



Canadian Friends Service Committee

Young Friend Internship Programme

WHAT IS CANADIAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE?

Canadian Friends Service Committee, founded in 1931, is the peace and service arm of Canadian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). CFSC strives to respond to calls of the Spirit to be of service and to discern the means for expressing love and care for all creation. We believe that there is 'That of God in every person. This leads us to try to alleviate suffering, to promote justice and peace, and to inform ourselves and others on these concerns.

The programmes of Canadian Friends Service Committee focus on peace, refugees, human rights, Aboriginal peoples, jails and the justice system, and international development. Initiatives are supported at the local, national and international level. Friends appointed to CFSC by Canadian Yearly Meeting oversee the committee's work, including the activities of four staff at the national office, located at Friends House in Toronto and field offices in Calgary and Ottawa.

WHAT DOES AN INTERN DO?

The purpose of the internship is to provide Young Friends and attenders with the opportunity to engage in practical social service through the activities of CFSC. Canadian Friends Service Committee interns work both in the CFSC national office and on service projects located in Southern Ontario, their time being divided approximately equally between these.

Interns will have the opportunity to observe and participate in social service, peace and justice activities of the Society of Friends, gaining experience of value in later life. Intern's special skills and interests will be taken into account in the selection of service opportunities.

While in the office, interns will assist with basic clerical and administrative tasks, help develop and monitor programmes, and participate in CFSC General Meetings and other events. Examples of tasks interns might undertake are: writing articles about CFSC projects and Friends peace and justice concerns for *Quaker Concern*, *Canadian Friend* and *Sporadical* (Canadian Friends periodicals), assembling resource materials on Friends concerns, speaking about Service Committee and internship at Friends gatherings, helping with regular mailings, filing and other clerical duties, and accompany Friends to ecumenical social justice meetings

(such as Project Ploughshares, Canadian Council of Churches-International Affairs Committee).

Service opportunities include work with the Quaker Aboriginal Affairs Committee, the Quaker Committee on Jails and Justice, the Toronto Monthly Meeting refugee project, and the Alternatives to Violence Project.

WHO CAN BE AN INTERN?

Whilst any one between the ages of 20-29 years of age who is interested may apply, the internship is designed with Young Friends (i.e. young adult Quakers, or attenders of Quaker Meeting) in mind. All applications will be given serious consideration. All applicants should have a clear interest in Quaker service work and be prepared to make a three month commitment. Knowledge of Quaker beliefs and previous community service is an asset. The internship is located in Toronto (with possible short-term work in Ottawa). Applicants should seek a letter of support from their Monthly Meeting, if they are Quaker. Interns will be provided with a living allowance of \$700/month (in addition, if needed, we will cover a local transit pass).

HOW DO I APPLY?

Application forms are available from the Canadian Friends Service Committee office in Toronto.

Deadline for the Fall internship (15 September - 15 December) is 1 July.

Deadline for the Spring Internship (15 January - 15 April) is 1 November.

Deadline for the Summer Internship (1 June - 31 August) is 1 April.

(The summer internship is only selectively offered as there are limited external placements available in summer and staff need to be available to plan and oversee the internship. Please check with CFSC before applying for this internship.)

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