



Information on the European Union Study Tour & Internship Program 7th Annual Study Tour – 16th May to 4th June, 2010

Introduction

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* provides a unique opportunity for students in a variety of disciplines--European politics, international relations, economics, business, and social issues--to immerse themselves in the European Union and other institutions. The Tour provides the students with the opportunity to experience the EU in action by attending a hearing at the European Court of Justice, sessions at the European Parliament, the European Commission, and press conferences. As well, participants have “face to face” contact and dialogue with presenters and seminar leaders from the ranks of those actively involved in the day to day work of the EU, other European institutions, diplomatic representations to the EU (including Canada) and significant civil society organizations. We like to say this experience isn’t only “about the EU”—it’s “in the EU”! As well, we offer substantial internship opportunities following the Tour for a selected group of students.

EU Study Tour and Internship Program is organized by a consortium of Canadian universities through the *Network for European Studies (Canada)*. **Carleton University is an active member of this network and has sent students since 2006.** Many academics from Canada’s leading EU studies programs and centres have contributed to making the activity well recognized within the EU and respected by its European and Canadian partners. Members of the *Network* have ensured that the program of the Tour meets high standards in content and participation. (Note: The business offices of the Network are at Capilano University).

Information for Carleton students:

Eligibility: Graduate students and undergraduate students who have completed third year or are in fourth year.

Application deadline for the EU Study Tour: Applications for the EU Study Tour should be submitted to Joan DeBardeleben (joan_debardeleben@carleton.ca) in hard copy at 1311 Dunton Tower by January 22. For application procedures for the Tour are at www.carleton.ca/eurus.

Additional information: For additional information please contact Prof. Joan DeBardeleben at (joan_debardeleben@carleton.ca) or 613 520-2886, DT 1312.

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The Study Tour for 2010 will commence in Brussels on May 16 and conclude on June 04, 2009. Participants experience three weeks of meetings, seminars and events with public servants and politicians of the European Union. Included are valuable opportunities to meet with representatives of the EU's neighbours--the Russian Federation and Turkey--as well as NGO's representing European civil society. Further, participants will explore the current status of EU-Canada relations. The Study Tour also includes interaction with other European institutions, such as the Council of Europe, the European Court of Human Rights and NATO. In 2010 two topics of growing relevance will receive special attention: (1) the EU and defence and (2) sustainable development, climate change and the green economy. Additionally, we will assess the on-going financial, economic and social crisis.

The European Union: Important to the World, Important to Canada

The European Union (EU), home to a population of nearly 500 million living in 27 member states, is an area where goods, services, and people can circulate freely and where common social and human values are shared. Already the world’s largest trading bloc, the EU may continue to enlarge in the future. The EU faces

many foreign policy challenges. A large number of citizens in the member states are raising issues of more democratic engagement in the European institutions. The future of social program in a competitive global economy, still struggling with recession, causes anxiety and concern for many. The EU has seized the issue of climate change with great urgency. With the likely ratification of the Lisbon Treaty, a new phase of EU activity is being developed with significant global and internal impact.

A unique approach to the study of the European Union

The 2010 Study Tour addresses the institutions, evolution, and current issues of the EU through visits to the major institutions of the European Union, located in Brussels, Luxembourg, Strasbourg and Frankfurt. Building on six years of successful tours, the *Network* has prepared a lively immersion in the life of the European Union. Participants experience a unique approach to the study of the European Union--its history, institutions, politics and future. The Study Tour combines preparation in Canada with three weeks of seminars and presentations within the institutions of the European Union, as well as other significant European organizations--with seminars and presentations at the European Commission, the European Parliament, the European Central Bank and the European Court of Justice, to name just a few. Additionally, participants have the exceptional opportunity to receive briefings from and exchange views with representatives of some other European organizations such as the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. As well, participants will meet with representatives of European offices of significant international organizations, such as the International Organization for Migration. The Study Tour also visits the Canadian Mission to the EU, the Quebec Delegation, the Turkish Mission to the EU, the Russian Federation Mission to the EU, and important non-government organizations such as PAYOKE, a significant NGO in the international fight against human trafficking. For students the Study Tour is an excellent educational and career opportunity: it is less a "course" than an immersion in European institutions, a program for self-directed and independent study.

What will it cost?

The Tour fee is confirmed in February. The base cost for the three weeks, including transportation between and in European cities and all accommodation will be approximately \$3,000 if you are from a university that is a member of the *Network*; otherwise the cost is \$3,200. This fee is tentative as the final fee will be determined by the exchange rate between the Canadian dollar and the Euro and the base cost may vary between minus or plus 5%. Once the fee is confirmed, there will be no change. Participants are responsible for their own transatlantic travel arrangements. Although consumption and needs vary, a participant can expect to spend \$30 per day on meals and incidentals.

The European Union Study Tour thanks the Government of Canada, the Mission of Canada to the European Union, the European Commission and the Bank of Canada for endorsement and support.



About the Internship Program

After the completion of the European Union Study, 25 successful candidates from the tour will be placed in various unpaid internships in Brussels, Antwerp, Copenhagen, Frankfurt, Luxembourg, Latvia and Sweden for a period of two to six months. Students taking the Study Tour are required to arrange for academic credit at their home university and the internships are usually part of academic requirement. In the past, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) has provided a travel grant in the amount of \$1000 to successful internship applicants. We are waiting for confirmation of this grant for 2010.

Some of the host institutions of the Internship Program (final list will be provided later)

Canadian Mission to the European Union	Payoke NGO contra trafficking -Antwerp
Centre for European Policy Studies	Council of Europe-Strasbourg
European Commission	International Organization for Migration--Berlin, Brussels and possibly Vienna
European Environmental Agency – Brussels Office	Centre for European and Transition Studies-University of Latvia
European Parliament	Northern Dimension Public Health & Social Well Being Secretariat-Stockholm
Europolitics (Press Internship)	Eurochambres
European Youth Forum	Canadian Embassy in Latvia
Quebec Delegation	European Environment Agency-Brussels Office
Research Institute-European Trade Union Congress	European Central Bank-Frankfurt

How to apply for the EU Study Tour

Step 1 Contact your local faculty sponsor (Professor Joan DeBardleben, joan_debardeleben@carleton.ca). Application information will be posted soon. Each institution is responsible for its own selection procedure-- available from your faculty contact.

Step 2 Go through the local selection process. When your faculty sponsor has notified you and the Canadian Director of your selection, you should complete the application form found in "How to apply" on the web site. Forward the application form, by fax, to 604.983.7545. You will be required to pay a deposit of \$1000 to secure your place on the Tour. **DEADLINE: we must receive this application and deposit by March 1. The balance of the Tour fees must be paid by April 1. Review your travel documents: will your passport be valid for the duration of the Study Tour and/or internship? If your Study Tour and Internship period exceeds 90 days, begin the process of obtaining a visa (more information later).**

Step 3 Pay the balance of the Tour fee by April 1, make your personal travel arrangements, read all the bulletins issued to students by the Tour, and participate in your faculty sponsor's preparation activities.

How to apply for an Internship

Step 1 Your application for an Internship is made on condition that you have or will be accepted for the EU Study Tour. There are a variety of internships and conditions attach to some. Read the information on the web site carefully. Become familiar with the forms on the web site. These are in Word format and are to be submitted by email.

Step 2 There are two categories of internships: Category 1 Internships involve a selection process by the host institution. When applying for one of the Phase 1 internships, select one or two alternate internships so that if you are not selected by the host institution, you remain eligible for another internship. Category 2 Internships are selected by the *Network's* Internship Selection Committee. Apply for up to three internships indicating your priority ranking—this allows for you to be considered for alternatives if you are not successful in obtaining your first choice. Apply for the internships using the form supplied on the web site and submit it, after review and approval by your sponsoring faculty, by email to the Canadian Director at elavalle@capilanou.ca. Your faculty sponsor will make the deadline dates known to you.

Step 3 Your internship application must be supported by a faculty reference. To the faculty member providing the reference, please send the faculty referral form supplied on the web site. This is in Word format and should be submitted to the Canadian Director by email: elavalle@capilanou.ca.

Please go to our web site for more detailed information and resources. The web site is our primary communications vehicle, please use it. www.capilanou.ca/europa

*The organizers of the EU Study Tour and Internship Program are:
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Alexandre Berlin, Director (Program in Europe),
Ed Lavalley, Director (Administration).*