

APPLICATION FOR INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE TO SUNRISE UGANDA

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, October 30, 2023

Please be advised that acceptance into the practicum experience is competitive. There are limited practicum placements at Sunrise Uganda.

INSTITUTE CONTACTS

Once your application is complete, please submit the application form, portfolio, and two references as one document (Word or PDF) to:

Selkirk College

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Nicola Valley Institute of Technology

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Note: Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered.

PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

To be considered for participation in the international practicum experience in Uganda, all applicants must:

- be registered as a full-time student at Selkirk College or Nicola Valley Institute of Technology (NVIT)
- submit an application for international practicum including a portfolio to your institution
- submit proof of Canadian citizenship
- maintain satisfactory practice evaluations
- maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.3 or higher

PREPARE YOUR DOCUMENTS

Students are asked to prepare and submit a portfolio of information for the Selection Committee to consider. The following are to be included in the application.

A. PORTFOLIO (maximum of five pages double spaced):

1. Personal Contact Information and Next of Kin/emergency contact information

2. Learning Goals

- Outline your anticipated learning goals and expectations for this international experience.
- What are your professional and personal goals related to this international practice experience?
- What do you hope to learn about yourself and the application of your program learning in this international experience?
- What challenges do you anticipate while participating in this practice experience?

3. Background

- What previous work/volunteer experience or education do you have to support you in this international practice experience?
- Do you have previous international experience or involvement with international students?
- Describe previous experiences where your values and beliefs about self and others were challenged? What did you learn from this experience about yourself and others?
- How do you deal with situations in which you are not sure about expectations, norms, etc.?
- Knowing that you will be away from home and your usual routines, have you reflected on how you will maintain social, emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing? What self-care strategies will be helpful?

4. Sharing Your Learning Upon Return

- Upon your return, you will be invited to give presentations to students, the college, and the community at large.
- Are you willing to share your learning and experiences with others upon your return to Canada, including possible future practicum students?

B. APPLICATION FORM (Attached)

C. REFERENCES

Please submit two references with this application – one professional (faculty/staff member, employer, volunteer supervisor, etc) and one character (anyone other than immediate family member). Reference must indicate why you would be a good fit for this practicum experience and include reference name, contact information, and relationship to applicant.

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REVIEW PROCESS

Once the application deadline has passed, the Selection Committee will review all applications and **may request further information or an interview with the applicants**. Within two weeks of the application deadline, the selection committee will notify all applicants by email, whether chosen for the overseas practicum placement or not.

PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

Once the student has received approval for the overseas practicum, they must then:

- Successfully complete all required coursework for the Fall semester and maintain a GPA of 2.3 or higher
- Sign the project Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement, and any other required forms.
- Complete the Pre-Departure Checklist and all required documentation.
- Enrol in and begin work in the Study Abroad pre-orientation course offered by Selkirk College.
- Participate in all required preparation and debriefing workshops provided.

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM PLACEMENT APPLICATION

Sunrise Uganda

Student Number: _____

Full Name:		Name on Passport:	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):	Phone:	Email most used:	
Social Insurance Number:	Who do you identify as?* <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous <input type="checkbox"/> Low Income <input type="checkbox"/> Student with disability		

**In order to widen access and equity to participation in outbound student mobility programming, 50% of the funding is to provide study/work abroad opportunities to target student groups.*

MAILING INFORMATION

Current Mailing Address:		
City:	Province:	Postal Code:

HEALTH INFORMATION

Do you have any current health issues that may prevent you from traveling overseas? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes: _____
Are you able to get the appropriate vaccinations that are required for your destination country <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
List any allergies:

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Institution:	
Program Name:	
Program Year:	Cumulative GPA (GPA to date):

DESTINATION & TRAVEL INFORMATION

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

If no, will you be able to apply for one and obtain it before traveling? Yes No

Do you have any possible limitations on your ability to travel overseas at this time that you are aware of? Yes No

Comments:

Student Name

Date

Signature

INTERNATIONAL PRACTICUM PLACEMENT WORKSHEET

This worksheet outlines the approximate dates of the practicum, what costs are covered by funding from CICan, and what expenses may need to be paid for by the student.

OCTOBER 30, 2023

Application deadline

NOVEMBER 3, 2023

Selection committee decision and notification to applicants

NOVEMBER 6, 2023

Students confirm acceptance of offer by email

NOVEMBER 20–24, 2023

One initial zoom meeting during this week

JANUARY 15–19, 2024

Virtual tour of Sunrise Uganda, meet Sunrise team

FEBRUARY, ONWARD

Vaccinations appointments, flight arrangements, other preparations

MARCH 1, 2024

Enrollment in pre-departure orientation moodle course

MARCH 8–9, 2024

Face to face pre-departure orientation in Castlegar

MAY 10, 2024

Departure for Vancouver

MAY 11, 2024

Flight to Uganda

MAY 13–JUNE 14, 2024

Practicum dates

JUNE 15, 2024

Depart Uganda

JUNE 16, 2024

Arrival in Canada

JUNE 17–18, 2024

Reintegration and debrief in Castlegar

All costs associated with this international practicum will be covered by funding from CICan, including flights, accommodation and meals in Uganda or Jamaica, accommodation and meal costs in Canada for the face to face pre departure orientation and reintegration sessions, course tuition for the study abroad Moodle course, vaccinations, medical insurance, Uganda visa, and transportation to and from airports in Canada and in Uganda.

Costs that will need to be planned for that are not covered by the funding included passport fee, incidental travel that is not part of the practicum (touristy things), souvenir spending, and personal expenses. An honorarium will be provided to each student who completes the practicum, in addition to the practicum expenses being covered. This will be in the range of \$200 per student.