

THE NETHERLANDS

Canada-Netherlands Young Workers Exchange Program

WHAT IS IT?

The Canada Netherlands Young Workers Exchange Program is designed for Canadians who wish to expand and enhance their overseas travel experience by living and working in the Netherlands.

The program targets the following occupational fields:

- industry
- commerce
- science and technology
- tourism
- agriculture and horticulture.

Only those participants with an interest in a job in the agricultural/horticultural field can be assisted in obtaining employment. To be considered for placement the participant should be enrolled at an agricultural university (either full-time or part-time) or have graduated from a university or an agricultural/horticultural college.

The Stichting Uitwisseling (Agency for Youth Exchange and Agricultural Study Tours) in the Netherlands will coordinate the placement of experienced agricultural/horticultural workers at suitable farms and companies. Placement depends on the season, and the qualifications and wishes of the participant. A detailed résumé is a prerequisite. Once a host family has been found, the participant will be contacted for approval.

Participants placed by the Stichting Uitwisseling will earn approximately Hfl 125 per week plus free room and board. Those that find their own employment within the agricultural/horticultural field are paid at a rate that reflects supply and demand.

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

HOW LONG CAN I STAY?

Applicants meeting all the eligibility criteria who find employment related to their area of study on arrival will be eligible for a one-year work permit. This work permit cannot be extended.

If applicants wish to take up employment not related to their education, they are eligible for a four-month work permit. This work permit cannot be extended. It is possible, however, to apply for three different work permits for three different jobs running consecutively, in order to work in the Netherlands for a maximum of one year.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be 18 to 30 years of age;
- be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant of Canada; and
- be enrolled at (either full-time or part-time) or graduated from a university, a college, an institute of technology or equivalent educational institution within the last year. (A copy of diploma or a statement from the institution attended is required.)