

South Africa

Canadian students may work in South Africa for a 12-month (one-year) period through SWAP and its partner agency, South African Student Travel Services (SASTS). SWAP arranges individual departures throughout the year to Cape Town. As South Africa is still a developing economy, only students with overseas travel experience should consider this program. Students should apply for SWAP South Africa at least eight weeks before their planned departure date.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be a full-time student at the time of application; and
- be 18 to 30 years of age.

United Kingdom

Over 1 000 Canadians participate in SWAP Britain each year. SWAP works closely with the British Universities North America Club (BUNAC), which has an office in central London as well as a satellite office in Edinburgh, Scotland. On arrival in London (Canadian participants may arrive in Edinburgh during the month of May), participants attend a comprehensive BUNAC/SWAP orientation session giving them the assistance they will need to find work and a place to live in London, Scotland or elsewhere in Britain. BUNAC provides participants with information on tax exemptions (only full-time students qualify) as well as ongoing advice and counselling. It also organizes a number of social events

including a pub meet every two weeks. In 1996, BUNAC opened an office in Edinburgh for participants interested in working in Scotland. Visas are valid for up to two years.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be registered as a part-time or full-time student;
- be 18 to 27 years of age; and
- apply at least eight weeks before departure.

United States

Since 1990 SWAP has offered Canadian students the opportunity to work in the United States from June 1 until October 19 each year. Students may apply if they have a firm job offer from an American employer or a confirmed interview, or if a U.S. citizen or permanent resident agrees to act as a sponsor. (The U.S. government is currently reviewing this visa and may require a fixed percentage of Canadian SWAP students each year to have pre-arranged employment. All Travel Cuts/Voyages Campus offices will be aware of any such change after February 1, 1999.)

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be registered as a full-time post-secondary student;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- apply after January 15 on a first-come, first serve basis.