

SWITZERLAND

Canada-Switzerland Young Workers' Exchange Program

WHAT IS IT?

The Canada-Switzerland Young Workers' Exchange Program is designed for Canadians who wish to upgrade their language skills and gain professional expertise in their field of study in Switzerland. Whatever that field may be, internships of 4 to 18 months are available under this official government program. On completion of their internship, participants may not remain in Switzerland to look for or hold a different job unless they have received express permission to do so.

Participants will not be admitted to Switzerland unless the authorities are satisfied that the remuneration offered meets the going rate in Switzerland for the type of job and region, and that the terms of employment meet Swiss standards and will be respected. Participants receive the same treatment as Swiss nationals in all matters concerning the application of laws, regulations and practices regarding working conditions.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a graduate of a university or other post-secondary institution such as a college, CEGEP, institute of technology or the equivalent;

- wish to undertake an internship in a trade or profession directly related to your studies;
- have an adequate knowledge of French, German or Italian;
- be 18 to 30 years of age; and
- find a job in Switzerland that you could hold under a career development program or internship contract.

The last-mentioned requirement means that you have to find an internship by yourself. International Youth Experience can help you do so provided that you meet all the eligibility requirements.

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements and for all transportation costs. Note that the Swiss government will not issue work permits on Swiss territory. You are therefore strongly advised to wait until you receive a work permit before making travel arrangements.

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