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*Young Workers' Exchange  
Programs (YWEP)*

# AUSTRIA

## *Canada-Austria Young Workers' Exchange Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

This program allows exchanges of young Canadian and Austrian workers so that they can obtain practical experience necessary for professional training in tourism, agriculture and forestry.

### HOW LONG IS IT?

A visa is valid for six months.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- possess a Canadian passport valid for a period of three months beyond the termination of the practical training in Austria, and must be a resident of Canada;
- be 18 to 30 years old at the time of application for admission to the Young Workers' Exchange Program, except in cases where the responsible authorities of both countries decide to raise the maximum age to 35 years;
- be a graduate of a recognized university or similar institution, or hold a post-secondary diploma or certificate from a teaching institution in the fields of tourism, agriculture or forestry;
- have no criminal record;
- have no accompanying dependants;
- possess a return airplane ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;

- have sufficient funds to meet your needs during the first part of your stay in Austria;
- undergo a medical examination before starting the training if this is required by law for the specific training or activity in question;
- be prepared to pay a visa fee or program participation fee.

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## *Canada-Austria Intra- and Partner Company Training Program*

### **WHAT IS IT?**

This program seeks to support Canadian and Austrian firms in developing business links between the two countries by facilitating intra- and partner-company training. Canadian and Austrian workers can travel to each other's country to receive or provide training, which could include skills upgrading, familiarization with current business practices and, in some cases, formal classroom training.

### **HOW LONG IS IT?**

Either the Embassy of Austria or an Austrian consulate in Canada issues a residence permit. This may be a transfer licence valid for four months, or a clearance certificate valid for up to 36 weeks.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

To participate, you must:

- possess a Canadian passport valid for a period of three months beyond the termination of activities under the Program;
- have no criminal record;
- be 18 to 30 years old at the time of application, except in those cases where the authorities of both countries decide to raise the maximum age to 35 years or higher;

- possess a round-trip airplane ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- possess sufficient funds to meet your needs during your stay in Austria;
- be prepared to pay a visa fee or program participation fee; and
- undergo a medical examination before starting the training if this is required by law for the specific training or activity in question.

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# FINLAND

## *Career Development Exchange Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

This program is designed for young Canadian workers who have graduated in forestry, information technology or teaching English/French as a foreign language.

Applications of those meeting the eligibility requirements are sent to the Finnish government, which matches the applicants with jobs for which they are qualified.

Trainees will not be admitted to Finland unless authorities are satisfied that the remuneration offered meets the going rate in Finland for the type of job and region concerned, and that the terms of employment meet Finnish standards and will be respected.

Trainees will receive the same treatment as Finnish nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

### HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants may stay in Finland for up to 6 months. Once the internship ends, trainees may not remain in Finland to look for work or to hold a job unless they are expressly authorized to do so.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a graduate of a university, institute of technology or equivalent educational institution;

- have a minimum of one year's work experience directly related to your degree or diploma;
- undertake training in your chosen trade or profession;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have a working knowledge of English, Finnish, Swedish or German. (A certificate from a language teacher is required if English or Finnish is not your first language.)

### WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Trainees are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and for travel costs.

Trainees are not entitled to enter Finland without a residence permit. You are strongly advised to wait until you receive your work permit before leaving for Finland.

Please note that your application must be submitted at least four months before the date on which you wish to start your internship.

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# FRANCE

## *Canada France Young Workers' Exchange Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

This program allows Canadian workers to upgrade their career skills by undertaking an internship in France.

Trainees are not admitted to France unless the authorities are satisfied that the remuneration offered meets the going rate in France for the type of job and region concerned, and that the terms of employment meet French standards and will be respected.

Trainees receive the same treatment as French nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

### HOW LONG IS IT?

Generally, an internship permit is granted for a maximum of one year. In certain cases, and on an individual basis, the permit may be extended up to 18 months.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a graduate of a university or equivalent institution, or have a post-secondary diploma or certificate from an institute of technology or equivalent educational institution;
- have some work experience directly related to your degree or diploma;

- undertake an internship in your own trade or profession;
- be 18 to 35 years of age;
- be in good health; and
- have a working knowledge of French (if your first language is not French, a certificate or letter of reference from a language teacher must accompany the application).

### WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

You must obtain a written job offer from a prospective employer in France or one of its territories. The offer must state the terms of employment (type of work, period for which you will be employed, wages, hours of work per week, and welfare benefits if any).

Successful applicants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and for travel costs.

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# GERMANY

## *Canada-Germany Young Workers' Exchange Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

The program is designed for Canadians who have graduated in disciplines related to industry, commerce, science and technology.

Applications from candidates meeting the eligibility requirements are sent to the German authorities, who then match applicants with jobs for which they are qualified. However, trainees will not be admitted to Germany until they have found employment and the authorities are satisfied that the remuneration meets the going rate in the Federal Republic of Germany for the type of job and region concerned, and that the terms of employment meet German standards and will be respected.

Trainees in the program receive the same treatment as German nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

### HOW LONG IS IT?

Program participants may stay in Germany for up to 18 months. Once the internship ends, a trainee may not remain in Germany to look for work or to hold another job without express authorization to do so.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a graduate of a university, an institute of technology or an equivalent educational institution;
- have a minimum of one year's work experience directly related to your degree or diploma;
- undertake training in your chosen trade or profession;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- have a working knowledge of German (a certificate from a language teacher is needed if German is not your first language).

### WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Once approved, trainees are not permitted to enter Germany without a residence permit. You are strongly advised to wait until you receive a work permit before you leave for Germany. Trainees are responsible for their own travel arrangements and costs.

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# JAPAN

## *The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program*

### **WHAT IS IT?**

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program seeks to promote mutual understanding between Japan and other countries, including Canada, by encouraging international exchanges between Japanese youth and JET participants, and by intensifying foreign language training in Japan.

### **TWO KINDS OF TRAINING ARE AVAILABLE:**

#### **Co-ordinator for International Relations (CIR):**

Participants are placed in prefectural and municipal government offices in cities and towns. They take part in international activities and foreign language instruction.

#### **Assistant Language Teacher (ALT):**

Participants undertake language instruction in public schools or for local school boards. Remuneration is approximately 3.6 million yen per annum and is sufficient to cover living expenses in Japan. Host institutions will assist the participants in finding accommodation on arrival. In some cases, accommodation is pre-arranged. Host institutions will also cover the cost of travel to and from Japan and between the host institution and Tokyo provided that the applicant fulfils contract provisions. Pre-departure and post-arrival orientation sessions are also held.

### **HOW LONG IS IT?**

Successful applicants will be assigned to a host institution for a one-year period (renewable in certain circumstances by mutual consent).

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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

- be both mentally and physically healthy;
- be able to adjust to living and working in a foreign country;
- be a Canadian citizen and hold a valid Canadian passport;
- be under 35 years of age;
- hold at least a bachelor's degree; have a thorough command of modern standard English, excellent English pronunciation, rhythm, intonation and voice projection, and good English writing skills;
- be interested in Japan;
- not previously have participated in the JET Program;
- not have declined, without justifiable reason, a position in the JET Program after accepting an appointment as a participant; and
- not have lived in Japan for more than 3 years within 10 years of the date of application.

#### **In addition, CIR applicants must**

- be highly motivated to participate in international exchange activities; and
- have a working knowledge of the Japanese language.

**ALT applicants must:**

- be interested in education and teaching in general; and
- enjoy working with students; be qualified as language teachers, have studied the teaching of English as a second language, or be willing to study it.

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**WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE**

Applications are processed in two stages. First, the documents are examined at the Embassy of Japan to make a preliminary selection; then chosen candidates are interviewed for final selection at the Embassy or a consular mission. Applications may usually be submitted from early September to mid-November. Participants start work in late July.

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# NETHERLANDS

## *Canada-Netherlands Young Workers' Exchange Program*

### **WHAT IS IT?**

The Canada-Netherlands Young Workers' Exchange Program is designed for Canadians who wish to expand their overseas travel experience by living and working in the Netherlands.

**The program targets the following employment sectors:**

- industry;
- commerce;
- science and technology;
- tourism; and
- agriculture and horticulture.

Only those applicants wishing to work in agriculture or horticulture receive assistance in finding a job. Placement services are available only to students in a university program (either full-time or part-time) in agriculture or horticulture, or graduates from such a program or an equivalent college program.

The Stichting Uitwisseling (agency for youth exchange and agricultural study tours) in the Netherlands will co-ordinate the placement of experienced agricultural/horticultural workers at suitable farms and companies. The type of work depends on the season and on the qualifications and preferences of the participants, so a detailed résumé is required. Once a host family has been found, the participant is contacted for approval.

Participants placed by the Stichting Uitwisseling agency earn approximately 125 florins per week and receive free room and board. Participants who find employment in the agricultural/horticultural sector on their own will be paid at a rate that reflects supply and demand.

Trainees receive the same treatment as Dutch nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

### **HOW LONG IS IT?**

Applicants meeting all the eligibility requirements who find employment related to their area of study on arrival may apply for a one-year, non-renewable work permit.

If applicants wish to take up employment unrelated to their education, they are eligible for a four-month, non-renewable work permit. It is possible, however, to apply for three different work permits for three different jobs running consecutively, in order to work in the Netherlands for a maximum of one year.

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

**To be eligible, you must:**

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant; and

- be enrolled (either full-time or part-time) at a university, college, institute of technology or equivalent educational institution, or have graduated from such an institution within the last year (a copy of your diploma or a certificate from the institution attended is required).

**In addition, you must meet one of the following three conditions:**

- you must have a written job offer from a prospective employer in the Netherlands stating the type of work, the period for which you will be employed, the remuneration you will receive, the number of working hours per week, and welfare benefits; OR
- you must have relatives or friends in the Netherlands who can assist in finding a job and can provide accommodation (a letter from the sponsor is required); OR
- you must furnish proof of sufficient funds for the period of your stay.

An adequate knowledge of the Dutch or English language is essential in order to find a job.

## WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

For an agricultural/horticultural placement, application should be made at least six weeks before the planned departure date. If you have a job offer, you must apply at least two weeks before the departure date.

Participants are responsible for finding jobs themselves. They must make their own travel arrangements and must cover all their expenses (transportation, room and board, etc.). No financial assistance is available.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

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# SWITZERLAND

## *Canada-Switzerland Young Workers' Exchange Program*

### WHAT IS IT?

The Canada-Switzerland Young Workers' Exchange Program is designed for Canadians who wish to upgrade their language skills and gain professional expertise in their field of study in Switzerland. Whatever that field may be, internships of 4 to 18 months are available under this official government program. On completion of their internship, participants may not remain in Switzerland to look for or hold a different job unless they have received express permission to do so.

Participants will not be admitted to Switzerland unless the authorities are satisfied that the remuneration offered meets the going rate in Switzerland for the type of job and region, and that the terms of employment meet Swiss standards and will be respected. Participants receive the same treatment as Swiss nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding working conditions.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a graduate of a university or other post-secondary institution such as a college, CEGEP, institute of technology or the equivalent;

- wish to undertake an internship in a trade or profession directly related to your studies;
- have an adequate knowledge of French, German or Italian;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- find a job in Switzerland that you could hold under a career development program or internship contract.

The last-mentioned requirement means that you have to find an internship by yourself. International Youth Experience can help you do so provided that you meet all the eligibility requirements.

### WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and for all transportation costs. Note that the Swiss government will not issue work permits on Swiss territory. You are therefore strongly advised to wait until you receive a work permit before making travel arrangements.

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