



Engage North is a University of Alberta initiative to build strong connections between communities of Canada's north and university students in Canada's south. Its goal is to create an understanding of Canada's north and its people among the population of Canada's south, and to provide support capacity in various professional areas to northern communities in the form of student internships.

Engage North Interns will focus on applied employment-style projects. In addition interns will be expected to partake in aspects of community life in order to increase their ability to work constructively with and understand the culture of the community in which they are placed, as well as to gain first-hand experience with the issues currently faced by Northern and Indigenous communities.

Funded through the program, interns will receive:

- One week pre-departure training for Interns in Edmonton, Alberta (first week of May 2017);
- Interns' travel, if required, to the pre-departure training;
- Interns' travel to and from their home community to the placement community at the beginning and end of the placement;
- Debriefing/re-entry session in Edmonton immediately following conclusion of internships (prior to returning to home community) will be held during the last week of August 2017;
- Interns' accommodation within the placement community for the period of the internship (Note that Interns will be living in community-provided housing, which may involve shared accommodations, and Interns will be responsible for preparing their own meals);
- A food allowance of \$200 per month provided directly to each Intern on a monthly basis;
- A internship award of \$1,000 per month for undergraduate placements provided directly to each Interns on a monthly basis; and,
- Other types of support such as language learning opportunities; communications support; and healthcare provisions as necessary.

NOTE: Both the food allowance and the internship award are considered taxable income. Please contact Engage North for more details.

Eligibility: Any student in good academic standing, who is registered at the time of application in a baccalaureate program at the University of Alberta in a discipline suitable to the community project being applied to, may apply.

Timeline: (Dene Tha' First Nation)

Applications due: April 9, 2017. Pre-Departure training: May 1-11 2017

Departure to Communities: May 14, 2017. Intern Debrief: August 24-25, 2017.

Application:

To apply please send the following to mglasgow@ualberta.ca

- 1) A Curriculum Vitae.
- 2) A letter of interest highlighting experience with unfamiliar environments/working in areas outside your culture; hiking & wilderness/travel experience; language experience; living/working in regions that are more difficult to travel to.
- 3) No more than 150 words answering one of the following questions.
 - a. What does reconciliation mean to you?
 - b. What might you contribute to community life in your host community?