

CANADIAN URBAN INSTITUTE

Number of Placements: 1

Placement Site: Iloilo or Negros, Philippines

URL: <http://www.canurb.org/>

Field/Subject Area:

Open to all York students who meet the eligibility criteria

Position Description:

With funding from the Canadian government, CUI managed a program called the Local Governance Support Program for Local Economic Development (LGSP-LED) Project. The Project strengthened local governance and support sustainable local economic development activities across the Philippines. The project pilots local economic development initiatives in various communities across the country.

This internship will involve working with the Department of Interior and Local Government in one of the CUI's projects in the Philippines (possibly Iloilo or Negros) to advance local economic development.

Specific tasks will include:

- Assisting local partners to develop tourism-related ideas into practical projects and initiatives
- Supporting the development of business networks and alliances with local partners in support of sustainable tourism initiatives
- Researching and sharing Canadian, Philippine and international examples in sustainable tourism development and community livelihood activities
- Assisting in organizing and delivering project activities such as workshops, forums, events and learning exchanges

Complete all tasks assigned, which includes but is not limited to the responsibilities outlined above.

Expected work hours: 8 hours per day, 5 days a week

Qualifications/skills required:

- Relevant education and experience in community development, local economic development, sustainable tourism, and/or working with community groups
- Knowledge and/or skills in facilitation, team building, training and research
- Strong oral and written communication skills
- Strong ability to work both independently and in a team setting
- Analytical, with demonstrated problem solving abilities
- Must have a laptop computer that the intern can bring to the field

Language requirements:

Fluent English

Highlights of Organization/background information:

The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) is a Toronto-based not for profit organization with a national and international reach. Through our work we seek to create a world of thriving, sustainable, harmonious and engaged urban regions.

The CUI is an innovator and catalyst engaged in research, networking, leadership development, planning and policy solutions to improve the quality of life in urban regions in Canada and around the world.

The Canadian Urban Institute fulfills its mission in Canada and internationally through a range of programs, services and activities.