

When it comes to sustainable development and young people, Heather Creech knows what she's talking about.



She is the Director of Knowledge Communications with the International Institute for Sustainable Development (IISD). Since 1998, Heather and her team have sent over 300 university graduates to work as interns on sustainable development projects in Asia, Africa, South America, Canada's Arctic and beyond.

Young Canadians aged 19 to 30 work with IISD's overseas partners, as part of our mandate to help society successfully manage the impacts of global change and promote sustainable development. Their assignments strongly relate to their university education—from natural resources management and climate change to business, trade and economics as well as energy, environment and social well-being.

“IISD interns are smart, energetic and care deeply about this planet” Heather says proudly. “Their passion and commitment are inspiring—which is why we want to build on that and make this program available to young people everywhere.”

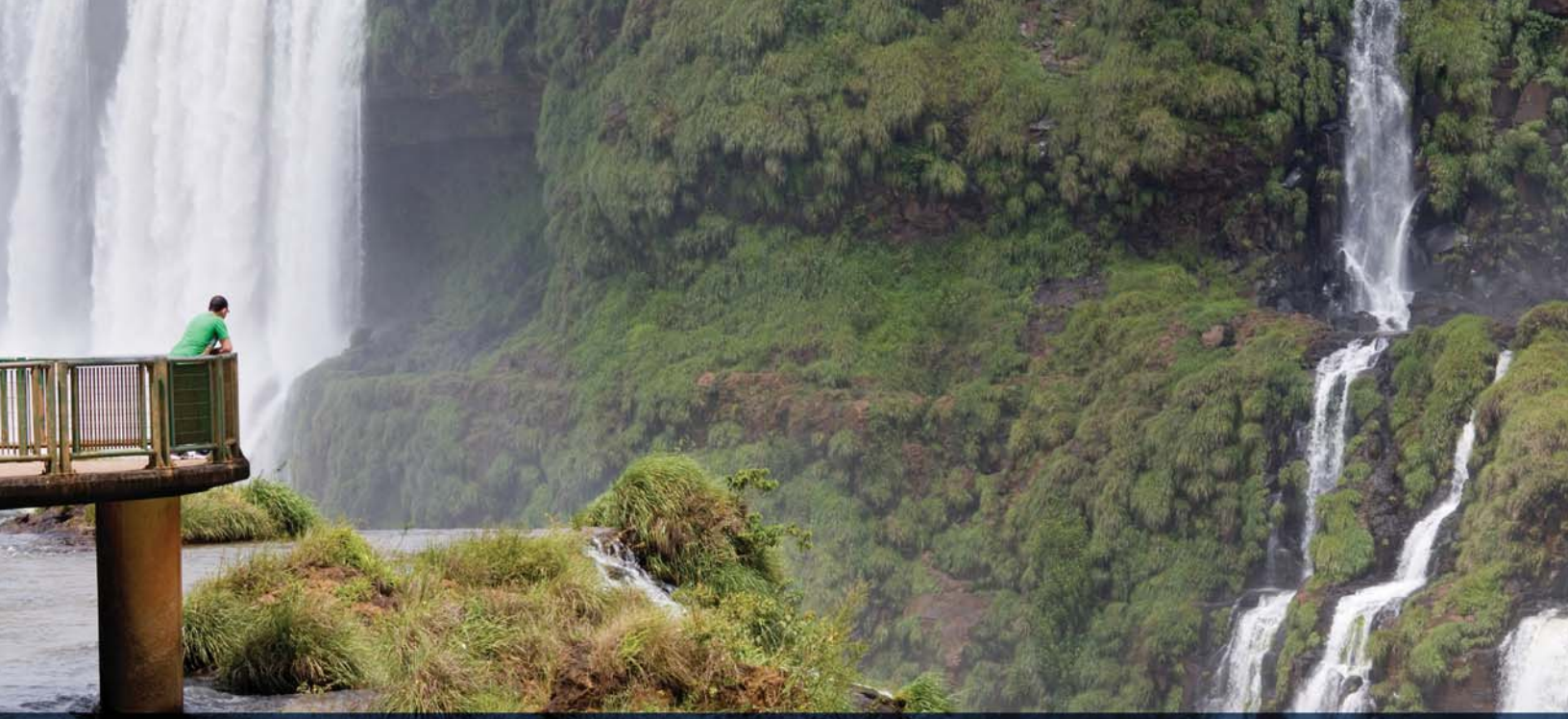
We live in a world on the cusp of dramatic global change

—including drought, pollution and severe storms as well as impaired agricultural production amid soaring food and fuel prices. Labour market research shows that the need for skills to deal with urgent environmental issues is growing faster than many nations' ability to train. To address this crisis and fill this gap, IISD wants to expand and improve this promising program to help hundreds more young people worldwide.

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“Today sustainable development is more on people's minds than ever,” says Heather. “This is where IISD comes in. The more interns we have, the more problems we can solve.”





Our Aim:

To engage, train and advance the best and brightest sustainable development professionals in the world.

Our Plan:

To attract hundreds more young people from all over the world whose lands are facing similar challenges.

Our Future:

To encourage a new generation of leaders in sustainable development that goes beyond borders and our lifetime.

Our Youth Program Goal is \$1.5 million.*

iisd needs your support now. With you on our team, our internship program can grow to become a global movement for young people.

Together, we can make a world of difference.

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