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## **Eight Years Strong: Experience North 2021 Applications Now Open**

**December 16, 2020** – Northern Policy Institute's (NPI) Experience North program is now accepting applications for youth looking to join the NPI team this upcoming summer.

Going into its eighth year, [Experience North](#) is geared towards students looking for crucial hands-on experience. Since 2014, the program has helped young professionals build capacity through partner relations, applied research, and real-world policy making. Some youth learn first-hand about the cut and thrust of public policy debate. Others explore the inner workings of a not-for-profit.

These new professionals also get to provide their perspectives and fresh ideas on how to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities. The 16-week placements run from May to August of 2021 and are located at host organizations across Northern Ontario.

This program supports NPI's mission to engage local communities and provide evidence-based analysis for effective decision making in Ontario's northern regions. At the end of the summer, our policy placements will have developed research and analytical skills as well as a stronger understanding of issues facing Northern Ontario. Our communications and operations students will be ready and able to practice their craft at any charity or not-for-profit in the North, or elsewhere.

"This summer has given me the chance to hone my abilities as a researcher, writer, interviewer, and Excel spreadsheet-maker. It feels like I've been granted an all-access backstage pass to the region I grew up in, and I can't believe how much I've learned," Mateo Orrantia, 2020 Experience North Placement.

NPI is offering ten Experience North opportunities this year:

- **Thunder Bay** – Finance and Accounting Officer (1); Administration and Operations Officer (1)
- **Sioux Lookout** – Policy Analysts (2)
- **Sault Ste. Marie** - Design and Marketing Officer (1); Outreach and Events Officer (1)
- **Hearst** - Policy Analysts (2)
- **Kirkland Lake** – Policy Analysts (2)

Candidates must normally be eligible under the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Criteria for that program currently includes that candidates: be between 15 and 30 years of age at the start of the employment; be a Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or person to whom refugee protection has been conferred under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act for the duration of the employment; have a valid Social Insurance Number at the start of employment and be legally entitled to work in Canada in accordance with relevant provincial or territorial legislation and regulations.



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**About Northern Policy Institute:**

*Northern Policy Institute is Northern Ontario's independent think tank. We perform research, collect and disseminate evidence, and identify policy opportunities to support the growth of sustainable Northern communities. Our operations are located in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. We seek to enhance Northern Ontario's capacity to take the lead position on socio-economic policy that impacts Northern Ontario, Ontario, and Canada as a whole.*

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