

Working Holiday Program

WHAT IS IT?

The program provides university and college students with the opportunity to expand and enhance their overseas travel experience by working in Germany. Work does not have to be study-related.

Participants enjoy the same treatment as German nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding health and working conditions.

HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

The normal working holiday exchange is up to three months.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- 18 to 30 years of age;
- a Canadian citizen;
- registered at a post-secondary institution or university; and
- able to demonstrate a working knowledge of German.

Applicants must also have a written offer of employment from a prospective employer in Germany before leaving Canada. It must state the terms of employment (i.e., type of occupation, duration, wages, hours of work and other benefits).

HOW DO I APPLY?

Students must pay their own travel costs and their accommodation. In some cases, board and lodging are provided by the employer. Visa applications must be made to a diplomatic or consular mission of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany in Canada.

Candidates can also apply through the Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP). See page 33.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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