

# International Youth Internship Program (IYIP)

## Cohort 3 Placement List

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### Central America

**Campesino Committee of the Highlands** (*San Lucas Toliman, Guatemala*)

**Canadian Partner:** Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network

BTS interns will support the CCDA's work to support small farmers facing climate crisis to identify and advocate for climate resiliency solutions, land defense and reclamation, and alternative economies. Areas of focus include human rights, Indigenous Peoples' rights, land rights and environmental defense. Intern may be involved in report writing and documentation, creation of popular education materials, and creation of promotional materials for CCDA's products (i.e. coffee). The ideal candidate may have an educational, professional, or lived experience in topics related to the environment, agriculture, anthropology, community-based research and/or comparative law and/or experience in design, communications and marketing.

*Applicants who have intermediate or advanced Spanish are prioritized for this placement.*

**Mesoamerican Permaculture Institute** (*Pachitulum, Guatemala*)

**Canadian Partner:** Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network

BTS interns will support IMAP, an Indigenous-led permaculture centre focused on biodiversity and food sovereignty. BTS interns will learn about and engage in permaculture projects (i.e. irrigation projects, organic fertilizer production, chicken raising, planting and harvesting), support field work and projects (i.e. implementing banana circles, building school, community, and family gardens) support grant writing and fundraising efforts, carry out research, and support relationship-building and bilingual communication. The ideal candidate will be flexible and adaptable, have experience or openness to living in a rural community, and have an ability and desire to foster relationships built on trust, mutuality, solidarity and cooperation. Experience (or desire to learn about) regenerative agriculture, education, Indigenous knowledge, and/or grant writing considered an asset.

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**Fundacion Nueva Esperanza / New Hope Foundation** (*Rabinal, Guatemala*)

**Canadian Partner:** Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network

BTS interns will support the FNE's Intercultural Bilingual Community Educational Centre (CECBI) in its efforts to provide high-quality English education within the context of a multilingual, multicultural, nature-based educational methodology, as well as contribute to grant writing and monitoring and evaluation efforts. Areas of focus include human rights, Indigenous Peoples' rights and languages, alternative education and historical memory. The ideal candidate may have experience working in educational settings (i.e. as a teacher, counsellor, tutor), carrying out community-based research, and/or have grassroots fundraising or grant-writing experience.

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**Asociación Bufete Jurídico Popular / Rabinal Legal Clinic (ABJP)** (*Rabinal, Guatemala*)

**Canadian Partner:** Maritimes-Guatemala Breaking the Silence Network

BTS interns will provide legal research and documentation in support of the Rabinal Legal Clinic (ABJP)'s work to bring human rights cases to court and to address ongoing human rights violations in the community of Rabinal and in surrounding villages. This may include reviewing existing legal materials and documentation, conducting legal research and analysis, and/or synthesizing and organizing information. The ideal candidate will be flexible and adaptable, have experience or openness to living in a rural community, have legal or community-based research experience, and have an ability and desire to foster relationships built on trust, mutuality, solidarity and cooperation.

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## Caribbean

**T.A. Marryshow Community College** (*Grenada*)

This placement offers an opportunity to work across a number of departments at Grenada's only publicly funded tertiary education institution. Interns will be able to work on projects that the institution manage with government and community partners in the marine, coastal and blue economy sector. Some of the specific activities will include: field work to collect data and information, collaborating with other students in research activities, supporting research supervisors in project implementation and management.

*Laboratory Skills | Conservation Biology | Applied Research*

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## South Pacific

### **Women's Fund Fiji** (*Fiji*)

Women's Fund Fiji is the resource mobilisation arm of the feminist and women's movement in Fiji. We are striving to shift more power and resources into the hands of diverse women, girls and gender non-conforming people from rural, remote and marginalised communities in Fiji, we are opening doors for a more inclusive model of funding in Fiji. Interns will carry out research and analysis, write reports and funding proposals, create content for various platforms, and provide administrative support.

## Virtual (Remote)

### **Wisdom2Action** (*Remote*)

This virtual placement will work with the Wisdom2Action team and collaborate with international partners in Ghana and Malawi to support the planning of the international "Preventing and Addressing Gender-Based Violence Against LGBTQ+ Youth Through Arts-Based Action" project as part of an international youth summit for queer and trans youth. This virtual placement has a focus on offering administrative support, youth recruitment, communications, and bookkeeping, and is an amazing opportunity for an intern interested in working in and with the LGBTQIA+ community and gaining experience in project development and management.

*LGBTQIA+ youth are prioritized for this placement.*

## Africa

### **Colleges and Institutes Canada** (*Nairobi, Kenya*)

Interns will have the opportunity to work with CIGC under the Global Affairs Canada-funded Kenya Blue Economy Skills Training program (KBEST). Working closely with partner Technical and Vocational Education and Training institutions, industry, and government partners. Interns will examine and support the blue economy skills training and climate change nexus. Gender-team experiences will liaise with women's rights organizations and other partners focused on gender, outreach, and inclusion so that the program positively impacts the livelihoods of women in the blue economy.

*Research and Policy Development | Gender Equality | Monitoring and Evaluation*

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**Nova Scotia Gambia Association** (*Bijilo, Banjul, Gambia*)

**Canadian Partner:** Nova Scotia Gambia Association

Founded in 1985, the Nova Scotia Gambia Association (NSGA) works to promote healthy, sustainable, and equitable futures for West Africans, often through art and theatre. Working alongside NSGA staff, interns will support community-based, peer-led initiatives addressing topics like HIV/AIDS, gender equality, food insecurity and youth unemployment. Projects may include developing and co-facilitating educational training and workshops, creating content for social media platforms or blogging, grant writing and fundraising, and research. The ideal candidate is flexible, adaptable, and open to supporting the organization in a variety of ways. Valuable assets include: experience developing and delivering education training, knowledge about public health issues facing West Africa (i.e. HIV/AIDS, malaria, sexual and reproductive health, clean drinking water), experience working with youth, passion for peer-to-peer education.

**Algo Peers** (*Cape Coast, Ghana*)

**Canadian Partner:** Connecting to Africa

Algo Peers is committed to improving access to hands-on STEAM education through coding, physical computing, and robotics, and to using emerging technologies to address local challenges in climate change, healthcare, agriculture, and more. Interns will harness their software engineering and creative skills to facilitate after-school programs and other community based programming.

*African Nova Scotian youth and youth from the African Diaspora are prioritized for this placement.*

**Centre for Indigenous Knowledge and Organizational Development (CIKOD)** (*Accra, Ghana*)

**Canadian Partner:** Connecting to Africa

CIKOD is a non-profit organization that aims to transform indigenous institutions and local groups into vibrant grassroots civil society organizations that strengthen sustainable food systems, traditional health systems, and natural resources management. Interns may support research, report writing, grant and proposal writing, community engagement, and communications.

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**Coastline Communities Development Initiative** (*Kokrobite, Ghana*)

**Canadian Partner:** Connecting to Africa

The Coastline Communities Development Initiative is a grassroots organization working to remove barriers that girls face in accessing senior higher education, with the ultimate goal of breaking the cycle of poverty and illiteracy in underserved communities.

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**Tanzania Gender Networking Program** (*Dar es Salaam, Tanzania*)

**Canadian Partner:** Coady Institute

TGNP's philosophy is built on Transformative Feminism, which aims to eliminate all forms of discrimination against women and other marginalized groups through activism, movement building, knowledge, research and analysis, training and capacity building, and organizational growth and sustainability in the areas of Agriculture, Water, Health, Education and Extractive Industries. TGNP will work to co-develop a work plan with interns, and this dynamic placement may include: supporting the Global Affairs Canada ENGAGE Project on Women's Empowerment and Leadership, supporting knowledge mobilization, MEL and reporting, communications and storytelling, creating policy briefs, carrying out action research, and supporting programming through tool-building, curriculum strengthening, and co-hosting community events.

## Asia

**Tra Vinh University** (*Vietnam*)

These placements will be embedded in the TVU Centre of Community Services, School of Agriculture, and Centre for Entrepreneurship to assist with research opportunities, connect with and work alongside TVU students, and conduct small independent projects.

*Gender Equity | Entrepreneurship | Climate-Smart Agriculture | Community Development*

**Nha Trang University** (*Vietnam*)

Support Nha Trang University's technical experts with projects and initiatives in the areas of climate change, food security and blue economy. The topics of particular interest include sustainable fisheries and aquaculture management, food technology for sustainability, marine tourism, marine biodiversity, environmental sustainability, coastal and community adaptation to climate change, gender equity for the marine management sector, and the development of initiatives in support of sustainable coastal communities. Interns' responsibilities will include research support including project data collection, technical writing in food technology and sustainable marine management, and project-specific community engagement and awareness activities.

*Research | Technical Projects | Science Education*

**Institut Pertanian Bogor University** (*Indonesia*)

The intern will be working in the broad area of blue economy (fisheries, aquaculture, environmental sustainability, adaptation to climate change, gender, sustainable coastal communities, bioprospecting, biotechnology).

*Sustainable Development Goals | Marine Ecosystem Management | Biodiversity*

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**Cambodia Volunteer for Society, Cambodia Indigenous Youth Alliance** (*Phnomh Pehn, Cambodia*)

**Canadian Partner:** GPI Atlantic

CVS is a non-profit organization that works in the areas of social justice, peace, equity, youth rights, advocacy, good governance and anti-corruption, democracy and youth-led development. Its mission is to empower youth as part of a peaceful and democratic society. Interns will co-create their workplan with CVS and GPI Atlantic based on their skills, knowledge, and interests, which may include research and report writing, communications and storytelling, community engagement, and capacity building.

*Indigenous youth are prioritized for this placement.*

**Questions? Concerns? Not sure if this is right for you? We want to chat!  
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