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Civil Engineering Technology
WUSC Student Refugee Program
Somalia

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Vision

- NSCC students and employees will have a strengthened global world view through experiential international learning opportunities at home and abroad
- NSCC will be an important part of changing culture and attitudes in Nova Scotia, creating welcoming communities for immigrants

Target Regions

- » Caribbean » Latin America » Europe
- » East Africa » South East Asia



Role

In collaboration with other NSCC departments:

- Link to provincial, national and international networks, standards, practices and opportunities
- Identify and evaluate opportunities with partner institutions
- Develop proposals for external funding
- Promotion of opportunities, selection process for students and employees
- Risk management
- Project design, development and management
- Capacity building and knowledge sharing with employees and students

Staff

Katie Orr – Director

Zoran Kondali – Manager

Ashley Pinsent-Tobin – Manager,
International Learning (Inbound)

Kellie McMullin – Manager,
International Learning (Outbound)

Lisa Matheson – Administrative Assistant

NSCC Student Assistants

NSCC International Student Ambassadors



Themes

Internal internationalization goals

2017 NSCC Strategic Plan – international learning goals:

- Student Success – expand opportunities for cultural and global experiences
- Community Impact – expand supports and programs for international and new immigrant students
- Program Quality – 21st century skills, project-based, experiential learning
- Strategic Sectors – boosting exports, global competitiveness, expand programs and partnerships to align with government priorities

2015 NSCC Academic Plan – International learning goals

- Creating a welcoming and inclusive community for our local, domestic and international students
- Working with provincial post-secondary institutions to enhance supports and programs for international and new immigrant students



Themes

Provincial / regional / national internationalization goals

“Global Education for Canadians: Equipping Young Canadians to Succeed at Home and Abroad” – the 2017 Report of the Study Group on Global Education <http://goglobalcanada.ca>

2019 Canadian Federal Budget announcement – \$148 million over 5 years to support a new international education strategy including funding for international work and study opportunities and promotion of Canadian education abroad

ONE Nova Scotia Commission: international learning goals:

- Goal of 10 % of international students choosing to stay in Nova Scotia after graduation (2018 update: 12.6 % retention rate)
- Increase the number of firms participating in export trade by 50% exporters (need for students with international skills) (2018 update: progressing but not on target)

Nova Scotia Labour and Advanced Education & Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency:

- EduNova “Study and Stay” project to attract and retain international students to stay, work and live in Nova Scotia after graduation involving NSCC and all 10 universities in NS expanded in 2018 to all four Atlantic provinces
- 2018 Atlantic Colleges Atlantique (ACA) international education and training strategy development project funded by ACOA. Recommendations include: investments in resources to address the challenges of ensuring international student living and academic success; and early establishment of solid connections between international students and employers

2016 Atlantic Growth Strategy – International education related goals:

- Immigration: 2019 announcement of a 2-year extension of the Atlantic Immigration Pilot including the stream for international student graduates
- Trade and investment: double the number of export businesses in the Atlantic Region (from 1,700 to 3,400 by 2025) – need for grads with international experience



GOAL

Enhanced quality and increased participation in international learning programs for students



NSCC President Don Bureaux speaks at the 2019 Pre-Departure Conference

International Learning Programs

Internationalization benefits 2018/19

- 80 student participants in projects and exchanges in 7 countries
- 18 employees participated in projects in 2019
- Enhanced iCent app with 100% engagement for students and employees going abroad
- Implementation of a joint Faculty Field School in Tanzania on teaching and learning (partnering with Camosun College, VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute, Mikumi Vocational Training Centre and the Arusha Technical College)
- 4 new international learning programs for students and faculty in 2019
- 2nd Annual International Learning Summit featuring a student panel on the impact of learning abroad

International Learning Programs



80 students participated in international learning programs in 2019

\$25,000



\$25,000 in student bursaries to participate in international learning programs (NSCC externally funded projects & NSCC Foundation)



Enhanced iCent app with 100% engagement rate



4 new international learning programs for students in 2019



New international teaching and learning field school for faculty in Tanzania



18 employees participated in student projects in 2019



“Travelling to Tanzania was a life changing experience. Through travel, diverse experiences, and meeting new people, vast personal and professional growth occurred within my life. The journey cultivated within me an increased sense of hopefulness and appreciation of the human experience.”

RASHIDA SYMONDS

ALP Faculty, Akerley Campus,
Faculty Field School in Tanzania 2019

2019 International Learning Programs

NAME	HOST/PARTNER	COUNTRY	PROJECT DATES	NSCC SCHOOL
Academy for Women in Engineering	University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria - Wels	Austria	July 2019	Trades & Technology
Social Work Summer Program	University of Applied Sciences Upper Austria – Linz	Austria	June 2019	Health & Human Services
Doing Business in Europe	Hanze University of Applied Sciences	Netherlands	May/June 2019	Business
Women in Entrepreneurship Program	Instituto del Sur	Peru	April 2019	ALL
Entrepreneurship Summer Program	Robert Gordon University - Aberdeen School of Business	Scotland	August 2019	Business
International Tourism Program	N/A	Spain	April 2019	Business
International Teaching and Learning Faculty Field School	VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute/Arusha Technical College/ Camosun College	Tanzania	May 2019	ALL

2019 International Learning Programs (continued)

NAME	HOST/PARTNER	COUNTRY	PROJECT DATES	NSCC SCHOOL
Happiness Project	VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute	Tanzania	May 2019	ALL
IT Solutions in Rural Tanzania	VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute/Mikumi VTC	Tanzania	May 2019	IT & Creative Industries
Oral History Project	VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute/Mikumi VTC	Tanzania	May 2018	ALL
Solar Innovations Project	VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute	Tanzania	June 2019	Trades & Technology
Social Entrepreneurship Program	Tra Vinh University	Vietnam	June 2019	ALL



“One of the most memorable experiences of my life wouldn't have been possible if I had not applied to NSCC!”

BENJAMIN EDWARDS

Screen Arts Student, Ivany Campus,
Social Entrepreneurship Program,
Vietnam 2019

GOAL

More externally funded international technical assistance projects in target regions that create international learning opportunities for employees and students



Technical Assistance Projects

Internationalization benefits 2018/19

- 61 externally funded international assignments for NSCC employees
 - 1 Leave for Change (Uniterra) international assignment for NSCC employees (Peru)
 - 14 visiting faculty and staff on training programs, workshops and study tours at NSCC
 - Funding to support faculty participation to lead international learning programs and identify new opportunities for students
 - Funding for International Learning Program bursaries for students
 - 2 new international “spin-off” projects created for NSCC students and faculty in Tanzania
- 1 new project in Jamaica funded by the Inter-American Development Bank (with Efficiency One Services and the Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica)
 - Extension of Kenya Education for Employment Project (KEFEP-07) funded by Colleges and Institutes Canada and Global Affairs Canada)

Technical Assistance Projects



1

new technical assistance
project won in 2019 in
Jamaica



61

externally funded
international assignments
for NSCC employees



2

international experiential
learning projects created
for NSCC students



1

leave for change
international assignments
for NSCC employees
(Peru)



14

inbound visiting partner
delegations for study
tours and training



\$

Funding for faculty to
lead international learning
programs for NSCC students;
funding for study abroad
bursaries for NSCC students

“ My participation in Technical Assistance Projects in Chile and Peru is a unique experience and an opportunity to live the value of the internationalization of education at all levels, personal and institutional. We share/learn best practices around program development and relationship building. Thank you NSCC International for giving me the opportunity to contribute as a global citizen.”

WILBER MENENDEZ SANCHEZ

Faculty, School of Access/Trades & Technology,
Ivany Campus



2019 Technical Assistance Projects

NAME	LOCAL PARTNER	CANADIAN PARTNER	DATES	AMOUNT	SOURCE
Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy Interventions	Petroleum Corporation of Jamaica	EfficiencyOne Services	2019	\$290,000	IADB
Pacific Alliance Project - Maintenance of Heavy Machinery & Metallurgy - Peru	Higher Institute of Public Education Honorio Delgado	British Columbia Institute of Technology, College of New Caledonia	2018-2021	\$880,000	GAC/CICan
Pacific Alliance Project - Electricity & Energy Efficiency - Chile	CFT CEDUC UCN CTI Don Bosco	College of New Caledonia, Niagara College	2018-2021	\$650,000	GAC/CICan
KEFEP Electrical and Tourism/Hospitality - Kenya	National Coast Polytechnic	Camosun College	2017-2020	\$740,000	GAC/CICan
KEFEP TVET Marketing - Kenya	Kenya Universities & Colleges Central Placement System	Camosun College	2017-2019	\$550,000	GAC/CICan
ISTEP Eco-Tourism - Tanzania	Mikumi Vocational Training Centre	N/A	2016-2019	\$590,000	GAC/CICan
ISTEP Tourism - Tanzania	VETA Hotel & Tourism Training Institute	N/A	2015-2019	\$580,000	GAC/CICan
ISTEP Teacher Training - Tanzania	Morogoro Vocational Teachers Training College	Bow Valley College	2015-2018	\$555,000	GAC/CICan

CICan – Colleges and Institutes Canada

CFT CEDUC UCN - Centro de Formación Técnica de Universidad Católica del Norte

CTI Don Bosco - Colegio Técnico Industrial Don Bosco

GAC – Global Affairs Canada

IADB - Inter-American Development Bank

ISTEP – Improving Skills Training for Employment Program

KEFEP – Kenya Education for Employment Program

TVET – Technical and Vocational Education and Training

VETA – Vocational Education Training Authority

GOAL

Enhance the immigrant and international student experience at NSCC



Immigrant and International Student Experience

Internationalization benefits 2018/19

- 632 International Students at NSCC
- 14 incoming exchange students at NSCC campuses from Europe, the Caribbean and South America
- Expanded International Student Ambassador program: Now active at 5 campuses (Akerley, IT, Ivany, Kingstec and Truro) with over 30 ambassadors
- 3rd World University Services Canada (WUSC) Student Refugee Program participant (from Somalia, taking Civil Engineering Technology, Ivany Campus)
- 25 NSCC employees participated in the annual "Working with International Students" course, which is taught by international education experts from across Canada.
- International student participation rates doubled from 2016/17 in social activities, events and workshops
- Enhanced iCent app for international students giving them instant access to information and resources
- Expanded writing Centre and EAL support workshops for students
- 100 % employment rate in Nova Scotia for NSCC's second cohort for the Edunova Study and Stay in Nova Scotia program, designed to link students to career opportunities to stay in Nova Scotia after graduation
- 1st graduation event for international students in partnership with NSCC Alumni and the NSCC Foundation
- NSCC Pathway to Stay in Nova Scotia program launched
- 55% participation rate in activities planned for international students

Immigrant and International Student Experience



632

international students
at NSCC in 2018-19

55%

participation rate in
activities planned for
international students



5

campuses now feature
an international student
ambassador program



Enhanced i-Cent app for
international students

100% 

employment rate for
NSCC's second cohort
in the Edunova Study &
Stay program



3rd WUSC student
refugee program
participant



Celia Deer with Halifax
Mayor Mike Savage

“As an international student ambassador, I am driven to always be the best part of somebody’s day, especially international students to help them feel a part of a wider international family and community.”

CELIA DEER

Business Tourism, Akerley Campus (Jamaica)



Impact Awards

In 2017 NSCC International introduced International Impact Awards and an International Learning Summit to recognize student and employee impact on internationalization at NSCC.

2018 NSCC International Impact Award Receipts

- Elder Koch – International and Immigrant Student Experience – Student Award
- Farhana Afroz – International and Immigrant Student Experience – Employee Award
- Dalton Cain – International Learning Programs – Student Award
- Anne McDonah – International Learning Programs – Employee Award
- Kate Sunabacka – International Learning Program Student Blog of the Year
- Natacha Meier – International and Immigrant Student Blog of the Year
- Tony Dorrian - Technical Assistance Projects – Employee Award

All NSCC International blogs can be found at <http://international.nsc.ca/media-centre/blog/>





“NSCC made me realize my value as well as the value of other cultures and has given me experiences that support my ongoing growth. Here’s to continuous learning as I take on the adventures and opportunities at NSCC everyday.”

MARK MORTEL

Occupational Health & Safety, IT Campus
(Philippines)



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