

Two school placements/internships at a primary school in Germany

Within the framework of the Alberta-OWL-Cooperation

Open to: Graduate and undergraduate students from within the teacher education program

Application deadline: April 15th for an internship ca. 15th of Sept – 15th of Dec (fall term in Alberta)
October 15th for a start date ca. 1st of May – End of July (summer term in Alberta)

Quick info: Internship: Primary school in Paderborn (Germany), supervised, reference letter guaranteed, unpaid
Duration: Approx. 3 months
Working hours: To be agreed upon/flexible working hours
Housing and transport: Student dormitories on campus; free semester ticket for state-wide public transportation
Additional offers: Free German language classes at Paderborn University, reduced meal costs at the university canteens, optional social activities and weekend trips to German cities or cultural activities organized by Paderborn U; Certification and reference letter from Paderborn University/the school guaranteed

About the internships:

Two local primary schools offer you a supervised and creative school placement/internship opportunity. They both support and teach students in grades 1 to 4 (ages 6 to 11).

The „Marienschule“ has approximately 200 students and 30 teachers as well as support staff.

The “Bonifatius Primary School” consists of 400 students and 30 teachers as well as four special education teachers. Students are taught and/or supervised from 08:00am until 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

Both schools offer interns the opportunity to participate in an educational internship/school placement in the field of inclusive education. The schools teach children with diverse learning needs from ages 6 to 11 and place great importance on individualized support, social integration and a respectful learning environment.

As an intern, you will see and can support teachers in the classroom and in daily school life. Your responsibilities may include assisting students within the class setting, supporting individual children or small groups and explaining or showing the class where you are from. You may even test and train your own teaching abilities. Through this experience, you will gain insight into the German school system, particularly the practice of inclusive education at the elementary level.

The internships provide an opportunity to gain practical teaching experience, develop intercultural competence, and become familiar with school life in a different educational system. Basic knowledge of German may be an advantage but is not required. Openness, reliability, enjoyment of working with children, and an interest in inclusive education is desirable.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Requirements:

- Student at one of the Canadian universities within the Alberta-OWL-Cooperation: University of Alberta, MacEwan University, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, Concordia University of Edmonton from a teacher education program or similar studies
- At least one year of study left at home institution
- Interest in an intercultural exchange with German students
- Interns must be fully vaccinated against Measles for school placement
- Soft skills: open communication, social skills, ability to work in a team, ambition to actively participate and engage in internship

How to apply:

To apply, please always first contact the International Office at your home university.

Please submit the following documents in **a single PDF-file** prior to the application deadline to:

- Letter of motivation (why should we choose you for the internship? What are your ambitions, your interests?)
- CV
- A copy of your transcript of records (attended, completed courses and grades)

Information about the Faculty of Arts and Humanities at Paderborn University:

<https://kw.uni-paderborn.de/en/>

Please send questions regarding the internship at Paderborn University to Anke Riebau, International Relations Manager, Dean's Office ([send email](#)).

Information about the Alberta-OWL-Cooperation can be found at the [joint website](#).

Please contact the International Office at your institution to apply and for further questions.