

Canada's Largest International University Expo, the Study and Go Abroad Fair, returns to the Vancouver Convention Centre on October 4, 2011

Back by popular demand, the Study and Go Abroad Fair features top universities and student travel companies from all over the world offering undergraduate and graduate programs, gap year options and adventure travel for students of all ages. A full program of information seminars on a range of exciting study and travel topics is scheduled throughout the day starting at 12 noon with internationally recognised guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*.

"This is a great opportunity for students to make their dreams a reality", says Anita Kuehnel, Director. "There is a misconception that studying abroad is expensive, which doesn't have to be the case. University fees vary greatly depending on the country and the program, and various academic and athletic scholarships are available, especially in the US and England."

Top-ranked universities attending the Vancouver expo include University of Manchester and Bristol, from England, University of Melbourne and University of New South Wales from Australia, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and Lund University from Sweden. Incidentally, the University of Manchester can claim 25 Nobel Prize winners among former staff and students, and is where the atom was first split and the computer invented.

Visitors who are planning a gap year, or looking for other travel options can visit the Travel Pavilion, which includes Canada World Youth (volunteering), Contiki Holidays, Travel CUTS, Developing World Connections (volunteering), the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Semesters, and Katimavik (a Canadian volunteer service program).

Seminar schedules and exhibitor profiles can be found online on www.studyandgoabroad.com, as well as details of our Grand Prize Draw. Prizes include a return flight to Australia offered by expo sponsor, Qantas, a two-week Beaches and Reefs Contiki Holidays trip and a Travel CUTS seven-week volunteer trip to Tanzania.

According to the Canadian Bureau of International Education (CBIE)'s *World of Learning: Canadian Post-Secondary Students and the Study Abroad Experience* report, 90% of the general public believes that study abroad is a valuable experience.

According to the same survey, 91% of employers were also on board and identified an extensive list of benefits, including a better understanding of cultural differences inside and outside the workplace, more world experience which makes for an easier adaptation to unfamiliar environments and enhanced life skills. Students graduating in the 21st century need international skills to succeed in today's global economy and many believe that studying abroad should be an expectation.

Additional notes for media: Study and Go Abroad Fairs

Study and Go Abroad Fairs, organized by Recruit in Canada, are Canada's largest international university Fairs. Exhibitors from around the world meet with students and adults who are researching their options for post-secondary studies overseas, as well as opportunities to work, volunteer, intern or learn a language abroad.

LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

Vancouver: Tuesday, October 4th, Vancouver Convention Centre, from 1 to 6pm. Free seminars are offered throughout the day beginning at 12 noon with guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*.

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