

7. Internship title
Ukraine-Regional Governance and Development Advisor

Project description

The Regional Governance and Development (RGD) Project is a five-year (2005-2010) cooperation project of the Canadian Urban Institute (www.canurb.com), supported by funding from Canadian International Development Agency (www.acdi-cida.gc.ca) and implemented in partnership with the Foundation for International Training (www.ffit.org). The Project is designed to promote civic engagement in regional governance, providing opportunities for citizens and communities to shape their common future and to put their region on the path towards sustainable development. The Project works at several levels. It helps strengthen regional development policy in the country by providing advice to the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine and sharing know-how from other jurisdictions in Europe and North America. It supports two pilot oblasts - - Zaporizhzhia and Zakarpattya -- to launch participatory processes that give a voice to civil society in regional planning and decision-making. And it promotes open, accountable and effective government institutions at the regional level, responsive to the needs of citizens and working strategically towards its developmental goals. The experiences in the two pilot oblasts are intended to foster model approaches to good governance in Ukraine that can inform the country's policy and practice into the future.

Host Country (State/Province, City)	Primary and Secondary Sectors	Overseas Host Organization
Ukraine, Kyiv	Promoting good governance – public sector institution and capacity building	National Association of Regional Development Agencies (NARDA)

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In Canada:
 The intern will spend the Canadian portion of the internship preparing for the overseas component, by arranging for the logistics for the overseas stay; by conducting background research on the host country, host organization, associated CUI project, and relevant topics; and by familiarizing his/herself with the cultural and business practices of the host country.

Following the overseas portion, the intern will return to Canada to debrief, write his/her final report, conduct outreach activities to share his/her experience with the Canadian public, and begin his/her job search.

Overseas:
 This internship will involve working with NARDA, CUI's partner organization under the RGD Project, to support its activities related to regional development. The Regional Governance and Development Advisor will be placed within NARDA's Kyiv office and will provide support to NARDA's capacity building activities related to regional development, including activities delivered jointly with the RGD project. The nature of these capacity development activities will be determined by regional and national-level needs assessment. The intern will be assigned responsibilities for the following activities: 1) provide support and technical assistance to the design, facilitation, and delivery of NARDA's capacity building and institutional strengthening activities related to regional development; and 2) bring Canadian experience in regional development to the design and implementation of NARDA's capacity development activities. Emphasis will be place on integrating gender equality and empowerment into NARDA's regional development activities in Ukraine.

Qualifications			
1) Post-secondary education in a relevant discipline 2) Some experience working or volunteering in Ukraine is an asset 3) Intermediate Ukrainian and/or Russian language skills			
Expected Development Outputs	Indicators	Expected Employment Outputs	Indicators
Improved capacity of NARDA and its member agencies in implementing regional development programs and in designing and establishing institutional arrangements for regional development.	New skills, knowledge, and practices are incorporated into regional development process in Ukraine.	New skills in the design and provision of capacity building activities related to regional development gained by the intern.	Internship performance feedback indicates improved skills in the design and provision of capacity building activities related to regional development gained by the intern.
Regional development process in Ukraine is informed by Canadian experiences and practices.	Recommendations based on Canadian experience are considered for regional development activities in Ukraine.	New skills in working with regional and national government and community stakeholders in areas related to regional development gained by the intern.	Internship performance feedback indicated improved skills in working with regional and national government and community stakeholders in areas related to regional development.
In Canada Start Date:	Overseas Departure Date:	Overseas Return Date:	In Canada End Date:
June 16, 2008	July 5, 2008	January 3, 2009	February 13, 2009