

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS FOR TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE (IAESTE)

WHAT IS IT?

IAESTE is an independent non-governmental enterprise, with consultative relationships to the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the UN Economic and Social Council, the UN Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organization and other bodies.

It provides on-the-job training experience for students in the fields of engineering and science. It includes 65 member countries on five continents. Canada generally places 200 to 250 students annually in career-related positions overseas.

The association was founded in 1948 in Europe. Since then, 250 000 students have participated in exchanges. Canada joined in 1953.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

The program normally offers eight to 12 weeks of training experience during the summer.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Eligible applicants must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age; and
- in full-time studies in engineering, science or a related technical field.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Participants pay for all travel arrangements in Canada and abroad. A registration fee is charged to each student wish-

ing to participate. A portion is refunded in the event that no suitable matching job is found. The application deadline is December 1 of each year.

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INTERNATIONAL RURAL EXCHANGE (IRE)

IRE provides a combination of work-study programs in Scandinavia, Western Europe, Australia and the United States. The Exchange operates both incoming and outgoing programs.

Programs are designed to give young adults the opportunity to learn about the agriculture, horticulture and culture of other countries while working and living with host families in those countries.

FOUR TYPES OF EXCHANGES ARE POSSIBLE.

Agricultural Trainee: Applicants should have general knowledge and practical experience in agriculture and be prepared to participate in all general farm operations.

Home Management Trainee: Applicants should have a good general knowledge of household duties and be interested in child care and gardening.