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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

INTERNSHIP AWARDS IN CANADA, LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

EkoSanté – The Latin American, Caribbean and Canadian Collaboration in ecohealth is launching the last wave of its internship awards. These awards offer you a unique opportunity to acquire experience in ecosystem approaches to health in Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean and to connect and learn with scholars from other regions.

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EkoSanté is a collaboration arising from Communities of Practice in Ecosystem Approaches to Health (CoPEH) in Latin America and the Caribbean ([CoPEH-LAC](#)) and in Canada ([CoPEH-Canada](#)). *EkoSanté* was formalised in 2013 after receiving financial support from the International Development Research Center of Canada (IDRC).

Informed by experience with ecosystem approaches to health, the collaboration aims to improve strategies, methods and means for influencing and guiding intersectoral policies and practices that enhance ecosystem sustainability, social and gender equity and public health. A research and capacity building program is being developed and implemented over a four-year period. The program is comprised of training awards, intensive summer schools, professional development workshops, research fellowships and multi-stakeholder dialogue sessions. More information about the collaboration is available at <http://ekosante.uqam.ca/en/>.

INTERNSHIP AWARDS

EkoSanté is enabling internship to introduce the candidate to **different ecosystem approaches to health practices (research and intervention), expand their networks and range of experiences, and improve their language and communication skills.**

To this end, *EkoSanté* is offering internship awards through a competitive process where applicants submit a short proposal indicating how the internship will fulfill the above objectives and how it will benefit their studies or career development. Internship is used here in the sense that the proposed activity has a strong learning component in ecosystem approaches to health. Demonstration must be made that through the internship the applicant will be introduced to different ecosystem approaches to health practices (research and intervention) that he or she is not already familiar with.

The stipends will cover the cost of the plane ticket, a visa (if applicable) and lodging and food for three weeks up to a maximum amount of \$2500. Interns and their supervisors will be expected to find complementary sources of funding for other expenses and/or a longer stay.

Interns will have to submit a short report at the end of their internship.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The internship should happen within Canada, Latin America or the Caribbean and **be outside of the country where the candidate lives**.
- Applicants must be permanent residents or citizens of Canada or countries in LAC, or have a visa for studying in one of these countries. All applicants will also need to be living in Canada or in Latin America and the Caribbean at the time of the internship.
- For Canada, Latin America and the Caribbean: masters, PhD and postdoctoral trainees are eligible.
- For Latin America and the Caribbean: young practitioners and researchers affiliated with a university (less than five years after the completion of masters or doctoral degree) are also eligible.
- A member of [CoPEH-Canada](#) or of [CoPEH-LAC](#) must agree to act as a mentor for the candidate (this person can of course be the candidate's supervisor).
- The internship must have already been approved by the host institution at the time of application.
- The candidate needs to be fluent in the language of the country she or he is visiting.
- The internship must take place between October 2015 and April 2016.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

- The relevance of the proposed internship to ecosystem approaches to health.
- The relevance of the internship for the applicant.
- The learning potential of different ecosystem approaches to health practices of the proposed internship for the applicant.
- The networking potential of the proposed internship for the applicant.
- The potential for the applicant improvement of his or her language and communication skills.

TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION

To submit an application, candidates must submit:

- The completed application form.
- A letter of recommendation from the graduate or postdoctoral candidate's supervisor and, if appropriate, a note from their selected mentor (member of [CoPEH-Canada](#) or of [CoPEH-LAC](#)) indicating willingness to provide support for the internship.
- A letter from the host institution (where the internship will happen) indicating that the internship has been approved.
- A budget.

The deadline to submit an application is October 15th, 2015.

The application and all queries should be submitted to: ekosante.collaboration@gmail.com