

# Student's handout

## A COOPERATION INTERNSHIP IN CUBA?

TAKE THE CHANCE!



## Background Information

You hope to complete a cooperation internship in a foreign country? The *Comité de Solidarité/Trois-Rivières*, a reputable, international cooperation organisation, is presently seeking a quality candidate for a cooperation internship in Cuba: it's the chance of your life! Considering the large number of applicants, however, you must convince the organisation's administrators that you are the ideal person for the internship. You can base your arguments, for example, on the information given about the internship and the organisation, as well as your interests and skills.



## Instructions

You must write an application of 250 words to support your selection as a foreign intern with an international cooperation organisation. After analysing the internship offer, you must support your selection by introducing and describing yourself, and elaborating on ideas and arguments. You must relate your qualities directly to the desired qualities given in the internship offer, and describe the desired qualities that you possess, whether real or fictional.



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## INTERNSHIP OFFERED TO CUBA

### I: Description of Organisation Offering the Internship

**Name:** Comité de Solidarité/Trois-Rivières

**Year Founded:** 1973

**Location:** Downtown Trois-Rivières (Province of Quebec)

**Mission:** Contribute to building a more just and harmonious world where populations share more equitably the resources and riches of our planet.

### II: Description of Internship Offered: Renewable Energy Project

**Country:** Cuba

**City:** Havana

**Internship Goal:** To electrify schools and medical clinics in remote regions of Cuba

**Number of Positions Available:** One

**Length:** 6 months



### A: Project Summary

This internship is financed by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through the International Youth Internship Program. The project contributes to the electrification of schools and medical clinics in remote regions of Cuba, thus enhancing access to education and health care. You will work in direct collaboration with the Cuban organisations involved in this task, and at all stages will be accompanied by a team of Cuban and Canadian workers.

### B: Responsibilities Related to the Internship

- Become familiar with the mission of the organisation and its activities
- Create educational tools focused on renewable energy in order to enhance awareness amongst young Canadians of these environmentally responsible and economic technologies
- Collaborate in the preparation and presentation of a technical training session on solar panel installation. This training will be directed towards Cuban personnel working with the intern
- Participate in studies and research concerning renewable energy
- Aid with the installation of solar systems in remote regions, for schools and medical clinics
- Become familiar with practices and norms related to renewable energy
- Ensure an exchange of skills related to practices and norms

The intern will receive a daily living allowance for the full duration of the internship. The selected person must also complete a fundraising effort to help finance the internship before his or her depart for Cuba.

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