

International Rural Exchange (IRE)

IRE provides a combination of work and study exchange programs for young people in Canada, Scandinavia, Western Europe, Australia and the United States.

Programs are designed to give young adults the opportunity to learn about the culture of another country and the methods applied there in agriculture and horticulture, while working and living with a host family.

FOUR TYPES OF EXCHANGES ARE OFFERED:

AGRICULTURAL TRAINEE: Applicants should have general knowledge of and practical experience in agriculture and be prepared to participate in all the usual farm operations.

HOME MANAGEMENT TRAINEE: Applicants should have a good general knowledge of household tasks, and be interested in child care and gardening.

AGRI-MIX TRAINEE: This type of exchange is designed for applicants who have limited knowledge of, or practical experience in, agriculture but have a good overall knowledge of household management. Time is evenly divided between the two areas.

HORTICULTURE TRAINEE: Applicants should have good general knowledge of, and practical experience in, horticulture and be prepared to participate in all the usual horticultural operations.

IRE matches qualifications and interests with a suitable farm or horticulture operation, and offers participants an orientation seminar on arrival in the host country. IRE also provides supervision at the training facility. Trainees

receive a monthly allowance as well as room and board.

IRE is a non-profit organization based on volunteer work, operating around the world. Because travel arrangements are made on a group basis, participant costs are kept to a minimum.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Participants may stay up to seven months in the host country.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST:

- be 19 to 28 years of age;
- be in good health;
- have a valid driver's licence;
- have a real desire to live and work abroad;
- complete a trainee application; and
- undergo a personal interview.

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