

# O Canada!

*Emilie Dige, 2016-2017*

Being an associate at the Trade Council North America, in Toronto has presented me with the steepest learning curve by far. The position has allowed me to obtain insight into both Canadian and Danish private companies and organisations, while increasing market intelligence regarding Canadian sectors in focus. The internship has offered me excessive amounts of learning opportunities, all expanding both my educational and professional profile.



At the Trade Council in Toronto, as an intern you are given increasing degrees of responsibility. Thanks to the great team, I have been a part of various projects throughout the entire project lifecycle; initiating the contact to Canadian companies, preparing written material on markets, potential partners, and sector incumbents of interest, writing proposals, positioning the Danish companies, participating in meetings, conferences, events etc. The various projects have allowed me to create a network of highly inspiring and interesting professionals from different companies and industries, which I might have never crossed paths with had it not been for my stay here.

Moreover, I have learned how to approach the job market based on how I've experienced my strengths and interests utilized in a real life work setting. The internship has taught me aspects of knowledge and experience that no book or classroom will teach you; getting a thorough and profound comprehension of what the job market can offer. My time here has shown me how to apply my academic knowledge in a real life setting, and how to think on your feet instead of relying on theory. The internship will definitely enhance my CV – also in an international context.

Besides all the numerous educational and professional benefits stemming from my stay here in Canada, it is worth mentioning that Toronto is the world's most multicultural city – hence, offering diversity in all aspects; food, shopping, sports, neighbourhoods, people. Everyone is very down to earth and incredibly kind. It is a very exciting and inspiring place to live! Always many great, new places to explore.

# There is no “cant” in Canada!

*Charlotte Tan Lange, 2016-2017*

My experience as an intern at the Trade Council North America in Toronto has been challenging in the best way possible. The internship has provided me with the opportunity to learn by doing – the best way to learn is by doing it yourself; while it can be intimidating, it is good to be thrown into new situations, where you are challenged to figure out a solution. The Toronto office consists of the wonderful colleagues who care and guide you when needed while letting you stand on your own feet. As an intern, you are always encouraged to take responsibility and be creative and solution-oriented, with guidance from your colleagues rather than specific directions.

It was very motivating for me to experience the fact that you are not “just an intern” – when working in this office you are viewed as peer which allows you to take lead on work tasks and trajectory of both your time in Canada as well as future career, as you (to some degree of course) can express which direction the given sectors best match with your future career goals.



Furthermore, worth mentioning is the fact that Toronto is an amazing city that exposes you to an enormous variety of people and cultures – both through your work at the Trade Council and through the everyday of living in a city that allows and encourages diversity. Toronto is a great (!) city that offers something for literally everyone – there is always a new show, event, exhibition, pop-up store, social gathering, clubs to join. The diversity of this city is incredible and it really shows in all aspects of the city! Having lived in many places across the globe, I feel like I have found a place that is as welcoming and exciting as I’ve always dreamed.