

Ukraine Internship Program Announced for Canadian Youth

The Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Youth International Internship Program has approved \$150,000 in funding for the Canada Ukraine Internship Program (CUIP) - a partnership between the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) and the Canada-Ukraine Chamber of Commerce (CUCC). The program goals are to provide Canadian youth with opportunities to attain international career-related experience by creating internship opportunities in Ukraine. The focus will be on helping students acquire skills that are transferable to the needs of the Canadian economy. The CUIP project will allow Canadian youth to take advantage of the \$900 mln. in contracts signed during CUBI '97 (see feature story) and the October '96 Trade Mission to Ukraine.

The first set of five interns is to leave for Ukraine by September, with another group of five by Jan. 1998. Interns will work from 6-8 months in Ukraine. CUIP will coordinate the internships with interested companies and organizations in Ukraine.

Internship Candidates

Interns will preferably be graduates of post-secondary institutions in international business programs and/or area studies programs. Participants should be under 30 years of age, Canadian citizens, preferably with

language capabilities in Ukrainian and one of Canada's two official languages. Interns will be offered opportunities to learn first-hand what it takes to make a company ready to expand globally, and how day-to-day international business is conducted.

Intern Host Organizations

There are few costs and many benefits for potential employers who agree to accept interns, as major expenses such as travel are provided by CUIP. The host assumes responsibility for in-country work-related costs, and must provide orientation and briefings, guidance, and working conditions necessary for the interns to properly fulfil their duties. CUIP is currently taking applications from prospective interns and employers.

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Additional info is also available on the
SUSK home page:
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Looking for prospective interns and employers!

Employers: Attain the services of a qualified, young and energetic intern with the financial and administrative assistance of CUIP.

Interns: Gain valuable international work experience with a Canadian organization working in Ukraine.

With the financial assistance of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade's Youth Internship programme, the Canada Ukraine Chamber of Commerce in partnership with the Ukrainian Canadian Students' Union (SUSK) are implementing the placement of 10 interns with Canadian organizations engaged in activities (emphasis on but not exclusive to business) in Ukraine.

First group leaving this autumn. Applications being accepted now.

Inquires by prospective employers and interns should be made to:

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Both worked with the Centre's data archive of public opinion research to become familiar with the methods used to make the data accessible. They also carried out their own research programs and prepared articles for publication in Ukraine.

Drs. Bekeshkina and Makeyev will apply their new knowledge in Ukraine in part by helping with the facilitation of a series of workshops - The Media, Public Opinion and the State. These workshops, supported by Partners in Civil Society, will be held across Ukraine for journalists, other media people and political analysts prior to the upcoming national elections.

Two Canadian volunteers, Chris Coulter and Natalie Mychajlyszyn, have completed three-month assignments with Democratic

Initiatives, and a third started at DIF in May. The Canadian volunteers, all of whom have Ukrainian roots, are regarded highly at DIF, providing much-needed middle-level management support and training. Their work has included assisting with the preparation of proposals for service contracts and helping DIF staff and associates improve their English and work on international communications. One volunteer has directly helped DIF obtain contracts to conduct surveys and organize conferences for NATO and the Canadian Cooperatives Association and Council of Ukrainian Credit Unions of Canada.

Aside from such practical assistance and capacity development, Mr. Kucheriv believes that the volunteers provide an extremely valuable service in helping to build bridges between cultures. "Thorough discussions help DIF to understand democratic developed countries like Canada and also help us see

Ukraine through Canadian eyes. It is also important for DIF to start to understand the particular style of behavior of Canadians (as opposed to people from other countries)." He adds, "One goal for DIF is to integrate itself into the international community", and the Canadian volunteers are helping with this.

The first Canadian volunteer at DIF writes, "Ukraine's recently-identified strategic importance by countries like the United States, together with all of the concomitant aid associated with such recognition, is not sufficient to ensure Ukraine's smooth transformation to a democratic society. First and foremost, this transformation must be accomplished by Ukrainians for Ukrainians in order to be successful. Secondly, if these reforms are to be long-lasting and self-sustaining, a greater effort must be mounted to create and foster a strong, dynamic civic culture in Ukraine. Support provided to DIF satisfies both of these conditions."