Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong
University & College YMCA Department

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With God's Grace, we shape tomorrow

Meaningful Work

U Adventures Begin Here

GLOBAL Y
TRAINEE PROGRAMME 2027
USA & CANADA

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GLOBAL EXPOSURE

CAMP EXPERIENCE

NEW SKILLS

OVERSEAS FRIENDSHIP

#GLOBALY2027

1. About University & College YMCA Department

The University & College YMCA Department is dedicated to providing tertiary students with services that enrich their holistic development and engage them in the YMCA movement. We aim to nurture students into future leaders with strong adaptability, creative insights and passion for serving the community. With the slogan "U-Adventures Begin Here", we strive to make students' university life fruitful and unforgettable by offering a wide array of distinguished local and overseas programmes, ranging from joint-u activities, and service/cultural tours to internships and a lot more.

In 2003, the first University YMCA® (Uni-Y®) was established at Hong Kong Baptist University. Gaining gradual recognition and support from the university staff, students, and the community, we drastically expanded the Uni-Y service to other local universities and colleges within 10 years. Our partnered tertiary institutions include:

1. Hong Kong Baptist University
2. Chung Chi College, The Chinese University of Hong Kong
3. The Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
4. The Chinese University of Hong Kong
5. Lingnan University
6. The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
7. The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
8. The University of Hong Kong
9. YMCA College of Careers



2. About Global Y Trainee Programme

2.1 Introduction

The Global Y Trainee Programme has served hundreds of students since it was first launched in 2004. An appreciable partnership has been developed with YMCAs in over 20 countries and regions (e.g. Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, England, Fiji, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Kenya, Korea, New Zealand, Nepal, the Philippines, Singapore, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tanzania, Thailand and the United States etc.), offering students with valuable opportunities to work abroad during summer. The Programme has continually received positive feedback from students, who often comment on their work experience in overseas YMCAs as rewarding. It has not only enriched their university life and offered them working experience but also allowed them to gain a better understanding of the mission of YMCA.

2.2 Objectives

- To provide a platform for students to develop positive working attitudes, explore their unique potentials, and strengthen their leadership, communication skills, and sense of responsibility, all of which will enhance their employability in their future careers
- To promote cultural exchange and global citizenship
- To foster friendships and collaborations among YMCAs worldwide by connecting university volunteers with overseas YMCA service units, increasing mutual cultural understanding

2.3 Internship Period

Late May to August 2027 (4 to 10 weeks)

2.4 Job Nature

The job nature of the internship may include, but not limited to the followings:



Camp Instructor / Assistant



Cultural Programme /Interest Class Tutor



Administrative / Clerical Support



Child Care

2. About Global Y Trainee Programme

2.5 Internship Locations & Programme Fees

Continents**	Internship Locations	Programme Fee*
North America	USA	$19,000
	Canada	$19,000

Including accommodation and partial meals.
A portion of the programme fee will be used to support incoming interns from overseas YMCAs to Hong Kong. Your participation helps foster meaningful learning opportunities and cultural exchange.

Other destination options will be available in January 2027. Please stay tuned for our 2nd round recruitment!

Additional Expenses to be paid by Participants:

- Round- trip flight tickets
- Travel Insurance
- VISA application fee (if any)
- Local transportation & other personal expenses
- $1,000 refundable deposit

2.6 Schedule

Item	Date
Compulsory Pre-departure Training Day	11 April 2027
Overseas Internship	Late May to August 2027 (4 to 10 weeks)

3. Internship Details

3.1 North America

Destination	Canada
Name of Campsite / Organisation	**YMCA Camp Pine Crest**
Internship Period (Tentative)	27 Jun - 31 Aug 2027
Vacancies	2
Type of Accommodation	Shared Dormitory
About Working Hours	Working hours vary depending on the position. Employees work six days per week, scheduled between Monday and Sunday, and must be flexible to work days, evenings, overnight shifts, weekends, and holidays as required.
Allowance / Stipend	Depends on the type of position. Basically CAD 93 per working day
Position and Role	Position: MACK (Mack Maintenance, Assistant Counsellor, Kitchen), Day Camp or Overnight Camp Counsellor Role: - May require to work in kitchen or maintenance placement - Provide meaningful programming for assigned camper groups across 4-14 years old - Safely supervise and support campers at all time - Attend and actively participate in staff trainings and meetings
Remarks	- Candidates should have first aid and CPR certification - Lifeguard certification will be considered as an advantage - Trainings will be provided upon arrival

**For reference only. Subject to change depending on actual circumstances.*

3. Internship Details

3.1 North America

Destination	USA
Name of Campsite / Organisation	**Chinatown YMCA, San Francisco**
Internship Period (Tentative)	10 weeks from late May to early Aug 2027
Vacancies	5
Type of Accommodation	Dormitory
About Working Hours	8 hours per day, 5 days per week
Allowance / Stipend	USD 500
Roles	• Working with kids • Teaching extra curricular classes to kids and seniors • Hosting community family event/dinner/ some summer programming for kids
Remarks	Online trainings from YMCA of Greater SF will be provided

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3. Internship Details

3.1 North America

Destination	USA
Name of Campsite / Organisation	**Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center**
Internship Period (Tentative)	6 Jun - 13 Aug 2027 (Arrival on 1 Jun)
Vacancies	2
Type of Accommodation	Shared Cabin
About Working Hours	Day Camp Sessions are from Monday to Friday, 8 hours per day.
Allowance / Stipend	USD 350 per week during Camp
Roles	Camp Counsellor for Overnight Camp, Day Camp, High School Leadership Development Program or Summer Camp Support Staff from 4-17 years old
Remarks	Online and f2f trainings will be provided.

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3. Past Trainees' Sharing

3.1 North America





Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Centre, USA

"I have developed facilitation skills in a wide variety of outdoor activities, including archery, lake swimming and low rope climbing. I will always cherish the smiles and kind words from the adorable campers in my groups. Even when I struggle to understand American English, they show me respect and express their gratitude by giving me their thank you cards. I firmly believe that relationships are interconnected. When you treat others well, they feel it and respond in kind. Their smiles motivate me to give my all for the rest of the summer."

Wu Hi Tung, Uni-Y (CUHK)

Chinatown YMCA, San Francisco, USA





"It encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and proactively approach people. Inspired by the welcoming and enthusiastic local culture, I developed a more outgoing communication style, allowing me to build rapport quickly with diverse community members, low-income families, and center staff. Spending extended time with children during the summer school and the seven-day camp sharpened my ability to communicate with younger audiences. I learned to adjust my tone, listen actively, and tailor my messaging to match their developmental needs. "

Ho Yin Wai, Uni-Y (LU)

**Sharing for YMCA Camp Pine Crest is not available as it's a new internship destination for our recruitment.*

SAY YES TO AN UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER INTERNSHIP JOURNEY!

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