

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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- Many occupations and career paths require some further education beyond the two-year diploma in International Development offered by Okanagan College. Find out about earning a Bachelor's degree in any number of related disciplines, such as International Studies, International Relations, Environmental Science, Sociology, Women/Gender Studies.

- A degree or certificate in International Development may lead to career in:

- Public Service jobs in federal/provincial government departments or agencies (e.g. Foreign Affairs, International Trade & Development; Industry Canada; BC Ministry of Trade; Department of International Cooperation)
- Canadian Foreign Service
- Development agencies or Research Institutes (e.g. International Development Research Centre, North-South Institute)
- Immigration and refugee services (e.g. Citizenship and Immigration Canada)
- International and/or regional organizations (e.g. United Nations; UN Development Programme; OECD)

- Non-governmental organizations across Canada, BC, locally in the Okanagan
- Community and social services, local civil society organizations, charities, shelters
- Private companies doing research or community outreach of corporate social responsibility
- International business, management and sales
- Investment companies specializing in ethical investing
- Teaching
- Journalism
- Law
- Business
- Entrepreneurship – start up your own NGO or private consultancy?

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Volunteer Opportunities to Gain Valued Experience

- Doing volunteer work locally, in Canada, or abroad is one of the best ways of gaining experience, making contacts and networking, showing your capabilities and motivation, and finding the contract/temporary positions that might lead to a permanent one. Start by browsing local NGO websites to find volunteer and internship opportunities.

Local Volunteer Opportunities in the Okanagan

Global Citizen Kelowna , or Inter-cultural (ISCO)

<http://www.globalcitizenkelowna.org/>

Developing World Connections

Canada-wide Organizations & Opportunities

* Cross Cultural Solutions: <http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/>

* ProWorld: http://www.proworldsc.org/info/internships/program_summary.htm

• Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD), FSWEP program:

<http://www.international.gc.ca/jobs-emplois/students-etudiants.aspx?lang=eng&view=d>

• Youth Internships, Government of Canada:

http://www.youth.gc.ca/eng/topics/career_planning/internships.shtml

• Canadian Council for International Cooperation (CCIC) (also see their members' sites):

http://www.ccic.ca/resources/get_involved_e.php

• CUSO-VSO: <https://cusoconnect.cusointernational.org/journey/placement/placementslist/>

• DFATD: <http://www.international.gc.ca/jobs-emplois/index.aspx?lang=eng>

• IDRC: <http://www.idrc.ca/EN/AboutUs/Careers/Pages/default.aspx>

• Public Service of Canada: <http://jobs-emplois.gc.ca/index-eng.htm>

• CCIC: http://ccic.ca/resources/jobs_e.php

• CANADEM: <http://www.canadem.ca/home/>

• Charity Village (nonprofits): http://www.charityvillage.com/cvnet/job_search.aspx?tab=browse

International Organizations & Opportunities

- International organizations and forums:
<http://www.international.gc.ca/cip-pic/organisations.aspx?lang=eng&view=d>
- United Nations: <http://www.un.org/depts/OHRM/sds/internsh/index.htm>
and: <http://social.un.org/index/Youth/UNOpportunities/Internships.aspx>
- CECI: <http://www.ceci.ca/fr/>
- SUCO: <http://suco.org/suco/engagement/cooperation-volontaire/>
- United Nations Volunteers: <http://www.unv.org/en.html>
- Uniterra (CECI-WUSC): <http://www.uniterra.ca/become-an-international-volunteer/become-a-long-term-international-volunteer/>
- WUSC: <http://wusc.ca/en/program/volunteer-cooperation-haiti>

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Websites of Other Countries Advertising Job Opportunities

- AlertNet: <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/jobs/>
- BOND (U.K.): <http://www.bond.org.uk/jobs.php>
- Careers United: http://www.careersunited.org/home_jobseeker.asp?Lang=5
- DevEx: <http://www.devex.com/en/jobs>
- DevNetJobs: <http://www.devnetjobs.org/>
- DFID (UK govt aid agency): <http://www.dfid.gov.uk/work-with-us/working-for-dfid/jobs/>
- ELDIS (U.K.): <http://www.eldis.org/go/jobs#.VEBuOhZpWuc>
- Global Charity Jobs: <http://globalcharityjobs.com/>
- Human Rights Jobs: <http://www.humanrightsjobs.com/>
- IDEALIST : <http://www.idealists.org/>
- IDS - University of Sussex: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/careers/careerchoices/international>
- Inter Action (U.S.): <http://www.interaction.org/about/job-openings-interaction>
- International Jobs Center: <http://www.internationaljobs.org/hotjobs.html>
- OneWorld: <http://www.oneworldgroup.org/jobs>
- Policy Jobs: <http://www.policyjobs.net/>
- Relief Web: <http://reliefweb.int/jobs>

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Some Other Tips

- This list of organizations is not exhaustive. Be innovative and persistent in your search for jobs, volunteer experiences, and study or co-op opportunities that will lead you to an interesting career or just temporary volunteering adventures in international development and humanitarian assistance.
- Start with the resources at your own school, college or university. Talk to career counsellors or guidance counsellors, teachers and professors for ideas about jobs/internships/volunteering, contacts, and reference letters.
- Call up relevant Canadian government, federal agencies, crown corporations or private sector companies to find out about internships and jobs.
- Strive to specialize and develop the skills that will set you apart. In your studies or search for positions, you will gain stronger experience if you specialize in a certain field of international development (e.g. humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, logistics, business/risk management, sustainability and environmental management, governance, health care, alternative energies, fundraising, accounting, administration, international law, among many others. Learn the skills that will set you apart, such as language skills, social media, fundraising.