

## SFU's International Youth Internships Launched

*Providing opportunities to develop professionally and make a difference in urban sustainability and food security in Africa, Asia, and Latin America*

Living up to its mandate of “Engaging the World”, Simon Fraser University (SFU) is launching an international youth internship program in Fall 2015.

The program will provide 40 young Canadians with the opportunity to work with municipal governments in Tanzania, Senegal, South Africa, Bangladesh, Mexico and Bolivia for periods of six months or more on projects and planning for sustainable economies and food security.

The Centre for Sustainable Community Development (CSCD) along with Sustainable Cities International (SCI) at SFU have worked closely with the host cities participating in the program to identify internship opportunities that will meet challenges related to rapid urbanization and environmental degradation.

*The host cities are excited to receive young Canadians to help them plan and implement projects and programs to enhance local food production and diversity, and to support small and medium sized ‘green’ enterprises.*

- Gretchen Ferguson, Centre for Sustainable Community Development, SFU

The program is funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) through their International Youth Internship Program (IYIP). Over 80 percent of Canadian youth who participated in past programs remained employed in international development and/or continued their participation in international development initiatives.

*This is an exciting opportunity for recent graduates to develop their professional skills and global citizenship. Youth across the country will engage with nations experiencing very diverse urban growth challenges and will be able to make a difference in the lives of people in those communities*

- Caroline Assaf, Sustainable Cities International

To qualify, applicants must be Canadian or Permanent Residents, under the age of 30, and a graduate of a degree or diploma program in a university, college, post-secondary school of technology, post-secondary institute or CEGEP.

**For more information, please visit our website:**

<http://www.sfu.ca/international/index/development/projects/IYIP.html>