

Exchange (CIEE) to assist participants with their job and accommodation search in either Paris or any of the provinces. Students accepted on SWAP may work in France for a maximum of three months. SWAP is not a language program; therefore, applicants must have a working knowledge of French in order to be accepted.

To be eligible you must:

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

### **Germany**

SWAP has operated a program with Germany since 1992. Students are assisted by the Bonn office of the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) and with the Central Labour office (ZAV) in Frankfurt. The German government requires that all participants demonstrate a working knowledge of the language. The visa is valid for any three-month period beginning in May or June.

To be eligible you must:

- be registered as a full-time student;
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- apply by March 1.

### **Ireland**

Canadian students may spend up to four months working in the Republic of Ireland. Participants conduct their own job search, but the Dublin office of the Union of Students in Ireland Travel (USIT) is available for advice and assistance. Students may also combine the Ireland program with the British program. To be eligible for SWAP Ireland you must:

- be registered as a full- or part-time student;

- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- apply at least six weeks before departure.

### **Jamaica**

Since 1994, SWAP has provided a limited number of Canadian students the opportunity to work for a four-month period in Jamaica. At present, the program provides only for employment during the summer period, though this may change in due course. Candidates should be aware that Jamaica is a developing economy and that they would not be staying in resorts but would be living much closer to the people than would a vacationing tourist. 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**

Canadians on SWAP have worked in Japan since 1986 primarily as teachers of English. The Council on International Educational Exchange Tokyo office will provide an orientation 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 searches. Visas are valid initially for six months and can be extended for an additional six months for a total of 12 months. To be eligible for SWAP Japan you must:

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