB 2018 – Contact List contains the contact information for each representative in each participating university.

http://www.oupfb.ca/index.html

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Carleton University
Lakehead University
Laurentian University
McMaster University
Queen’s University
Trent University
Wilfred Laurier University
University of Guelph
University of Ottawa
University of Toronto
University of Waterloo
University of Western Ontario
University of Windsor
York University
ACADEMIC EXCHANGE

- Step 1: Getting Started Information Session
- Find out more information
- Ask questions
- Meet previous exchange students
- Receive the code to access our online application
- Meet our Global Learning Assistants (goglobal@yorku.ca)

Links to signup for information session:
https://apps4.sis.yorku.ca/Apps/WebObjects/SAB.woa/wa/sab?param=yif_globexch
York has a list of institutions abroad that they are already partners with.

You can do an exchange with an institution that is not a partner, but it’s a more complicated process.

The institutions are categorized in alphabetical order according to the country they are located in.

Language of instruction and term durations are also listed.

http://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/go-global/exchange/where-can-i-go/#S
Undergraduate students in an Honours program and graduate students of any discipline. (Excluding Schulich Students)

Students who have a minimum B average (6.0 GPA).

It is recommended that you apply during your second year to spend your third year abroad.

Some exchanges are restricted to certain disciplines.

Glendon and Osgoode students may apply for their department facilitated exchanges and/or a York International Exchange.
OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- If you are applying to an institution where the language of instruction is NOT English you will need to be proficient in the host language.
- Part-time students at York may participate, however, you must study full-time while abroad.
- It is preferred that you study abroad for your third year of study as students finishing their first year of studies often do not have the prerequisites to pursue studies at the host institute. Those in their final year have less flexibility in course selection and may have difficulties finding courses abroad.
APPLICATION

How To Apply

SELECTION
Students will be notified if they have been selected for an exchange in January and February.

PRE-DEPARTURE
The exchange pre-departure will take place on the 24th of April 2018 for all students selected for an exchange for the 2018-19 academic year.

APPLY
In order to apply for a York International Exchange you must complete the following:
- Attend a mandatory Exchange Information Session. Click here to register for a session.
- Submit an online application.
- Pay the $100 non-refundable application fee. Visit the York International office Monday - Friday between 9:30 - 4:00 p.m. Payment by Visa, MasterCard and Debit only.
- Submit two reference letters.

Application links:
- Start an application by clicking here.
- You will be required to enter the security code to access the online application. You can only receive this code by attending a mandatory Exchange Information Session. Please click here to register for a session.
- Resume your saved application by clicking here.

One time, non-refundable fee of $100

Application consists of a letter as to why you want to go on exchange

A resumé

Courses you have matched from York to the abroad institution

Why you want to go in second year, if applicable

To apply to go on exchange in the 2019-20 academic year, you must apply by Monday December 3rd 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

http://yorkinternational.yorku.ca/go-global/exchange/how-to-apply-2/
POST-SELECTION

- **Courses:** The courses you have matched has to be approved by the right faculty member/staff.
- **This is called the Course Assessment.**
- **Funding:** You are eligible to apply for OSAP and other awards.
- **Housing:** You are responsible for finding a place to reside, but York can help you if need be.
- **Transcript:** Sent directly to York International afterwards but you should grab your own copy if you are applying to graduate school.
IBSC

- International Bachelor’s of Biology
- Two streams: Biology, Biomedical Sciences, Psychology and Computer Science
- MUST go on at least one semester of exchange
- 12 Credits of a foreign language
- Can become your minor or a certificate
- 12 Credits of International content course that also satisfies your non-science requirements