

**Ghost River Rediscovery  
International Youth Leadership Internships 2008-2009**

***Canadian International Development Agency  
International Youth Internship Program***

**Application Form**

Carefully read the [Eligibility Requirements](#) (page 2) before completing this form.

To complete the application form, simply answer all questions in the document below, using as much space as required to fully answer the questions. Answer all questions and submit a filled out copy of the application form along with the other items required in your application package (see below). You may submit the application in email or hard copy (paper) format. If you use this soft copy version, please save the document with a different title before submitting. (Instructions: open File menu; select Save As; save using your name as the title, i.e. JaneSmith\_CIDAAapplication\_2008\_2009.rtf)

**Before submitting, please complete the following checklist and include with your application. \*\*Incomplete applications will not be accepted.\*\***

**The Application Package includes ALL of the following information:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed application form (see below)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cover letter

\_\_\_\_\_ Current resume

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of diploma or college or university transcripts (Note: photocopies are sufficient)

\_\_\_\_\_ Names and telephone numbers of three references (including at least one professional and one academic reference)

Only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. Short-listed candidates will be required to submit a doctor's certificate indicating fitness to travel, as well as a copy of your passport and appropriate vaccinations.

**Please send the completed application package to:**

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Ghost River Rediscovery  
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## **Eligibility Requirements**

To be eligible for the International Youth Internship Program, you must:

- Hold a post-secondary (college or university) diploma or degree
  - Be a citizen or permanent resident of Canada
  - Be no more than 30 years of age (as of April 1, 2008)
  - Have never participated in an internship funded by the federal government's Youth Employment Strategy program (please contact us if you are not sure)
  - Be unemployed or underemployed
  - Have no paid career-related international work experience
  - Be able to attend the Wilderness Skills Training and the in office training in Calgary, AB from June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>.
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### **Eligibility Questions**

#### **A. Are you 19 to 30 years of age?**

Yes  No

#### **B. Are you a Canadian Citizen or a Landed Immigrant?**

Yes  No

Other citizenships: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate country of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **C. Have you ever participated in a program or internship funded under the Canadian government's Youth Employment Strategy (YES)?**

Yes  No

If yes, which one?  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### **D. Have you completed a college diploma or university degree?**

Yes  No

If no, what is the expected completion date? \_\_\_\_\_

(In general, all applicants are required to have completed a post-secondary diploma or degree. Certain exceptions **may** be made.)

#### **E. Have you ever participated in a paid career-related work experience outside of Canada?**

Yes  No

If yes, please indicate where, what type of work and for how long:

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F. Are you able to attend the Wilderness Skills training and the in office training I Calgary Alberta from June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008?

Yes [] No []

**Note: Participants must be able to cover the cost of their transportation to and from Calgary.**

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**\*\* If you consider yourself still eligible, please continue with the application form. If you are uncertain as to your eligibility, please contact us before submitting the application.**

### **Application Form**

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#### **Background**

Mr. [] Ms. [] Mrs. []

First name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Last name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Social Insurance Number (SIN) \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (evening) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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**Permanent address (if different from above)**

Street address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province/Territory \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (evening) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Employment Equity Self-Identification**

The sponsors of the program—the Canadian International Development Agency and Ghost River Rediscovery—are committed to improving employment equity. Internships will be awarded to qualified applicants who meet the needs of the host organizations with which they will be placed. Whenever possible we wish to take into consideration issues of disability, gender and visible minority status. All information supplied is confidential and will be used exclusively for employment and equity initiatives.

**a) Are you a member of a visible minority?**

Yes [] No []

**b) Are you of Aboriginal background (Includes First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and both status and non-status)**

Yes [] No []

What Aboriginal group(s)/nations/bands do you identify with?

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**c) Do you consider yourself to have an employment-related disability?**

Yes [] No []

**d) Gender?**

Male [] Female []

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## Background information

### 1. Education

<b>Field of Study/Program</b>	<b>School or Institution</b>	<b>Degree Received</b>	<b>Date Granted</b>
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### 2. Language Skills

2a. Please evaluate your language skills by marking an [x] next to the appropriate selection. Some of the positions will require fluency in another language.

<b>Language</b>	<b><i>Beginner</i></b>	<b><i>Intermediate</i></b>	<b><i>Advanced (fluent)</i></b>
<b>English – Speaking</b>			
<b>English – Writing</b>			
<b>English – Reading</b>			
<b>Other Languages:</b>			
– <b>Speaking</b>			
– <b>Writing</b>			
– <b>Reading</b>			

2b. Would you feel comfortable working in another language?

Yes [] No []

2c. If yes, which one(s) \_\_\_\_\_

2d. Do you know any native languages? Which ones?

### **3. Computer Skills**

**3a. Please list your computer skills:**

**3b. Would you feel capable of teaching basic computer skills to others?  
What specific computer skills do you feel could you teach?**

### **4. Experience with Aboriginal/Indigenous Cultures**

**\*\*Ghost River Rediscovery's internships all focus on the development of youth leadership skills among indigenous youth. Interns will be required to be able to share Canadian Aboriginal culture with others, to provide a perspective on the history of Canadian Aboriginal peoples, to have an understanding of international indigenous issues and culture, to help indigenous youth from other countries to develop a sense of identity with their own cultures, and to develop culturally-based leadership programs for these youth. Applicants' knowledge of and experience with Canadian Aboriginal communities will be a key factor in our selection process. Please answer the following questions, using as much space as is needed.**

**4a. Describe your knowledge of and experience with Canadian Aboriginal peoples.**

**4b. Describe your knowledge of and experience with other indigenous peoples around the world.**

**4c. Considering that these internships are working mostly with indigenous youth, what specific skills would you be able to contribute?**

**4d. Ghost River Rediscovery's programs are based on the philosophy of the Rediscovery International Foundation. What past experience, if any do you have with Rediscovery programs?**

**Overseas Experience**

**5a. Have you travelled, lived or volunteered outside of Canada?**

Yes [] No []

**5b. If yes, please describe where and for what purpose?**

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**6. Youth Work Experience**

**6a. What past experience do you have in working with youth?**

**6b. Do you have any specific experience in developing youth programs, curriculum, activities, or camps?**

**7. Please refer to each placement description found on our website and list your preferences.**

Placement Preferences:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly explain your selection:

**8. Is there anything else you wish to share with us?**

**9. Declaration:**

I have read and understood all of the program information available on the Ghost River Rediscovery internships, and have answered all of the above questions so that they reflect my attitude and beliefs as accurately as possible:

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Note if you send this by e-mail we will consider a typed signature your official signature.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please fill in the following to help us with our files:**

Where did you hear about the Ghost River Rediscovery International Youth Leadership Internships Program?

Word of Mouth [ ] if so, from who? \_\_\_\_\_

Web site [ ] if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Native Friendship Centre [ ] if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Band Office [ ] if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Employment Agency [ ] if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

University Career Centre [ ] if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

University Department [ ] if so, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

Former Intern [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Other [ ] \_\_\_\_\_