

## SMALL BUSINESS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (SBIP)

**75% of student intern wages paid by SBIP  
to small businesses for E-commerce projects**

In collaboration with Industry Canada, Community Futures Development Corporation of Middlesex County delivers the Small Business Internship Program that provides support to Canadian small and medium-sized businesses in Southwestern Ontario to help them develop information and communication technology (ICT) projects to increase their productivity and competitiveness. The program offers financial support to businesses allowing them to hire a post secondary student under 30 years of age.

### Eligible beneficiary:

- ✓ Private commercial sector, Canadian Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);
- ✓ Desire to increase E-business and create employment opportunities;
- ✓ Must be an incorporated for-profit business or a registered sole-proprietorship.

### Eligible activities:

Eligible activities are those directly related to youth intern employment, and involve one or more of the following activities:

- ✓ Support E-business marketing and market research for the firm;
- ✓ Improve client/customer support for the firm using E-business and/or ICT;
- ✓ Enhance productivity of the firm using E-business and/or ICT;
- ✓ Enhance visibility of the firm using E-business and/or ICT.

### Non-eligible activities include:

- ✓ Projects which are purely technical in nature (website development, data entry, database maintenance, web coding, etc)
- ✓ Projects aimed at supporting educational activities, conferences, workshops, exhibitions and promotional materials, magazines, guides, folders and training programs, are not eligible.

### Eligible costs:

This program offers financial assistance for the private sector SMEs. It subsidizes wage expenses for:

- ✓ Post-secondary student interns between the ages of 15 and 29;
- ✓ For full-time employment of up to 420 hours;
- ✓ 75 % of wages and mandatory benefits.

Applications to be forwarded to:

**Community Futures Development Corporation of Middlesex County**  
22423 Jefferies Rd., Unit 6 R. R. #5  
Komoka, Ontario  
N0L 1R0

**ALL PROJECTS MUST BE COMPLETED BETWEEN APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2010 AND MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 2011**

Any questions or concerns regarding the application process for the **Small Business Internship Program** may be directed to: 519-641-6100 ext. 110, toll free 1-866-205-1188, fax 519-641-6288 or email [ced@thebusinesshelpcentre.ca](mailto:ced@thebusinesshelpcentre.ca)  
Application Form and Guidelines may be found at [www.thebusinesshelpcentre.ca](http://www.thebusinesshelpcentre.ca)