

European Union Study Tour & Internship Program

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Information for students:-

The European Union Study Tour & Internship Program

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Introduction

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* provide a unique opportunity for students in a variety of disciplines--business, economics, international European politics, international relations and social policy--to immerse them in the European Union institutions as well as other related institutions. You have the opportunity to have “face to face” contact and dialogue with presenters and seminar leaders from the ranks of those actively involved in the day to day work of the EU, other European institutions, diplomatic representations to the EU (including Canada), policy think tanks, and civil society organizations. You will experience the EU in action-- by attending a hearing at the European Court of Justice, sessions at the European Parliament, and at the European Commission media sessions, and to mention only a few. This experience isn't only “*about the EU*”—it's “*in the EU*”! Each year great effort is made to include and highlight topics of growing relevance to Europe and Canada as well as continue a core program of economic, political, social and business themes.

In addition to the Study Tour, substantial internship opportunities following the Tour are offered selected students to take up internships with European institutions from two to six months duration (see application process below).

Who we are

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* are organized by a consortium of Canadian universities through the *Network for European Studies (Canada)*. Academics from Canada's leading EU studies programs and centres have contributed to making the activity well recognized within the EU and respected by its European and Canadian partners. Members of the *Network* have ensured that the Tour and internship program meets high standards in content and participation.

A unique approach to the study of the European Union

With the Study Tour, you will experience the history, institutions, and current issues of the EU through study visits to the major institutions of the European Union, located in Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Frankfurt. Building on eight years of successful tours, the *Network* has prepared a lively immersion in the life of the European Union. You can share this unique approach to the study of the European Union. .

You will join approximately 50 students from Canada for three weeks of seminars and presentations within the institutions of the European Union, as well as other significant European organizations with seminars and presentations at the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank and the European Court of Justice, to name just a few. Additionally, you will have the exceptional opportunity to receive briefings from and exchange views with representatives of other

European organizations such as the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. You will meet with representatives of European offices of significant international organizations, such as the International Organization for Migration. You will also participate in sessions with significant state and sub-state representatives engaged with the EU: the Canadian Mission to the EU, the Québec Delegation, the Turkish Mission, the Russian Federation Mission. You will meet with important non-government organizations such as PAYOKE, a significant NGO in the international fight against human trafficking. The Study Tour is an excellent educational and career opportunity: it is less a "course" than an immersion in European institutions, a program to support self-directed and independent study.

Language and program sessions

While for practical and organizational reasons English is the language of the Study Tour, knowledge of some French is an asset. Furthermore, for a number of internships knowledge of French is essential.

What is the duration and what will it cost?

The study tour is twenty-one days, beginning May 6th and ending May 25th with departure on May 26th. The fee for the three weeks, including transportation between and in European cities, plus all accommodation is \$2,800 if you are a student from a university that is a member of the *Network*; otherwise the cost is an additional \$300. You are responsible for your own transatlantic travel arrangements. Although consumption and needs vary, you can expect to spend \$30 per day on meals and incidentals although the Study Tour provides some meals and receptions. Many universities provide financial aid to their student participants.

Academic credit

The sponsoring university must give academic credit for Study Tour participation—the *Network* does not involve itself in how the credit will be awarded or how the student is evaluated. At the end of the Tour, the Directors provide each sponsoring faculty person an assessment of each individual's participation—faculty use at this report at their sole discretion.

About the Internship Program

Prior to the commencement of the European Union Study Tour, approved applicants are assigned to various unpaid internships in Brussels and other European cities for a period of two to six months. These positions are usually taken up immediately after the conclusion of the Study Tour. A student taking up an internship position should arrange for academic credit at their home university and it is preferred that the internships receive academic recognition. There is a \$500 administration fee for successful internship candidates. In the past, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) has provided a travel grant of up to \$1000 each for successful internship applicant; this grant is not yet confirmed for 2012.



How you apply for the EU Study Tour?

Step 1 Each institution is responsible for its own selection procedure. The *Network* requires each university to have at least one faculty sponsor/ contact person. Approved applicant is *one selected by*

the local faculty sponsor, followed by submission of a completed application form to the Study Tour administration (forms found on the web site).

Step 2 Selected students forward the application to the business office of the Tour with a deposit of \$1000. From that point on students receive regular information bulletins on the program and operational aspects of the Tour.

Step 3 Students must pay the balance of the Tour fee by approximately April 1, make their personal travel arrangements, read all the bulletins issued by the Tour, and participate in the faculty sponsor’s preparation activities.



How do you apply for an internship?

Step 1 Application for an Internship is made on condition that the student will participate in the EU Study Tour. There are a variety of internships and conditions attached to some. A list is provided on the web site.

Step 2 Students can only apply with the approval of a faculty sponsor. Students must apply for three internships indicating priority ranking—this allows an applicant to be considered for alternatives if not successful in obtaining a first choice. Application forms for the internships are supplied on the web site.

Step 3 An internship application must be supported by a faculty reference form and submitted by your faculty sponsor. A letter of committal is also required (see web site).

The final selection and assignment is the responsibility of a sub-committee of the Academic Coordinating Committee (the governing body of the Network).

Some of the host institutions of the Internship Program in Europe (for a full list visit the web site)

<p>Canadian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg Canadian Embassy in The Hague Canadian Mission to the European Union Canadian Embassy to the Baltic States in Riga Centre for European and Transition Studies (Jean Monet Centre of Excellence) University of Latvia Centre for European Policy Studies Council of Europe-Strasbourg Eurochambres European Citizen Action Service European Commission (Brussels and Luxembourg) European Economic and Social Committee</p>	<p>European Environmental Agency – Copenhagen European Parliament Bruegel Foundation, Brussels Europolitics (Press Internship) International Organization for Migration--Brussels Payoke NGO contra trafficking -Antwerp Québec Delegation in Brussels Research Institute-European Trade Union Congress European Liberal Forum Centre for European Studies</p>
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Please go to our web site for more detailed information and resources.

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