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Year Six of Northern Policy Institute Summer Students

May 13, 2019 – As part of the *Experience North* summer internship program, Northern Policy Institute (NPI) has welcomed five new summer placements located in the communities of Sudbury, Timmins and Kenora.

Every year, in collaboration with partners across Northern Ontario, NPI gives young professionals a unique opportunity to experience public policy development by working on projects that will contribute to the sustainable growth and enhanced resiliency of Northern Ontario communities.

Summer placements are given a topic to research and identify policy opportunities. This year's topics include identifying and collecting appropriate statistics to examine housing affordability and accessibility in Northern Ontario, verifying and updating NPI's data catalogues related to our research areas such as demographics, Indigenous peoples, and economy. As well, the interns will use labour market information to examine job vacancies and projections. Other projects involve assessing the economic impact of international students and identifying areas of convergence and divergence in some Northern Ontario communities.

NPI would like to welcome and congratulate the newest additions to its team for the summer of 2019:

Gabbi Rabaa – Policy Analyst – Kenora

Jessica Bevilacqua – Policy Analyst – Kenora

Irina Chen – Data Analyst – Timmins

Maia Kvas – Data Analyst – Timmins

Hilary Hagar – Data Analyst – Sudbury

NPI would like to thank our host organizations, Collège Boréal (Timmins campus) and Confederation College (Kenora campus) for their in-kind support in offering NPI's summer placements professional work spaces. NPI encourages organizations and communities who are interested in hosting future summer placements to contact us at info@northernpolicy.ca.

For complete biographies on our newest staff members, visit www.northernpolicy.ca/ourpeople. And for more information on NPI's Experience North program, visit www.northernpolicy.ca/experiencenorth



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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 regular operations are located in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. This year we are excited to have summer offices in Kenora and Timmins. 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.

About Experience North:

Every summer, Northern Policy Institute makes available up to ten four-month placements across Northern Ontario. Housed either in one of Northern Policy Institute's two permanent offices or with a partner organization, the placements learn first-hand about the cut and thrust of public policy debate, building human capital and experience in the North before graduation.