

Student Exchange Proposal

Education internationale is a non-profit cooperative in education, founded by Quebec schoolboards to open up Quebec schools to the world.

Education internationale has developed exchanges with Ministries of education of Germany, France, Mexico, Spain and other provinces in Canada for many years. Around 250 students and 120 schools participate in these exchanges annually. The cooperative aims at reinforcing intercultural knowledge and language skills of Quebec students and enhancing international activities of schools. Education internationale exclusively proposes exchanges with reciprocity (1, 2 or 3 months abroad, 1, 2 or 3 months in Quebec), where schools are responsible for the selection of pupils.

1. Éducation internationale

Founded in 2001, Éducation internationale is a non-profit cooperative which offers exchanges and development services in education. When they founded the cooperative, Quebec school boards and their associated organisations created a single window to open up the Quebec school system to the international scene and to assist students in becoming citizens of the world.

Éducation internationale's membership is composed of the majority of Quebec's French and English School boards. Our membership extends to associations and organizations which provide services to school boards, as well as institutions, public and private colleges. The Quebec Ministry of Education grants an annual subsidy to the cooperative to cover a part of its operating costs.

Fields of intervention

The cooperative's activities are organised along three intervention areas, inspired from the Strategy for the Internationalisation of Education of the Minister of Education:

- International mobility : student and teacher exchanges. This consists in increasing exchange opportunities and promoting the international networking of Quebec-based educational institutions.
- International development: exporting Quebec's know-how in education. This consists in implementing international development projects, primarily in Africa and Latin America, and funded by international financial institutions and agencies such as the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the World Bank.
- International recruitment: this consists in favouring the recruitment of international students by promoting the educational offer in technical and vocational training in Quebec.

You can find more information on Education internationale's website, www.education-internationale.com / <https://www.echanges-azimut.com> .

2. Program Description

2.1. Program objectives

Program objectives :

- ❖ Learning another language (English for Quebecer, French on the other side)
- ❖ Developing knowledge of a new culture and education system
- ❖ Increasing pupils autonomy and adaptability.

Exchange calendar :

- ❖ September-December (between 1 and 3 month) : Quebec pupils study abroad and live in foreign families;
- ❖ January-April (between 1 and 3 month) : Foreign pupils study and live in Quebec.

2.2. Target group

Program is intended for French and English-speaking pupils, who are in Secondary 2, 3 or 4 (13-15 years old) in Quebec. They participate in the program in Secondary 3, 4 or 5 (14-16 years old).

Schools are responsible for selecting the pupils and integrating foreign students.

2.3. 2016-2017 AND 2017-2018 SCHEDULE

2016-2017 :

JUNE-OCTOBER : Discussions about the key features of the Student Exchange

Agreement between partner and Éducation internationale

OCTOBER-MARCH : Drafting of a resource Guide and application forms for students

MARCH- JUNE : Promotion of exchanges with Schools and Students

2016-2017 Selection and twinning

SEPTEMBER-MARCH : Promotion of exchanges with Schools and Students

Selection of all candidates by schools and submission of applications to Education internationale

APRIL-MAY : Twinning between Quebecer and Foreign pupils

2017-2018 : Second Year (Participation)

SEPT-DEC : Quebecers abroad

JAN- APRIL : Foreign students in Quebec

3. Role as program manager

- ❖ Promoting the program in the schools
- ❖ Giving information to schools and pupils (guide, application forms...)
- ❖ Twinning between Quebecers and foreign students
- ❖ Supporting logistics of international transport
- ❖ Booking of plane tickets
- ❖ Keeping track of students and problems during the exchange

These responsibilities could be shared between schools and partner.

4. Partner description

- ❖ Interest in developing a student exchange program and cooperation in education with Quebec
- ❖ Experience of international exchange
- ❖ Demonstrated experience in working with public and private schools
- ❖ Credibility and visibility as a partner

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