

### Information on -The European Union Study Tour & Internship Program 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Study Tour-2011 –May 9 to May 27.

### Introduction

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* provides a unique opportunity for students in a variety of disciplines: business, economics, international European politics, international relations and social issues --to immerse themselves in the European Union and other institutions. You will have the opportunity to 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. You will experience the EU in action-- by attending a hearing at the European Court of Justice, sessions at the European Parliament and the European Commission, and media conferences, to mention only a few. We like to say this experience isn't only *"about the EU"*—it's *"in the EU"*! Each year great effort is made to include and highlight topics of growing relevance to Europe and Canada as well as continue a core program of business, economic, political and social themes.

As well, we offer substantial internship opportunities following the Tour for a selected group of students.

### Who we are

The *EU Study Tour and Internship Program* is organized by a consortium of Canadian universities through the *Network for European Studies (Canada)*. Carleton University (through the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, EURUS) is an active member of this consortium and has sent students on the Tour since 2006. Academics from Canada's leading EU studies programs and centres have contributed to making the activity well recognized within the EU, respected by its European and Canadian partners. Members of the *Network* have ensured that the Tour program meets high standards in content and participation.

### **Information for Carleton Students:**

<u>Eligibility</u>: Graduate students at any level; and undergraduate students who will have completed at least the third year of study by end of the winter 2011 term. Preference is given to students enrolled in programs of the Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, but the applications are welcome from students in other programs. Applicants should have some background in EU/European studies.

<u>Application Deadline</u>: Applications (information below) should be submitted to Prof. Joan DeBardeleben in hard copy in 1311 Dunton Tower by January 24, 2010. Please write 'EU Study Tour Application' on the envelope containing your application materials. Application details are available on the EURUS website at <u>www.carleton.ca/eurus</u>. Selection for the Tour occurs through Carleton; after you are selected, you will then submit a follow-up form to the consortium's Tour administration (see below).

<u>Cost</u>: The fee for the three weeks for Carleton students, including transportation between and in European cities and all accommodation, is \$2,800. In addition, you are responsible for your own transatlantic travel arrangements and most meals.

<u>Academic credit</u>: To participate in the Tour you must be registered in an associated summer course (0.5 credit). Regular university tuition fees apply to registration in this course.

<u>Grants</u>: The Centre for European Studies at Carleton offers grants to cover a part of the costs of the Tour and of the associated Carleton course for students with financial need; you may apply for these grants once you are accepted on the Tour.

Additional information: Contact Prof. Joan DeBardeleben, joan\_debardeleben@carleton.ca

### A unique approach to the study of the European Union

With the Study Tour, you will experience 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. You will share a unique approach to the study of the European Union--its history, institutions, politics and future.

You will join approximately 45 students from Canada for 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, you will have the exceptional opportunity to receive briefings from and exchange views with representatives of other European organizations such as the Council of Europe and the European Court of Human Rights. You will meet with representatives of European offices of significant international organizations, such as the International Organization for Migration. The Study Tour also meets with the Canadian Mission to the EU, the Québec 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. 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.

**About the Internship Program.** You may apply to participate in an internship program in Europe following completion of the Tour. (You may participate in the EU Study Tour without applying to the internship program). The application deadline for the internship program is February 28, 2010. Application details are provided below. After the completion of the European Union Study Tour, approved candidates from the tour are assigned various unpaid internships in Brussels and other European cities for a period of two to six months. There is a \$500 administration fee for successful internship candidates. In the past, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada (DFAIT) has provided a travel grant of up to \$1000 each for successful internship applicants. We are waiting for confirmation of this grant for 2010.

## GENERAL APPLICATION INFORMATION SUMMARY (See <u>www.carleton.ca/eurus</u>, for specific information for Carleton students).

### How you apply for the EU Study Tour

*Step 1* Each institution is responsible for its own selection procedure. We require each university to have at least one faculty sponsor and contact person (Prof. Joan DeBardeleben at Carleton).

**Step 2** Once selected by the home institution, students forward a registration/application to the business office of the Tour with a deposit of \$1000. From that point on students receive regular information bulletins on the program and operational aspects of the Tour.

**Step 3** Students must pay the balance of the Tour fee by approximately April 1, make their personal travel arrangements, read all the bulletins issued by the Tour, and participate in the faculty sponsor's preparation activities.

### How you apply for an internship

**Step 1** Application for an Internship is made on condition that the student will participate in the EU Study Tour. There are a variety of internships and conditions attached to some. A list is provided to faculty sponsors as well as students in November or December in the year prior to the Tour.

**Step 2** Students can only apply with the approval of a faculty sponsor. Students must apply for three internships indicating priority ranking—this allows an applicant to be considered for alternatives if not successful in obtaining a first choice. Application forms for the internships are supplied on the web site.

*Step 3* An internship application must be supported by a faculty reference form and submitted by your faculty sponsor.

The final selection and assignment is the responsibility of a sub-committee of the Academic Coordinating Committee (the governing body of the Network) and the Director (Program in Europe).

# Some of the host institutions of the Internship Program in Europe (for a full list visit the web site)

Canadian Embassy to Belgium	European Environmental Agency – Copenhagen
Canadian Mission to the European Union	European Parliament
Centre for European and Transition Studies- University of	European Youth Forum
Latvia	Europolitics (Press Internship)
Centre for European Policy Studies	International Organization for MigrationBerlin,
Council of Europe-Strasbourg	Brussels, Vienna and Nuremberg
Eurochambres	Payoke NGO contra trafficking -Antwerp
European Central Bank-Frankfurt	Quebec Delegation in Brussels
European Commission	Research Institute-European Trade Union Congress
European Economic and Social Committee	

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

The organizers of the EU Study Tour and Internship Program are: Ed Lavalle, Director (Administration) Alexandre Berlin, Director (Program in Europe) The Academic Coordinating Committee, The Network for European Studies (Canada) Faculty at the 12 to 14 universities associated as sponsors The European Union Study Tour thanks the Government of Canada, the Mission of Canada to the European Union, the Bank of Canada, the European Commission, and the President of the European Parliament for their endorsement and support. .



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