Exciting news! The City of London Internship Program for International Student Graduates has officially been launched this morning! There are two internships being offered with a start date in September 2019. (They will run 20weeks at 30hrs/week for total of 600hours, and fit the NOC A or B criteria). The attached news release + key marketing/messaging went out as of this morning.

Please let us know if you have any questions, and these two internships can be found on the <u>Current Career Opportunities</u> page of the City of London's site.

In an effort to help international student graduates gain valuable Canadian work experience, the City of London has expanded its internship program to include annual twenty-week paid internships. These internship opportunities are intended for international students who have graduated within the last year from a recognized postsecondary institution, currently hold a valid Post Graduate Work Permit and have an English benchmark level 6 or above.

"The City of London recognizes the importance of a diverse workforce and is dedicated to removing barriers to employment where we can." says Mayor Ed Holder. "This program will increase students' job readiness and experience so they can enter the London job market confidently and contribute to growing our City's economic prosperity."

These new positions will provide participants with the opportunity to:

- be exposed to workplace culture and systems;
- build skills and knowledge through meaningful work assignments;
- engage in professional networking and obtain references;
- develop strategies to overcome potential employment barriers; and
- gain 600 hours of full-time work experience.

These internship positions are an initiative of the community-led <u>Choose London –</u> <u>Innovative, Vibrant and Global: London's Newcomer Strategy</u> in collaboration with the City of London Human Resources. Endorsed by City Council in June 2018, this Strategy focuses not only on attracting Newcomers, but retaining and integrating them into London's labour market; this includes international student graduates.

For more information on the current internship positions available, please visit <u>Current</u> <u>Career Opportunities.</u>