



50th Anniversary of the Parliamentary Internship Programme

The Parliamentary Internship Programme of the Canadian Political Science Association is delighted to welcome over 200 alumni back to Parliament Hill to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

The celebrations will start with an alumni reception on May 9, 2019 where over 400 Parliamentarians, alumni, and friends of the Programme will join together to celebrate this historic yet innovative leadership program.

On Friday, May 10th, former interns Professor Roland Paris (PIP 1990-91) and Ms. Althia Raj (PIP 2004-05) will welcome distinguished guests to discuss the past, present and future of politics in Canada.

Several social events on Friday evening and Saturday will provide alumni with the occasion to reconnect with friends, make new acquaintances and reminisce about past times.

The Programme is delighted to honour the legacy of the Programme's founders: Member of Parliament Alfred Hales and Founding Director James Ross Hurley. The event also serves as an opportunity to safeguard of this unique program by growing the [Hales and Hurley Parliamentary Foundation](#), which was launched in 2017 by the alumni.

About the Parliamentary Internship Programme

Envisioned by backbench Member of Parliament (MP) Alfred Hales in 1969, the Parliamentary Internship Programme has welcomed 10 young professionals to Parliament Hill from September through June each year. The paid, non-partisan interns are selected through a national competition. Each intern works full-time for both an opposition and government Member of Parliament. During their internship, Parliamentary interns meet with senior policymakers, diplomats, journalists, scholars, politicians, and leaders in civil society. The interns take part in academic seminars, write an innovative academic research paper, share their knowledge of Parliament with young Canadians, and take part in legislative study tours to Québec, Brussels, the United Kingdom, the United States, and Nunavut.

Since 1970, PIP has supported 490 young Canadians and assisted hundreds of MPs. The growing community of PIP alumni includes academics, politicians, senior government officials, diplomats, journalists, union leaders, judges and leaders in industry and the non-profit sector. Their pooled experience and shared commitment to research and education create a special opportunity.

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