



AHED UPESED

Academics for Higher Education & Development

Universitaires pour l'Éducation supérieure & le Développement

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Mission

AHED is a Canadian bi-lingual non-governmental organization based in Montreal. It was incorporated in February, 2007 and received its Canadian and Quebec charity status in April, 2008.

Its mission is to support developing countries build capacity in higher education by sending volunteers to institutions and ministries of higher education in developing countries.

The volunteers consist of working and retired faculty, staff, and administrators from universities and colleges throughout Canada and other high income countries. They also include Canadian academics from developing countries, who are interested in contributing their teaching and administrative expertise to their home countries.

Development

For a country to develop, it needs health workers, engineers, agronomists, teachers, accountants, business administrators, etcetera. That is, the full range of expertise that is necessary for the

educational, health, business, government, and cultural institutions of a country to function well so that they can meet the needs of its population.

Brain Drain

For too long, developing countries have sent many of their young people abroad for their post-secondary education. The problem is that many of those who go abroad to study stay abroad. It is better to provide tertiary education for young people from the developing world in their own country's colleges and universities that can be tailored to the development needs of the country.

Support for Capacity Building

AHED is involved with the full spectrum of the academic and administrative aspects of tertiary education. This ranges from expanding existing academic, professional, research, and technical institutions and programs to

building new ones - from teaching courses to supporting the development of non-academic activities, such as registration processes and procedures, computing and communications services, information systems and

Partners

AHED has a range of partners with which it cooperates in designing projects and recruiting volunteers, including, UNESCO, the School of Social Work and the Institute of Developing-area Studies at McGill University, the University of Quebec at Montreal, the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia and the Faculty of Medicine at the University of Montreal.

Get Involved

If you wish to propose a project or a partner or to volunteer, please access AHED's web site at www.ahed-upesed.org. It contains information about proposing projects, partnering, and volunteering.



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