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*Student Work Abroad  
Program (SWAP)*

## WHAT IS IT?

SWAP is an activity of the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS). Established in 1975, SWAP enables Canadian college and university students (and non-students in some countries) to expand their overseas travel experience by living and working in another culture. SWAP operates working holiday programs in Australia, France, Germany, Ireland, Jamaica, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States.

## HOW LONG IS IT?

The length of stay varies for each country.

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a citizen of Canada or the country to which you are travelling (permanent residents of Canada with passports from EU countries are eligible for programs within the EU; American citizens residing permanently in Canada are eligible for certain programs in Europe too);
- meet age requirements and student status restrictions, which are set by the foreign governments and vary by country;

- apply for the Program and purchase round-trip transportation through Travel Cuts/Voyages Campus (a travel company wholly owned by CFS);
- possess a valid International Student Identity Card (ISIC), if eligible;
- pay a registration fee, which varies by country and is not refundable if the participant cancels (it is refundable to those not accepted in SWAP); and
- provide proof, on request, of a minimum amount of personal funds, which varies by country.

## WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Information and applications are available at all Travel Cuts/Voyages Campus offices across Canada and on SWAP's Web site at <[www.travelcuts.com](http://www.travelcuts.com)>.

## *Australia*

Established in 1986, SWAP Australia is operated jointly with the International Exchange Programmes (IEP), the Australian division of SWAP's British partner, the British Universities North America Club (BUNAC). The program offers individual departures for Australia from January through to the end of July, and several group departures throughout September and October. All participants arrive in Sydney, where ground transportation and two nights of booked hostel accommodation are included in the program fee. On the day after arrival, IEP provides an orientation session in Sydney for all participants. The services provided include opening bank accounts for all participants and provision of free

e-mail and voice mail accounts for all. The visa is valid for a 12-month period and no student status is required. As a way of encouraging people to travel around the country, the Australian government requires that participants work not more than three months for any single employer. Participants who are full-time students at the time of program registration may combine the Australia and New Zealand programs and apply for SWAP South Pacific.

**To be eligible for SWAP Australia, you must:**

- be 18 to 25 years of age; and
- apply eight weeks in advance for individual departures and by June 25 for the September/October group departures.

### *France*

Under SWAP, close to 300 Canadians have worked in France each year since 1990. SWAP works with the Paris office of the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) to assist participants with their job and accommodation search in Paris or other parts of the country. Students accepted on SWAP may work in France for a maximum of three months. SWAP is not a language training program; applicants must have a working knowledge of French in order to be accepted.

**To be eligible, you must:**

- be registered as a full-time student;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- apply at least six weeks before departure.

### *Germany*

SWAP has operated a program with Germany since 1992. Students are assisted by the Bonn office of the Council on International Educational Exchange and by ZAV, the central labour office, in Frankfurt. The German government requires that all participants demonstrate a working knowledge of the language. The visa is valid for any three-month period beginning in May or June.

**To be eligible, you must:**

- be registered as a full-time student;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- apply by March 1.

### *Ireland*

Full-time Canadian post-secondary students may spend up to 12 months (one year) working in the Republic of Ireland. Participants conduct their own job search, but the Dublin office of the Union of Students in Ireland Travel (USIT) can provide advice and assistance. Students may also combine the Ireland program with the U.K. program.

**To be eligible for SWAP Ireland, you must:**

- be registered as a full-time, post-secondary student;
- be at least 18 years of age (no maximum age limit); and
- apply at least six weeks before departure.

## *Jamaica*

Since 1994, SWAP has given a limited number of Canadian students the opportunity to work for a four-month period in Jamaica. Participants may work in Jamaica in the winter program commencing in December, or in the summer program commencing in June. Candidates should be aware that Jamaica is a developing economy and that their living conditions will be closer to those of Jamaican residents than tourists on holiday.

### **To be eligible for SWAP Jamaica, you must:**

- be a full-time student;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply at least six weeks before departure.

## *Japan*

Through SWAP, Canadians have worked in Japan since 1986, primarily as teachers of English. The Council on International Educational Exchange Tokyo office will provide an orientation session to help participants with the cultural adjustment and will arrange the first two nights' accommodation in Tokyo. The Working Holiday Centre can assist students with job searchers. Visas are valid initially for 6 months and can be extended for an additional 6 months, for a total of 12 months.

### **To be eligible for SWAP Japan, you must:**

- be a Canadian citizen permanently residing in Canada;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply at least eight weeks before departure.

## *Netherlands*

Canadian students may arrive in the Netherlands during the month of May and then are permitted to work for a period of up to 6 months. There will be specific dates for orientation sessions in Amsterdam in May, and Travel Cuts/Voyages Campus will book flights to allow participants to arrive the day before a session. SWAP works with Travel Active Programs in the Netherlands.

### **To be eligible for SWAP Netherlands, you must**

- be a full-time student; and
- be 18 to 30 years of age.

## *New Zealand*

Students may work in New Zealand for any six-month period commencing either in May or late September of each year. Participants are met at the airport and provided with transportation to a budget hotel where two nights' accommodation is pre-booked. STA Travel of New Zealand will give students a comprehensive orientation session and provide a variety of support services. Students may also apply for SWAP South Pacific, combining the New Zealand and Australia programs.

### **To be eligible for SWAP New Zealand, you must:**

- be registered as a full-time student;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply by March 1 for May departure, and by June 1 for fall departure.

## *South Africa*

Canadian students may work in South Africa for a 12-month (one-year) period through SWAP and its partner agency, South African Student Travel Services (SASTS). SWAP arranges individual departures throughout the year to Cape Town. As South Africa is still a developing economy, only students with overseas travel experience should consider this program. Students should apply for SWAP South Africa at least eight weeks before their planned departure date.

### **To be eligible, you must:**

- be a full-time student at the time of application; and
- be 18 to 30 years of age.

## *United Kingdom*

Over 1 000 Canadians participate in SWAP Britain each year. SWAP works closely with the British Universities North America Club (BUNAC), which has an office in central London as well as a satellite office in Edinburgh, Scotland. On arrival in London (Canadian participants may arrive in Edinburgh during the month of May), participants attend a comprehensive BUNAC/SWAP orientation session giving them the assistance they will need to find work and a place to live in London, Scotland or elsewhere in Britain. BUNAC provides participants with information on tax exemptions (only full-time students qualify) as well as ongoing advice and counselling. It also organizes a number of social events

including a pub meet every two weeks. In 1996, BUNAC opened an office in Edinburgh for participants interested in working in Scotland. Visas are valid for up to two years.

### **To be eligible, you must:**

- be registered as a part-time or full-time student;
- be 18 to 27 years of age; and
- apply at least eight weeks before departure.

## *United States*

Since 1990 SWAP has offered Canadian students the opportunity to work in the United States from June 1 until October 19 each year. Students may apply if they have a firm job offer from an American employer or a confirmed interview, or if a U.S. citizen or permanent resident agrees to act as a sponsor. (The U.S. government is currently reviewing this visa and may require a fixed percentage of Canadian SWAP students each year to have pre-arranged employment. All Travel Cuts/Voyages Campus offices will be aware of any such change after February 1, 1999.)

### **To be eligible, you must:**

- be registered as a full-time post-secondary student;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- apply after January 15 on a first-come, first serve basis.

## **TRAVEL CUTS/VOYAGES CAMPUS LOCATIONS**

Travel Cuts (Voyages Campus in Québec) is a travel agency wholly owned by the Canadian Federation of Students. Office locations are listed below.

**Travel Cuts, St. John's**  
Thomson Student Centre  
Memorial University  
St. John's, Newfoundland  
A1C 5S7  
Tel. (709) 737-7926

**Travel Cuts, St. John's**  
342 Freshwater Road  
St. John's, Newfoundland  
A1B 1C2  
Tel. (709) 737-2622

**Travel Cuts, Halifax**  
Student Union Building,  
3rd floor  
Dalhousie University  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3H 4J2  
Tel. (902) 494-2054

**Travel Cuts, Halifax**  
Saint Mary's University  
O'Donnell-Hennessey  
Student Centre  
Halifax, Nova Scotia  
B3H 3C3  
Tel. (902) 494-7027

**Travel Cuts, Fredericton**  
Student Union Building  
P.O. Box 4400  
University of New  
Brunswick  
Fredericton, New  
Brunswick  
E3B 5A3  
Tel. (506) 472-2887 or  
1-888-450-2887

**Voyages Campus, Québec**  
Pavillon Maurice-Pollack,  
Room 1258  
Université Laval  
Sainte-Foy, Québec  
G1K 7P4  
Tel. (418) 654-0224

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
Concordia University  
1455 Maisonneuve  
Boulevard West,  
Room H222  
Montréal, Québec  
H3G 1M8  
Tel. (514) 288-1130

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
1613 St. Denis Street  
Montréal, Québec  
H2X 3K3  
Tel. (514) 843-8511

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
McGill University  
3480 McTavish Street  
Montréal, Québec  
H3A 1X9  
Tel. (514) 398-0647

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
2085 Union Street, L-8  
Montréal, Québec  
H3A 1B9  
Tel. (514) 284-1368

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
3200 Jean-Brillant Avenue,  
Room B-1270-1  
Montréal, Québec  
H3T 1N8  
Tel. (514) 735-8794

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
5770 Decelles Avenue  
Montréal, Québec  
H3S 2C6  
Tel. (514) 341-1649

**Voyages Campus, Montréal**  
225 President Kennedy  
Avenue, Suite PK-R-206  
Montréal, Québec  
H2X 3Y7  
Tel. (514) 281-6662

**Voyages Campus,  
Trois-Rivières**  
875 des Recollets  
Boulevard, Suite 225  
Trois-Rivières, Québec  
G8Z 3W4  
Tel. (819) 691-3433

**Travel Cuts, Ottawa**  
Unicentre, first level  
Carleton University  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1S 5B6  
Tel. (613) 238-5493

**Travel Cuts, Ottawa**  
222 Laurier Avenue East,  
2nd floor  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1N 6P2  
Tel. (613) 238-8222

**Travel Cuts, Ottawa**  
738-C Bank Street  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1S 3V4  
Tel. (613) 565-3555

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
187 College Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5T 1P7  
Tel. (416) 979-2406

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
49 Front Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5E 1B3  
Tel. (416) 365-0545

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
74 Gerrard Street East  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5B 1G6  
Tel. (416) 977-0441

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
2235 Yonge Street  
Toronto, Ontario  
M4S 2B4  
Tel. (416) 322-6623

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
Student Centre,  
Room 106A  
York University  
Toronto, Ontario  
M3J 1P3  
Tel. (416) 661-1393

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
313 Queen Street West,  
2nd floor  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5V 2A4  
Tel. (416) 977-6272

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
170 Attwell Drive,  
Suite 602  
Toronto, Ontario  
M9W 5Z5  
Tel. (416) 798-2887

**Travel Cuts, Toronto**  
460 King Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5V 1L7  
Tel. (416) 504-5423

**Adventure Travel  
Company, Toronto**  
381 King Street West  
Toronto, Ontario  
M5V 1K1  
Tel. (416) 345-9726

**Travel Cuts, Hamilton**  
1056 King Street West  
Hamilton, Ontario  
L8S 1L7  
Tel. (905) 777-9886

**Travel Cuts, London**  
660 Richmond Street  
London, Ontario  
N6A 3G8  
Tel. (519) 675-1005

**Travel Cuts, London**  
UCC Building,  
basement level  
University of Western  
Ontario  
London, Ontario  
N6A 3K7  
Tel. (519) 661-4070

**Travel Cuts, Sudbury**  
New Student Centre,  
Room SCE-234  
Laurentian University  
Sudbury, Ontario  
P3E 2C6  
Tel. (705) 673-1401

**Travel Cuts, Waterloo**  
University Shops Plaza  
170 University Avenue West  
Waterloo, Ontario  
N2L 3E9  
Tel. (519) 886-0400

**Travel Cuts, Waterloo**  
Student Union Building  
Wilfrid Laurier University  
75 University Avenue West  
Waterloo, Ontario  
N2L 3C5  
Tel. (519) 886-8228

**Travel Cuts, Guelph**  
University Centre  
University of Guelph  
Guelph, Ontario  
N1G 2W1  
Tel. (519) 763-1660

**Travel Cuts, Winnipeg**  
University Centre  
University of Manitoba  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3B 2E3  
Tel. (204) 269-9530

**Travel Cuts, Winnipeg**  
499 Portage Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
R3B 2E3  
Tel. (204) 783-5353

**Travel Cuts, Saskatoon**  
Place Riel, 1  
Campus Drive,  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan  
S7N 5A3  
Tel. (306) 975-3722

**Travel Cuts, Regina**  
University Centre  
Building, Room 228  
University of Regina  
Regina, Saskatchewan  
S4S 0A2  
Tel. (306) 586-0011

**Travel Cuts, Edmonton**  
Student Union Building  
University of Alberta  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T6G 2J7  
Tel. (403) 492-2592

**Travel Cuts, Edmonton**  
12304 Jasper Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5N 3K5  
Tel. (403) 488-8487

**Travel Shop, Edmonton**  
10926 - 88 Avenue  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T6G 0Z1  
Tel. (403) 439-3096

**Travel Cuts, Calgary**  
MacEwan Student Centre,  
Room 180  
University of Calgary  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2N 1N4  
Tel. (403) 282-7687

**Travel Cuts, Calgary**  
1414 Kensington Road  
Northwest, Suite 105  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2N 3P9  
Tel. (403) 531-2070

**Travel Cuts, Vancouver**  
1516 Duranleau Street  
Granville Island  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia  
V6H 3S4  
Tel. (604) 687-6033

**Travel Cuts, Vancouver**  
Students' Union Building  
University of British  
Columbia  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia  
V6T 1Z1  
Tel. (604) 822-6890

**Travel Cuts, Vancouver**  
British Columbia Institute  
of Technology  
567 Seymour Street  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia  
V6B 3H6  
Tel. (604) 659-2830

**Travel Cuts, Vancouver**  
203-5728 University  
Boulevard  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia  
V6T 1K6  
Tel. (604) 221-6221

**Travel Cuts, Vancouver**  
120 West Broadway  
Vancouver, British  
Columbia  
V5Y 1P3  
Tel. (604) 659-2887

**Travel Cuts, Burnaby**  
Maggie Benston Student  
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Room 2280  
Simon Fraser University  
Burnaby, British Columbia  
V5A 1S6  
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**Travel Cuts, Victoria**  
634 Johnson Street  
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**Travel Cuts, Victoria**  
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Victoria, British Columbia  
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