

# WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



## Workplace Experience Program

The [Workplace Experience Program](#) provides Dalhousie Bachelor of Commerce international students with the Canadian workplace exposure they need to better understand Canadian workplace culture.

### WHY THE WORKPLACE EXPERIENCE PROGRAM MATTERS

International students often find it challenging to secure jobs locally that qualify for co-op work term credit. As an employer, you can help to eliminate the intimidation of the Canadian job search for our students, by providing the opportunity to gain connections and build confidence.

### YOUR COMMITMENT

- A minimum of **35 unpaid hours**
- To be completed anytime between **May & August**
- **Flexible schedule** to fit the needs of both the employer and student

### STUDENT BENEFITS

- Real-life exposure to Canadian workplaces
- Eliminate job search intimidation
- Career development & insight
- Network building

### EMPLOYER BENEFITS

- Low-risk, low-commitment method to engage students
- Support your organization's diversity and corporate social responsibility initiatives
- Contribute to Nova Scotia's need for increased immigration
- Showcase your organization as a welcoming environment to young students
- Support the retention of youth in Nova Scotia

### LEARN MORE

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#### AWARD-WINNING

Recognized with the 2016 Excellence in **Innovation for Diversity Award**, by the Canadian Association for Career Educators & Employers.

#### GAME-CHANGING

*"Not only did I learn about the future industry I want to be in, but also I built networks and relationships with future employers that I want to work with."* - past WEP student participant



#### WIN-WIN OPPORTUNITY

*"It is important for us to be connected with international students. We need these students to stay in Halifax and add to the quality of our workforce. Immigration is very important to our future."* - past employer partner



#### BY THE NUMBERS

**66%**

of our host organizations have participated over multiple years.

International students make up

**1/4**

of Dalhousie's Bachelor of Commerce program.

**62%**

Increase in program applicants since 2014.



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