

1. Acknowledgements

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The twenty Members of Parliament who agreed to have an Intern on their staff and who spent time with their Intern to help him/her understand the intricacies of the House of Commons should be warmly thanked.

2. The 35th Class of Interns

We received 81 completed applications by the end of January 2004 for the 2004-2005 Internship. Of the 81 applicants, 25 were interviewed by conference call. Of the 25 interviewed, 10 were chosen as potential Interns along with five alternates. Eight of the ten selected and two of the alternates accepted the Internship. The number of applications to the Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP) has decreased from 112 in 2003 to 81 in 2004. However, the level of the applicants and as a result of the Interns chosen has not declined. The ratio 1/8 while lower than it used to be is still quite good. The Members of the 2004 Selection Committee were: Jean-Pierre Gaboury, (Chair, Academic Director, (AD)); Marie-Andrée Lajoie, (Clerk Assistant, House Proceedings, House of Commons); Jacqueline Best, (Department of Political Science, University of Ottawa, Former Intern); and Jean-Philippe Brochu, (Former Intern, House of Commons).

The 35th Class of Parliamentary Interns and their MPs

ALCOCK, Joshua, Guelph, ON
BA (Honours) Political Science, University of Guelph, 2004

Hon. David Kilgour (LIB), Edmonton—Mill Woods—Beaumont, AB; and
Hon. Ed Broadbent (NDP), Ottawa Centre, ON

BELL, Jeffrey, Courtenay, BC
BA (Honours) Political Science, University of British Columbia, 2004

David McGuinty (LIB), Ottawa South, ON; and
Benoît Sauvageau (BQ), Repentigny, QC

DIEPEVEEN, Karen, Edmonton, AB
BA (Honours) Political Science, University of King's College/Dalhousie University, 2004

Randy While (CPC), Abbotsford, BC; and
Anita Neville (LIB), Winnipeg South Centre, MB

HUGILL, David, Sault Ste. Marie, ON
BA (Double Honours) Contemporary Studies and Spanish, University of King's College/Dalhousie University, 2004

Judy Wasylycia-Leis (NDP), Winnipeg North, MB; and
Hon. Hedy Fry (LIB), Vancouver Centre, BC

LECLERC, Mélisa, Granby, QC
BA Communications and major in Journalism, Université Laval, 1999;
MA Public Policy Analysis, Université Laval, 2002;
PhD Political Science, major in Canadian Politics and Government and minor in Public Policy, University of Toronto, in progress.

Andy Savoy (LIB), Tobique—Mactaquac, NB; and
Jason Kenney (CPC), Calgary Southeast, AB

MANES, Jonathan, Vancouver, BC
BA Philosophy of Science, Biochemistry, Columbia University (NY), 2003;
MSc Philosophy of the Social Sciences, London School of Economics (UK), 2004

Michel Guimond, (BQ), Montmorency—Charlevoix—Haute-Côte-Nord, QC; and
Hon. Don Boudria (LIB), Glengarry—Prescott—Russell, ON

MARSH, Katrina, Victoria, BC
BA Economics and International Development
Studies, Trent University, 2004

NATHWANI, Jay, Toronto, ON
BA (Honours) Political Science, University of
King's College/Dalhousie University, 2004

RAJ, Althia, Ottawa, ON
BA (Joint Honours) Canadian Studies and Political
Science, McGill University, 2004

ROMANELLI, Anthony, Montreal, QC
BA (Honours) Political Science, Université de
Montréal, 2002;
MA International Affairs, Carleton University, 2004

Hon. Paddy Torsney (LIB), Burlington, ON; and
Louise Thibault (BQ), Rimouski-Neigette—
Témiscouata—Les Basques, QC

Jim Prentice (CPC), Calgary Centre-North, AB; and
Hon. Keith Martin (LIB), Esquimalt—Juan de Fuca,
BC

Stéphane Bergeron (BQ), Verchères—Les Patriotes,
QC; and
Pablo Rodriguez (LIB), Honoré-Mercier, QC

Anthony Rota (LIB), Nipissing—Timiskaming, ON;
and
Bob Mills (CPC), Red Deer, AB

3. Sponsors and Friends

The sponsors are those who fund the Programme. PIP is fortunate to be able to rely on a solid core group of sponsors who support it from one year to the other. We lost the support of one sponsor this year, the Canadian Cable Television Association, a loss of \$ 16,500. However, we have four new sponsors in 2004-2005: Bombardier Inc., (\$10,000); Dow Canada, (\$10,000); Credit Union Central (\$5,000); and Forest Products Association of Canada, (\$5,000). Moreover, the Alumni of the Programme gave us \$3,901. Finally, several of our sponsors agreed to raise their contribution to the Programme: the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (\$4,900), Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association (\$3,000), Insurance Bureau of Canada (\$1,500), Canadian Real Estate Association (\$1,050), The Co-operators (\$1,550), and Brewers Association of Canada (\$500).

The friends of the Programme are, amongst others, those who give the Programme a grant for a comparative study tour or who pay directly part of the expenses for a tour. This year we have a new friend, Bell Canada Enterprises which is giving us \$15,000 for the comparative study tour to the parliaments of the United Kingdom and the European Union.

In short, we raised an extra \$61,401 this year, for a revenue of approximately \$47,425. This was not enough to increase the level of the stipend for this year's interns, but it is sufficient to cover the 2003-2004 deficit of \$18,467 and to start building a cushion to put the Programme in a healthier financial situation. Fund-raising of course remains one of my major concerns. I take this opportunity to thank the sponsors and the friends of the Programme.

2004-2005 Sponsors

Level I

BMO Financial Group	\$ 40,000
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada	55,000

Level II

Bombardier Inc.	10,000
Canadian Bankers Association	10,500
Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association	20,000
Canadian Real Estate Association	11,550
Dow Canada Chemical Inc.	10,000
Insurance Bureau of Canada	16,500
TD Bank Financial Group	10,000
The Co-operators	17,050

Level III

Brewers Association of Canada	5,500
CGC - Canada	5,000
Credit Union Central	5,000
Forest Products Association of Canada	5,000
RBC Financial Group	5,000
Scotia Bank	5,000

Sub Total \$ 231,100

2004-2005 Friends

Bell Canada Enterprises	\$ 15,000
British High Commission (in kind, London & Belfast)	
Canadian Study of Parliament Group	1,000
Delegation of the European Commission in Canada (Brussels)	6,000
Embassy of the United States of America (Washington)	17,000
FAC (US Congressional Fellows' Visit to Ottawa)	15,000
INAC (Nunavut)	6,000
VIA Rail Canada Inc (complementary tickets to Toronto & Quebec City)	
Alumni	3,901
<i>Sub Total</i>	63,901

Grand Total \$ 295,001

4. The Academic Component

The main purpose of the Programme is to permit the Interns to observe Canadian parliamentary practice first hand through working with government and opposition MPs. The academic component of the Programme supports and supplements this experience. It consists of:

1. a two-week orientation period in early September with a wide variety of speakers that introduced various aspects of the Canadian parliamentary system to them;
2. weekly seminars with the AD to discuss a specially selected set of readings dealing with the Canadian parliament and comparative legislatures;
3. an internship essay;
4. five comparative study tours of the legislatures of Ontario (November 2004), the United Kingdom, Northern Ireland, the European Union, and Belgium (January 2005), Nunavut (March 2005), Quebec (April 2005) and the United States of America (June 2005);
5. four visits of Interns/Fellows from Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and the United States;
6. briefing sessions organized by and with the major sponsors; and
7. brown bag lunches throughout the year organized by the Interns with prominent politicians.

5. The 2005-2006 Parliamentary Internship Competition

The number of applications to the Programme has been going down over the years. However, the quality of applications has not diminished. We still get a core group of between 30 to 40 first rate candidates. We will make a special effort to make the Parliamentary Internship competition better known. Despite that, your collaboration in that regard is crucial and I urge you to remind your good students of this truly remarkable learning experience.