

Education Assistants 2018 – 2019 – CUSO International

Various Schools, in the Northwest Territories, Canada

10 Months | Placement between Aug 2018 - Jun 2019



The Volunteer's Role

The primary objective is to improve education outcomes for Indigenous children and youth in Northern Canada. Volunteers will work in schools, at the request of local communities, in the Northwest Territories.

Education volunteers support students in many different ways, depending on the specific skills, hobbies or experience of a volunteer, and the interest of the community.

The volunteer placement may include the opportunity to:

- Work in schools as a tutor, primarily in math, science and English, from grades four through twelve;

- Help in many other capacities (including computer instruction, art, music, sports) depending on the skills, training and hobbies of the volunteer and the needs of the school;
- Support students as an eLearning classroom monitor by actively working with the online host teacher to manage classroom routines, protocols and academic expectations;
- Assist in both local and school library staffing;
- Assist with teaching music, drama, public speaking, and radio and television communication;
- Assist with chaperoning students during field trips;
- Assist with fundraising events;
- Work in a student residence assisting the "house parents" in the day-to-day operation of the residence. This would include preparing meals, helping with social and recreational activities, and being prepared to do a wide variety of tasks.

Candidates Must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be able to pass a **vulnerable** sector police check;
- Have post-secondary level education experience.

Desirable Qualifications:

- Experience in teaching or tutoring, particularly with special needs students and teaching English as a second language (TESL).

Essential Background:

- Basic knowledge of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, their history and their current realities.

Desirable Background:

- Previous volunteer work experience, in any area, either in Canada or in other countries;
- Previous experience working with Indigenous peoples and Indigenous issues in Canada, will be considered an asset.

About Our Partner

Beaufort Delta Education Council

The Beaufort-Delta Education Council (BDEC) is the most northerly school board in the Northwest Territories with all eight communities and nine schools located north of the Arctic Circle. The BDEC serves 1382 students in the region and is responsible for about 200 administrators, teachers and support staff.

Sahtu Divisional Education Council

The Sahtu Divisional Education Council (SAHTUDEC) is responsible for five schools located north and south of the Arctic Circle. The council's mission is to provide excellent, culturally relevant, educational opportunities for students, who will experience success in a caring school environment and become lifelong learners.

South Slave Divisional Education Council

The South Slave Divisional Education Council (SSDEC) is responsible for the education of approximately 1300 (JK-12) students in the South Slave region of the Northwest Territories. The Council's mission is to strive to prepare students to create their futures. The Council's primary responsibility is to provide for the educational needs of the students of the South Slave region.

Terms and Conditions

Cuso International terms and conditions allow you to lead a modest and healthy lifestyle while being effective in your placement. This support package will cover basic living expenses for one volunteer and is not intended to cover home-based expenses (ex. loans, support payments, etc.) or luxury items such as imported items in placement or international personal travel.

Support Package

- Modest monthly living allowance
- Accommodation while in placement
- Air ticket to and from placement
- Support letter for Visa/work permit, if required
- Cost of required vaccinations and emergency medical insurance
- Pre-departure training
- Access to Employee Assistance Program while in placement and upon return
- Cuso International assessment day (Candidates must cover the first \$200 of the most cost-effective travel expenses and all accommodation costs).
- Travel and accommodation for the five-day pre-departure training course, if required

Fundraising

We ask each Canadian volunteer, regardless of placement length, to raise \$2,000. All volunteers receive support from Cuso International to help achieve the goal through fundraising. If the volunteer chooses not to fundraise or is unable to achieve the fundraising goal, he/she can make a one-time donation or become a monthly donor to support our work.

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