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## Sponsoring the Parliamentary Internship Programme

### What is the Parliamentary Internship Programme?

The Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP) is the leading non-partisan internship 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, sponsors, and alumni. The 10 interns are selected through a national competition and receive a salary during 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.

PIP 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.

The PIP continues to operate despite the COVID-19 pandemic, with the interns continuing their MP placements, study tours, and sponsor engagements in a virtual or socially distanced fashion.

### Benefits of Sponsorship

PIP is supported by in-kind contributions from the House of Commons and core funding from a limited number of Sponsors, who receive a charitable tax receipt from the Canadian Political Science Association for their financial contributions. PIP offers four sponsorship categories based on the level of annual contributions – Platinum (\$50,000+), Gold (\$20,000+), Silver (\$10,000+), Bronze (\$2,500+). In addition, PIP operates a “Friends of the Programme” category for partners who provide in-kind support or funding for specific Programme activities, such as the legislative study tours.

#### **Gold level Sponsors and above:**

- PIP creates unique opportunities for its Gold and Platinum 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 organization

#### **Friends and Silver level Sponsors and above:**

- Invitations to the three annual PIP luncheons hosted by the Speaker of the House of Commons.

#### **All PIP Sponsors and Friends receive:**

- An invitation to the annual private sponsors reception held in September for interns;
- An invitation to the annual PIP Alumni Celebration, a popular event to which all MPs and Senators are invited;
- An invitation to the exclusive Spring Reception to which all MPs are invited;
- Meetings with the 10 interns to communicate with them about your organization and issues;
- Invitations to the annual Jean-Pierre Gaboury Symposium where interns present their research projects;



- Sponsor recognition at PIP events and acknowledgement on the PIP website;
- Opportunities to participate in an extensive, established network and build strong relationships with PIP interns, alumni, and fellow sponsor organizations;
- Invitations to any events organized in lieu of the above during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**To learn more about sponsorship, how to make in-kind donations, or sponsoring other activities, please contact Dr. Paul Thomas, PIP Director, at [paul.thomas@pip-pp.org](mailto:paul.thomas@pip-pp.org).**

### **Sponsors and Friends 2021-22**

#### ***Platinum (\$50,000+) Full***

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

#### ***Gold (\$20,000+) Full***

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

#### ***Silver (\$10,000+) Places available***

- Amazon
- BIOTECANADA
- BDC
- Canadian Automobile Dealers Association
- Canadian Media Producers Association
- Chartered Professional Accountants Canada
- Chicken Farmers of Canada
- CIBC
- College of Immigration and Citizenship Consultants
- Desjardins
- Forest Products Association of Canada
- Innovative Medicines Canada
- Microsoft
- RBC Financial Group
- TD Bank Financial Group
- Universities Canada
- UNIFOR

#### ***Bronze (\$2,500+) Places available***

- Abacus Data
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers

- Canadian Canola Growers Association
- Canadian Cattlemen's Association
- Canadian Credit Union Association
- Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association
- Civic Engagement Foundation
- Co-operatives and Mutuals Canada
- Estée Lauder Inc.
- Genworth Canada
- Genome Canada
- Rogers Communications



#### ***Friends (Variable) Places available***

- British High Commission Ottawa
- Canadian North
- Delegation of the European Union to Canada
- Embassy of the United States of America
- Fednav
- The Hill Times
- Parliamentary Internship Alumni Association
- Samara Centre for Democracy
- VIA Rail Canada

*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 PIP will recognize all contributions to the training of the interns. Sponsors have no input into the selection of MPs and interns, and the Programme is not a channel for lobbying activities.*