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Listen to York Political Science students describing their international internship experience

My internship in St. Kitts: Michelle Smith

My internship in St. Kitts was a challenging but rewarding experience. It complimented my courses in Political Science and International Development Studies by exposing me to contemporary issues. The York International Internship Program gave me a chance to work at the government and grassroots level. It was also a great networking opportunity and the international experience sounded so good on my resume that it helped me to land a paid position as a public affairs intern at a PR firm. I would recommend it to anyone who loves to travel and wants to develop both professionally and personally.

Michelle Smith

4th year Political Science and International Development Studies

My experience in the Philippines: Senthana Thirugnanasampanthan

I am a fourth year double major student in Political Science and Environmental Studies. This past summer I had the utmost privilege of being part of the York International Internship Program, presenting me an opportunity to work as an Economic Development Officer in the Philippines. Those three months has absolutely changed my life. The people, the atmosphere and the internship itself has helped me discover a new outlook towards how small acts can help change the lives of many. This internship has helped me accomplish unique goals and set higher objectives for myself to further accomplish.

To travel is to see and question - my experience in India: Anna Sotnykova

It is hard to summon all of my thoughts about my three months spent in India, a rare and a truly exceptional opportunity provided by York International Internship Program. Studying Political Science as a student I desired to experience the world first hand, outside of the textbooks. While traveling through India, I realized all of the social complexities and its major influences. Studying development in that context was fascinating and inspired further inquiry for research, which I plan to undertake within my Graduate Studies. This experience truly takes a student away from the comforts of the theoretical and immerses into material real world issues, challenging your personal and intellectual conceptions to the fullest.

Thank you for reading,

Anna Sotnykova

My incredible adventure to Jakarta, Indonesia: Virgil Haden-Pawlowski

Major: Political Science Minor: International Development Studies (Specialization: The Environment and the Political Economy)

Placement: The Green Building Council of Indonesia – in Jakarta, Indonesia, Summer 2011

My international internship experience made possible by York International took me on an incredible adventure to Jakarta, Indonesia; a booming mega city and capital of South East Asia's largest country. With the help of many new friends I navigated my way across all the hidden treasures of the awesome concrete jungle and with some caution even the beautiful banana tree filled Jungles in mountain areas. All of this while making lasting contributions to projects at an Environmental organization leading the government and private sector into sustainable development as Indonesia's growth rockets forward. Thank you York and thank you GBC Indonesia!

My experience in Moscow, Russia: Ghizol M. Karim

I am a 4th year undergraduate Political Science student at York University.

I was selected by York International Internship Program (YIIP) to work abroad for three months this summer and YIIP is a funded program. I worked as an intern in Oxfam, an NGO in Moscow, Russia that aims at fighting global poverty. This experience allowed me to grow both personally and professionally and it as well made me certain about my future career choices. This amazing opportunity that I was offered will be the highlight of my four year undergraduate experience.