

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE)

WHAT IS IT?

IAESTE is an independent non-governmental agency that has consultative relationships with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), the UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other bodies.

It offers students on-the-job experience in engineering, science and technology. The Association has 65 member countries on five continents. Canada places approximately 200 students annually in positions related to their field of study.

IAESTE was founded in 1948 in Europe. Since then, more than 270 000 students have participated in exchanges. Canada joined in 1953 and has placed approximately 5 000 students.

HOW LONG IS IT?

Internships of 8 to 12 weeks are offered during the summer. A few placements each year are for a 12-month period.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

TO BE ELIGIBLE, YOU MUST BE:

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

WHAT TO DO TO PARTICIPATE

Participants must cover all travel expenses in Canada and abroad. Each applicant must also pay a registration fee, a portion of which is refunded if no suitable matching job is found.

The application deadline is December 1 of each year.

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