



INTERNATIONAL DISABILITY STUDIES WORK PRACTICUM Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah Foundation, Malaysia 2006

The International Disabilities Studies Work Practicum will provide MRC students with the opportunity to gain a broader experience of disability services in an international setting.

This experience will enable students to gain an appreciation of diversity and global perspectives in their field of study; expand students understanding and awareness of another culture; and, challenge students to open themselves to new and alternative ways of thinking about disability studies.

COURSE DATES

May 6 – June 10, 2006

Arrival date: May 6, 2006

Departure date: June 10, 2006

COURSE INFORMATION

The International Disabilities Studies Work Practicum will provide MRC students with the opportunity to participate in a 5 week practicum at the Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah Foundation for the Disabled or affiliated Programs and Agencies in Ipoh, Malaysia. The Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah is a foundation that caters to people and children with disabilities in Perak. It works toward developing an awareness of the rehabilitation services it provides throughout the community and the country. The Foundation seeks to reach out to every person with a disability and provide the state of the art facilities and services to them, so that they may have a better quality of life and to bring new meaning to living again. The Foundation practices an 'Open Door Policy'. It provides services free of all costs irrespective of race, religion, culture or age. The Foundation strives to achieve love, peace and hope through its services, especially for the rurally poor.

A representative of the Foundation will be designated as the student's supervisor and will orient and evaluate the practicum student. The Foundation will arrange accommodations for the student during their practicum.

Students will be required to complete a social/cultural, pre-departure orientation prior to embarking on their work experience in Malaysia. This orientation will be provided at Mount Royal College by the Office of International Education in consultation with the Department of Social Work and Disability Studies.

COURSE FORMAT

While at the Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah Foundation for the Disabled, students will perform 200 hours of practicum experience. Students will also be required to attend seminars at MRC prior to departure. Upon arrival in Malaysia, seminars will be held weekly in addition to 4 days per week of practicum. One day per week will be dedicated towards agency and program visits throughout the region.

For information about Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah Foundation for the Disabled, please visit: <http://ysis.org.my/>



PROGRAM COSTS - \$300 CAD

Includes application fee, healthcare insurance, pre-departure orientation.

PAYMENT PROCESS

International Study Tour/Fields School Fees are payable in person at the Fees Office. Please indicate that payment is for an International Study Tour/Field School.

1st Payment	November 30	\$150
<i>(Non-Refundable Deposit)</i>		
2nd Payment	February 15	\$150

TUITION

Tuition fees are payable by the appropriate semester deadline. Students will enroll in DAST 1161 (4 credit) or DAST 1261 or DAST 1263 (3 credits).

AIRFARE & PERSONAL EXPENSES

Students will be responsible for airfare, (est. \$2,000) meals and accommodation, immunization, passport, and spending money. Note: For logistical reasons, it is advised that students arrive together as a group. There is also a price advantage when booking as a group.

ACCOMMODATION

YSIS will arrange accommodations for participating students. The 'expected' donation for accommodation is \$50 per week (\$250 for duration of program). Students, who extend their stay past the end of the work term, will be required to make their own living arrangements.

INSURANCE

MRC requires that students participating in an International Study Tour/Field School or Exchange must purchase health insurance. Health insurance is provided through StudentGuard and is covered by the program fee.

DOCUMENTS & IMMUNIZATIONS

Students will require a valid passport and have proof of proper immunization.

LOGISTICAL SUPPORT

In addition to assistance provided by the Department of Disability Studies, logistical support will be provided by the Office of International Education. Please contact Trinda Gillies, International Projects Coordinator at 440.5002 or by email (tgillies@mtroyal.ca) for more information



APPLICATION PROCESS

General Criteria Required of Students

- GPA of 2.8 or above.
- Ability to communicate.
- Interest in working in an international, multi-level rehabilitation service centre.
- Financially able to participate.
- Recommendation of a tenured instructor or the Department Chair.

Student Attributes

- Team player
- Independent learner and takes initiative.
- Culturally aware, sensitive and flexible.
- Committed to practicing in a culturally competent manner.

Students must submit an International Education application form and attach a letter identifying their interest in an International practice experience, qualifications, and personal feasibility and identify personal learning goals for the experience. Following receipt of the application, students will be notified.

Applications and letters must be submitted to Dr. Mitchell Clark by November 30.

YSIS will have the final decision regarding acceptance of participating students. MRC will confirm in writing to the participating students, acceptance or denial of their application. Participating students will abide by all the rules and regulations of the Foundation and the practicum course in which they are enrolled. Students will be subject to the statutes, ordinances, and regulations of the country and region as well as the Yayasan Sultan Idris Shah Foundation.