



Australia – Canada Internship

A Canadian think tank is looking for an Australian intern to work in its Saskatchewan office for a period of approximately three months, with an opportunity to work on a wider international project upon return to Australia. The Frontier Centre for Public Policy is looking for recent graduates or senior university students with interest and applicable skills in public policy. The successful applicant would experience public policy outside their own environment and learn about the workings of one of Canada's fastest growing think tanks. The Frontier Centre carries out research and media outreach in Housing, Poverty, Health, Education, Aboriginal, Economic, Local Government, and Environmental policy.

One of its projects, in partnership with a Brussels-based think tank, is an index which assesses the consumer friendliness of healthcare systems across Europe and Canada, as well as a Canadian interprovincial benchmarking (see http://www.fcpp.org/main/publication_detail.php?PubID=2025). One of the major tasks of this internship will involve collecting, analyzing and reporting Canadian data for both the international and inter-provincial healthcare indices in an effort which would be expanded to include Australia and New Zealand in 2010, with a future Australian partner think tank.

This project generates intense media and political interest due to the European comparisons involved and is one of Frontier's flagship products. We are seeking an applicant with excellent analytic, writing and presentation skills who can continue this work from Australia with the expansion of the index to include Australia and New Zealand.

Depending on their skills and interests, the applicant will work on this and other projects in one or more areas from research to media presentation. This internship, in partnership with Mannkal Economic Education Foundation, will include flights, accommodation, a stipend, and the opportunity to visit United States think tanks and think tank training programs. There is the possibility of a trip to Brussels to visit Frontier's partner in the Euro-Canada Health Index depending on suitability of the applicant. Interested applicants should examine the Centre's website at www.fcpp.org and then contact the Jess at Mannkal Economic Education Foundation at Jessica@mannkal.org by November 30, 2009.