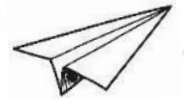


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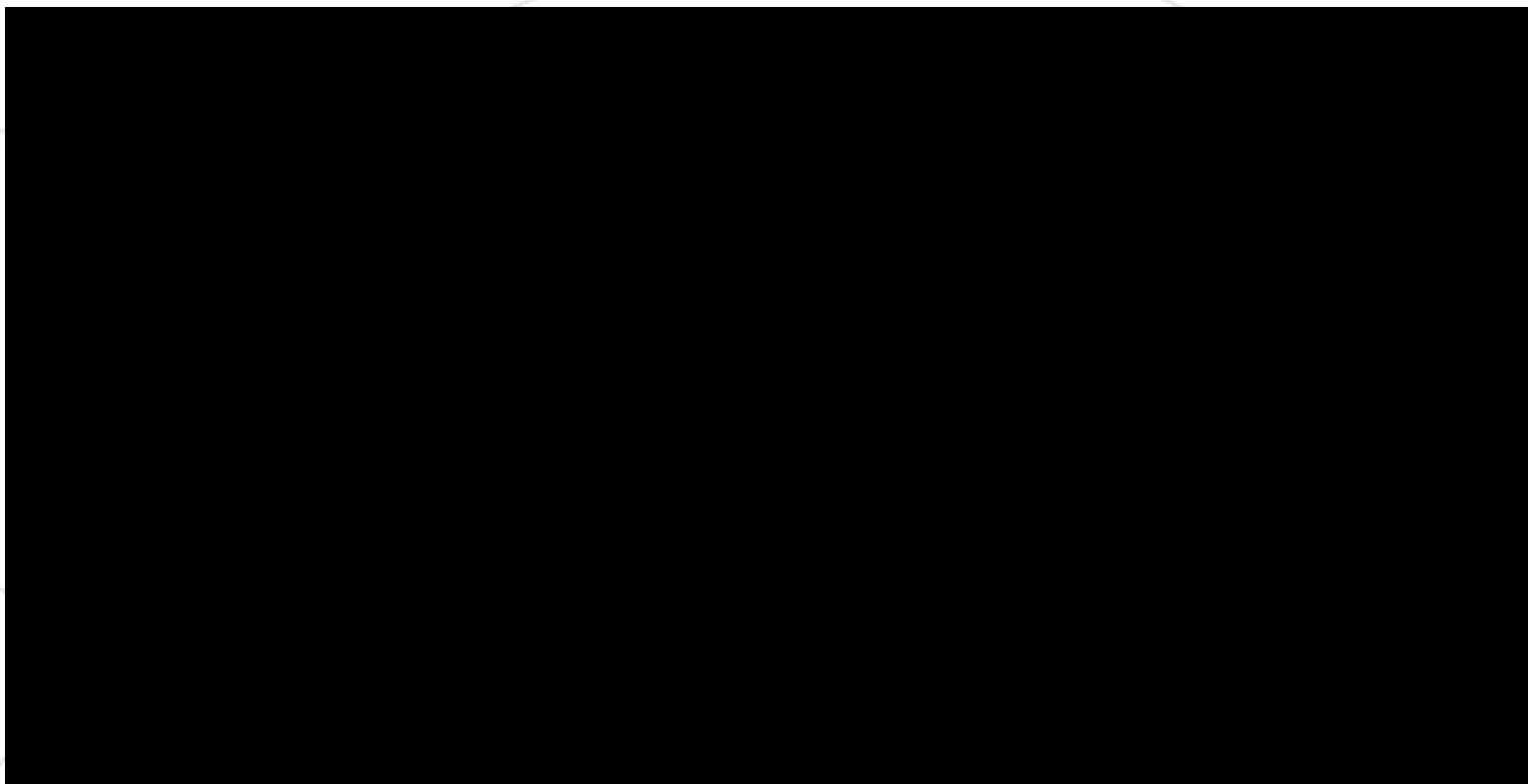


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Sarah Mak's Story

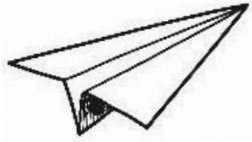


What is International Experience Canada?

- International Experience Canada (IEC), part of the Government of Canada, manages youth mobility agreements with over 30 other countries and foreign territories that make it easier for youth to get a work permit or visa to work and travel abroad or in Canada for an extended time.
- Work permits can be valid for up to two years, for youth aged 18-35*.
*Country-specific requirements apply



IEC's 33 Partner Countries and Territories



Americas
Chile
Costa Rica
Mexico

Asia
Hong Kong
Japan
Taiwan
South Korea

Pacific
Australia
New Zealand

Europe					
Austria	Denmark	Greece	Lithuania	San Marino	Sweden
Belgium	Estonia	Ireland	Netherlands	Slovakia	Switzerland
Croatia	France	Italy	Norway	Slovenia	UK
Czech Republic	Germany	Latvia	Poland	Spain	Ukraine

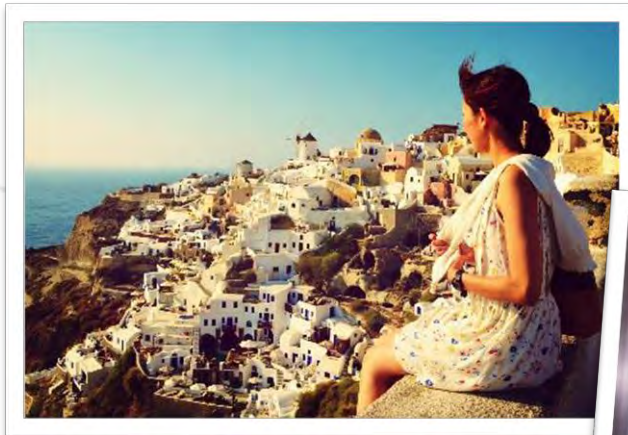
Why should youth go abroad?

- Opportunity to be immersed in a new culture and learn a new language
- Enhance professional profile
- Make international connections
- Embark on a trip of a lifetime



What are the benefits of going abroad through IEC?

- Youth work permits are generally easier to obtain, less expensive, and are processed more quickly
- Provides the flexibility to cater experiences to personal and professional goals
 - Plan a 'gap year' between studies or work, and explore
 - Do a co-op or internship placement abroad during studies
 - Gain international work experience to further build your resume



Why is Canada encouraging more of its youth to go abroad?

- To support the internationalization of Canadian youth
 - More and more youth are seeking international experiences.
 - Employers want to hire candidates with international experiences.
 - Governments at all levels see that these experiences make our youth more competitive in the global marketplace, which only benefits Canada's overall economy.



What are we doing to achieve this?

- Continuing to build awareness of the program domestically
- Working with key stakeholders to address barriers to outbound mobility in the Canadian context
 - Culture of mobility still a new concept in Canada
 - Funding international experiences is an issue for many youth
 - Lack of credit/recognition given for international experiences in academic settings
 - Lack of support from “influencers”
- Exploring partnerships with organizations well-positioned to offer meaningful work and cultural experiences for youth
 - Currently, IEC has partnerships with Recognized Organizations.



Collaboration key to encouraging Canadian youth to travel – IEC's collaboration with UNB

- UNB approved for Recognized Organization designation in 2016
 - Led to UNB partnership with Ryerson
- IEC information sessions held for students and UNB staff/faculty
- Info-sharing on barriers to outbound mobility – administrative and program-related
- Distribution of promotional material, including UNB development of IEC webpage on UNB website
- Identified IEC Ambassador, now working with IEC to promote program to peers in the Atlantic region – goal is to facilitate peer-to-peer interaction as a means for encouraging more Canadians to go abroad, while also increasing IEC's reach by having Atlantic-region based Ambassador



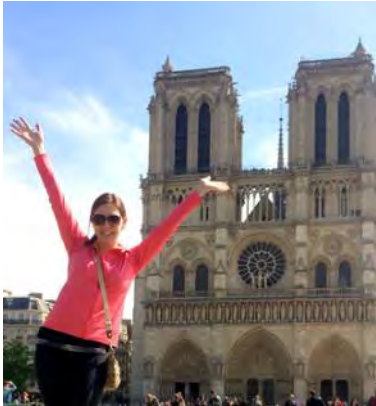
Global Learning and Engagement and the IEC Program

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Global Team - Mandate

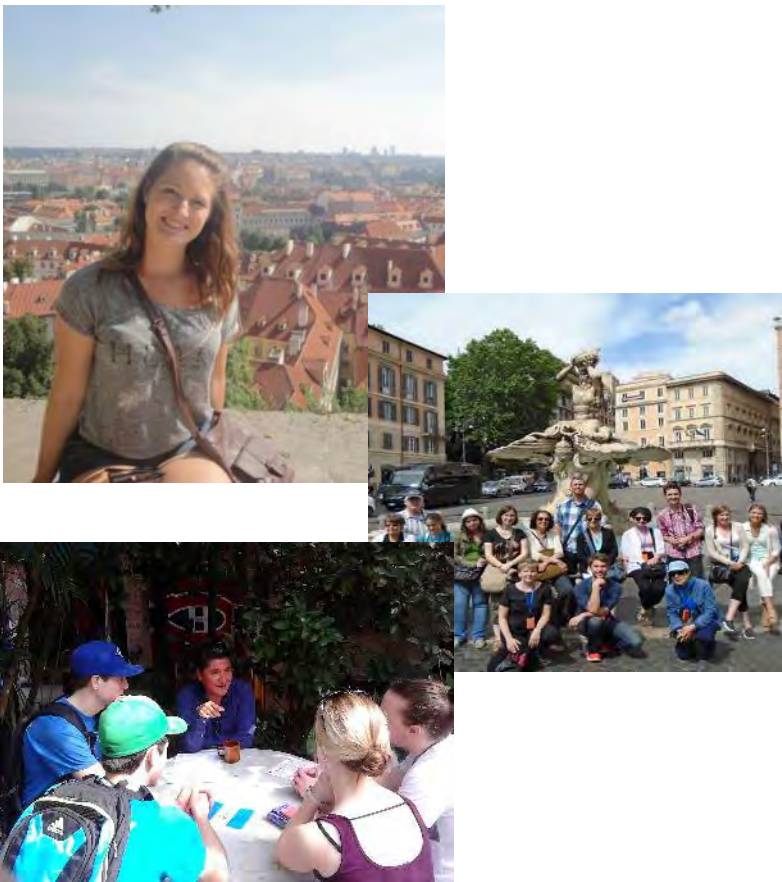
- Contribute to UNB's strategic plan to create a premier university environment for students, Faculty and staff in which to learn, work and live by encouraging initiative and innovation, unlocking their creative potential
- Support Canada's International Education Strategy by integrating an international, intercultural or global dimension into the purpose, functions and delivery of post-secondary education in order to enhance the quality of education

Creating a Pathway of International Experiences



First Experiences Abroad

Work with Faculty, Researchers and Staff to create short term / first experiences abroad which students can complete in a structured / supervised environment early in their academic programs:



- Travel Study
(3 to 4 weeks)
- Summer Schools
(2 to 6 weeks)
- Field Courses
(2 weeks)
- Language Schools
(3 to 4 weeks)

Longer Term/Immersive Experiences

Work with UNB Faculty and our International Partners to create longer, more immersive experiences building both technical and soft skills to compliment their academic programs:



- Academic Exchanges (4 to 10 months)
- International Internships (3 to 4 months)
- Co-Op Programs: Business, Engineering, Science (3 to 12 months)

2015 Call for Proposals – Recognized Organization

In 2015, UNB responded to a national Call for Proposals for Recognized Organizations under the International Experience Canada Program

In 2016, UNB became 1 of 2 Universities granted RO Status and provided employer specific work permits for incoming foreign nationals.

More importantly, we established a relationship with the IEC program which keeps us up-to-date on how Canadian Youth can gain valuable work experience in 34 countries around the world



Study Abroad to Student Abroad

UNB works with the International Canada Experience program as a Recognized Organization to secure work permits for Students (Internships, Co-op, Exchange) and Alumni to compliment their academic programs and secure work experience in their field of expertise



- Co-op work Permits (4, 6, 9 and 12 months)
- Internships (4, 6, 9 and 12 months)
- Extending exchange experiences to include a summer abroad work experience.
- 1 year (renewable for 2 years) work permits for UNB Alumni to gain international work experience after graduation

Providing Information and Support

Available Resources



- IEC Information and guidance
- My World Abroad (myworldabroad.com)
- UNB Career Counseling
- Pre-departure
- Reintegration
- Mentoring and ongoing support

Visiting Scholars, Researchers and Students

As a Recognized Organization, UNB receives a quota of employer specific work permits which we can use to bring in Visiting Scholars, Researchers, and Students. Our partnering faculty (as applicable), Ph.D., Master's and Undergraduate students no longer have to apply to the general pool to spend a summer or a year conducting research or gaining hands on experience at UNB. We are currently collaborating with Ryerson University on this program



Scholars, Students and Researchers who do not fit under the standard LMIA Exemption Codes can come in using the UNB Quota as a RO (as long as they qualify)

We want to hear what you have to say!

1. What is your institution doing to support the internationalization of students?
2. Could IEC help facilitate international programs in place at your institution?
3. What would make the program more appealing to your students/institution?
4. How can we work together to get more students abroad?





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