



Terms of Reference for St. Lucia Work Abroad Opportunity (Nov 11-19, 2023)

Deadline: Deadline for application is **September 24, 2023**.

Activity: 5-day project mission to St. Lucia.

Objectives: Support Dal AC training teams and local partners in their work to 1) develop student-run enterprises within the new climate-smart crop production program at Sir Arthur Lewis Community College (SALCC), 2) work with SALCC students on leadership and entrepreneurship and 3) support Dal AC instructors with value-addition and agri-processing training at the National Skills Development Centre (NSDC). Upon return to Dalhousie the student will prepare a **short report documenting their learnings in St. Lucia and will be asked to make presentation(s) on their experiences**, perhaps more than once during the year following travel.

Dal AC team: Project Coordinator (International), 4 Dalhousie Subject Matter Experts and 2 Dal AC students.

Areas of focus: Crop production and value addition.

Project description: SAGE-06 – Climate-smart Crop Production in St. Lucia.

Dalhousie University (Lead) and Algonquin College (Secondary) in partnership with SALCC and NSDC are developing gender-transformative, standards-based, industry-driven programs to meet local labour market needs and to deliver them to a wide range of learners, including workers, women, unattached youth and persons with disabilities. Dalhousie is guiding the development of climate-smart crop production curriculum, technical training and CBET/pedagogy training while Algonquin is responsible for developing and delivering the student support services activities (gender equity, inclusion/vulnerable populations, career guidance). Skills to Access the Green Economy (SAGE) is a six-country project, managed by Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) and funded by the Government of Canada.

Project duration: 2020-2024.

Security: The [Government of Canada urges Canadians travelling to Saint Lucia](#) to take normal precautions when travelling. The Dalhousie team will be traveling in a group of 5-7 people (most of whom have traveled to St. Lucia before).

Agenda: Two Dal AC students will participate in this mobility opportunity, departing Canada on November 11 and returning on November 19. Time will be divided equally between the two local partner institutions. **Working hours are anticipated to be from 8:30 am until 5:00 pm.**

Learning objectives: Dal AC students will gain both travel and technical experience related to SAGE-06 project activities in Saint Lucia. Students will receive pre-departure and risk assessment training prior to travel to St. Lucia and will acquire experience in supporting training delivery in an international setting. Students will learn about entrepreneurship, value-addition and agri-processing in the St Lucian context.

Eligibility: Funding is provided by Global Affairs Canada and therefore only Citizens and Permanent Residents of Canada are eligible for the funding. Students must have a valid passport at the time of acceptance. Cost for the passport is covered by the student.

Funding: Travel expenses, accommodations, food and other eligible expenses will be covered by the project funding.

Application process: Dal AC International invites **Expressions of Interest and a Letter of Motivation** from students available to travel to St. Lucia from November 11-19, 2023. The Letter of Motivation should include a little bit about yourself, tell us what areas you are studying, and what year you are in. Why are you interested in this opportunity specifically and based on what you know of the project, how do you think your area of interest can help to support this project mission?

Preference will be given to applicants with academic and/or practical experience in the areas of crop production and/or agribusiness and entrepreneurship. Students will apply for co-curricular recognition on their transcripts. The project will assume all costs for the participation of the selected member, and Dal AC International will support students to make travel and logistics arrangements.

Successful Applicants: If you are a successful applicant, you will be asked to sign a Letter of Understanding and be expected to participate in all pre-departure training.

Please contact Project Coordinator David Parks at david.parks@dal.ca to express your interest along with your Letter of Motivation.

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