



Sponsoring the Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP)

What is the Parliamentary Internship Programme?

The Parliamentary Internship Programme, also known as PIP, is the leading non-partisan fellowship programme at the House of Commons for Canadian university graduates. Established by Parliament in 1969 and administered by the Canadian Political Science Association, the Programme is supported by its patron, the Speaker of the House, friends of the Programme, other sponsors, and alumni. The 10 interns are selected through a competitive process and receive a stipend during the course of their 10-month internship. Each intern works for one government and one opposition Member of Parliament (MP) during the year. Interns also participate in civic engagement outreach, and organize comparative study tours to Quebec City, Brussels, London, Washington and Iqaluit.

Alumni have been elected to the House of Commons and provincial legislatures, while others have become ambassadors, deputy ministers, chiefs of staff to cabinet ministers and Rhodes Scholars. Alumni permeate the government and political landscapes of Ottawa and Canada's provincial capitals, as well as industry and academic and professional fields.

Benefits of Sponsorship

PIP is supported by in-kind contributions from the House of Commons and financial contributions from a limited number of Sponsors and Friends. Sponsors provide core funding for the Programme and receive a charitable tax receipt from the Canadian Political Science Association for their donation.

PIP offers 5 categories of sponsorship – Platinum (\$40,000+), Gold (\$20,000+), Silver (\$10,000+), Bronze (\$2,500) and 'Friends of the Programme' (donations for key activities or in-kind donations).

All sponsors receive:

- An invitation to the annual private sponsors reception held in September for interns
- An invitation to the annual PIP Alumni Reception, a popular event that is attended by many high-profile alumni;
- An invitation to the exclusive Spring Reception for all interns;
- Invitations to the annual Jean-Pierre Gaboury Symposium where interns present their annual research projects;
- Sponsor recognition at PIP events and acknowledgement on the PIP website;
- Meetings with the 10 interns and the chance to communicate with them about your issues;
- Opportunities to participate in an extensive, established network and build strong relationships with PIP interns, alumni, and fellow sponsor organizations.

Gold level sponsors and above:

- PIP creates unique opportunities for a limited number of sponsors. These vary depending on the level of their financial contribution and provide marquee sponsorship of annual PIP events, include a higher sponsor profile and a speaking role for sponsor organizations.

Silver level sponsors and above:

- Invitations to attend the three annual PIP luncheons hosted by the Speaker in the Speakers' private dining room for interns.

To learn more about sponsorship, how to make in-kind donations, or sponsoring other activities, please contact:

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Note: All event invitations and seating arrangements for Members of Parliament and other public office holders are handled by the Parliamentary Internship Programme and are in keeping with the guidelines and rules set out by the Ethics and Lobbying Commissioners. Sponsors are supporting an educational program and the Programme will recognize all contributions to the training of the interns. Please note that sponsors have no input into the selection of MPs and interns, and the Programme is not a channel for lobbying activities.

Sponsors and Friends, 2019-2020

Platinum / Platine (\$40,000+) Full

- BMO Financial Group
- Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Gold / Or (\$20,000) Full

- Bombardier Inc.
- Canadian Bankers' Association
- Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association
- Canadian Real Estate Association
- CN
- CropLife Canada

Silver / Argent (\$10,000) Places available

- BIOTEC Canada
- BDC
- Canadian Automobile Dealers Association
- Canadian Health Food Association
- Canadian Media Producers Association
- Chartered Professional Accountants Canada
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- CIBC
- Consumer Health Products Canada
- Desjardins
- Forest Products Association of Canada
- Innovative Medicines Canada
- Microsoft
- RBC Financial Group
- TD Bank Financial Group
- Universities Canada
- UNIFOR

Friends / Amis (Variable) Places available

- British High Commission Ottawa
- Delegation of the European Union to Canada
- Embassy of the United States of America
- Fednav
- First Air
- Institute on Governance
- Parliamentary Internship Alumni Association
- VIA Rail Canada



Bronze (\$2,500) Places available

- Canadian Canola Growers Association
- Canadian Credit Union Association
- Civic Engagement Foundation
- Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada
- Estée Lauder Inc.
- Genworth Canada
- Rogers Communications
- Scotiabank