

Jamaica

Since 1994, SWAP has given a limited number of Canadian students the opportunity to work for a four-month period in Jamaica. Participants may work in Jamaica in the winter program commencing in December, or in the summer program commencing in June. Candidates should be aware that Jamaica is a developing economy and that their living conditions will be closer to those of Jamaican residents than tourists on holiday.

To be eligible for SWAP Jamaica, you must:

- · be a full-time student;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply at least six weeks before departure.

Japan

Through SWAP, Canadians have worked in Japan since 1986, primarily as teachers of English. The Council on International Educational Exchange Tokyo office will provide an orientation session to help participants with the cultural adjustment and will arrange the first two nights' accommodation in Tokyo. The Working Holiday Centre can assist students with job searchers. Visas are valid initially for 6 months and can be extended for an additional 6 months, for a total of 12 months.

To be eligible for SWAP Japan, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen permanently residing in Canada;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply at least eight weeks before departure.

Netherlands

Canadian students may arrive in the Netherlands during the month of May and then are permitted to work for a period of up to 6 months. There will be specific dates for orientation sessions in Amsterdam in May, and Travel Cuts/Voyages Campus will book flights to allow participants to arrive the day before a session. SWAP works with Travel Active Programs in the Netherlands.

To be eligible for SWAP Netherlands, you must

- · be a full-time student; and
- be 18 to 30 years of age.

New Zealand

Students may work in New Zealand for any six-month period commencing either in May or late September of each year. Participants are met at the airport and provided with transportation to a budget hotel where two nights' accommodation is pre-booked. STA Travel of New Zealand will give students a comprehensive orientation session and provide a variety of support services. Students may also apply for SWAP South Pacific, combining the New Zealand and Australia programs.

To be eligible for SWAP New Zealand, you must:

- be registered as a full-time student;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply by March 1 for May departure, and by June 1 for fall departure.