

Study Abroad Fellowship to Canada for Civil Society Studies.

About the Program

The Civil Society Educational Network is a project under the Canada-European Union Programme for Cooperation in Higher Education, Training and Youth: Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships that is funded by the European Commission's Directorate General for Education and Culture.

Participating Universities

The Civil Society Education Network links three European universities (the Freie Universität Berlin, Sheffield Hallam University, and Trento University) with three Canadian universities (Carleton University, McGill University, and Winnipeg University).

Eligibility and Target Audience

Advanced undergraduate and master level students from a variety of disciplines (political science, public administration, urban studies, business administration) are being recruited to participate in the transatlantic exchanges, including those seeking careers as practitioners and leaders of civil society organizations and social enterprises, policy analysts and program officers in government, community investment managers in corporations, grant officers in foundations; and, fund developers and consultants in the community. Students enrolled in any of the three European universities (the Freie Universität Berlin, Sheffield Hallam University, and Trento University) can study for credit at one of the three Canadian universities (Carleton University, McGill University, and Winnipeg University). Applicants must have nationality of an EU member state.

Program Objectives

The objectives of the Civil Society Educational Network are to enhance the educational experiences and skills of these Canadian and European students seeking a variety of careers related to civil society organizations and social enterprises; to support the development of new curricula to teach civil society in a range of disciplines; to facilitate the collaboration between Canadian and European universities to expand their programs in civil society studies; and, to provide a forum for the exchange of educational materials, resources, and tools for Canadian and European faculty, students, and researchers in civil society studies

Fellowships include roundtrip travel expenses (up to Euro 1000) and four months living stipend (700 Euro per month for a total of 2800 Euro). As part of the reciprocal arrangement among the universities, students who study abroad pay tuition to their home university at the normal tuition level of the home university. No tuition payments are expected to the host university although some student fees may apply.

Application Procedure

To apply for a fellowship send a one page abstract of your research interests, a curriculum vitae, a letter explaining which of the three Canadian universities you would like to study at and why (more than one choice is advisable), and a transcript. Additionally, the applicant should send in a sample of his or her writing dealing with some aspect of civil society (can be a paper for a class, an article, or section of a thesis) or related subject. TOEFL or equivalent language test score are also necessary for students wishing to study in Canada. In some cases, a letter from a native English speaker attesting to your language qualifications will be accepted. In your letter, be sure to include a contact address, email address, and telephone number.

The fellowship competition is open to students at the advanced BA (3rd or 4th year) and Master's level.

Deadline for application for the spring semester 2011 (in most cases starts in January) is October 7, 2010. Applicants for the summer semester 2011 may also apply at this time. Application materials should be sent to:

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More information about the exchange, the universities and their programs can be found at: http://www.cms.fu-berlin.de/v/civil_society/cooperations/index.html