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Top Universities and Student Work and Travel Firms from Around the World Flock to Canada for the Study and Go Abroad Fairs

Top universities from the UK, USA, Australia, Sweden, Canada and many other countries take part in the Study and Go Abroad Fair circuit to meet with students who are interested in studying abroad. Top-ranked universities include UCL (ranked 4th in the QS World University Rankings 2011) and King's College London from the UK; the University of Melbourne and the University of New South Wales from Australia; the Chinese University of Hong Kong; the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; and Lund University from Sweden.

"Visitors to the expo have a fantastic opportunity to meet face-to-face with university representatives to find out more about how they can study abroad and make their dreams a reality. We have a great line-up of universities, and an extensive Travel Pavilion for adventure travel and gap year options, volunteer programs and work abroad. I would encourage students to bring their friends and family to this inclusive, free event," says Katie Idle, Director of Sales and Marketing.

The growing trend of Canadians studying abroad is fuelled by students who are attracted by the greater variety of programs; have a desire to learn about other cultures and experience living abroad or elsewhere in Canada; know that their résumé will be that much more complete when entering the work force; as well as those aware of the difficulty of getting into their chosen programs in Canada. Some programs in Canada, like medicine for example, are notoriously difficult to get into (30% acceptance rate for first-time applicants), especially in BC and Ontario, and many students are not willing to put their lives on hold to keep trying. The Caribbean is the number one destination for Canadians to study medicine abroad, and many of the Caribbean medical schools, such as the University of Avalon in the Netherlands Antilles, one of the exhibitors at the Fair, are fully recognized by ECFMG, WHO, FAIMER/IMED and the MCC, which means that graduates are able to practice anywhere in the world.

The expo starts at 1pm, but visitors are invited to come at 12 noon already to hear guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author and online publisher of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*, as he kicks off a full day of exciting information seminars presented on a range of topics.

Seminar schedules and exhibitor profiles can be found online at www.studyandgoabroad.com, along with details of our Grand Prize Draw. Prizes include a return flight to Australia offered by Fair sponsor Qantas, a two-week Beaches and Reefs Contiki Holidays trip, and a Travel CUTS seven-week volunteer trip to Tanzania.

Additional notes for media: Study and Go Abroad Fairs

Study and Go Abroad Fairs, organized by Recruit in Canada, are Canada's largest international university Fairs. Exhibitors from around the world meet with students and adults who are researching their options for post-secondary studies overseas, as well as opportunities to work, volunteer, intern or learn a language abroad.

LOCATIONS AND TIMES:

Ottawa: Thursday, September 29th, Ottawa Convention Centre, from 1 to 6pm. Free seminars are offered throughout the day beginning at 12 noon with guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*.

Toronto: Saturday and Sunday, October 1st and 2nd, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, from 1 to 6pm. Free seminars are offered throughout the day beginning at 12 noon with guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*.

Vancouver: Tuesday, October 4th, Vancouver Convention Centre, from 1 to 6pm. Free seminars are offered throughout the day beginning at 12 noon with guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*.

Calgary: Wednesday, October 5th, Calgary Telus Convention Centre from 1 to 6pm. Free seminars are offered throughout the day beginning at 12 noon with guest speaker Jean-Marc Hachey, author of *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*.

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