



## PECC Student Program (as of Mar 13, 2013)

### Overview

The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is organizing a Student Program as part of the 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council (PECC). The Student Program will be held in Vancouver from June 2-5.

The PECC General Meeting is being organized in conjunction with the Canada-Asia 2013 Conference which is hosted by the Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada.

The PECC Student Program is an opportunity for graduate and post-graduate students from all disciplines to gain an insight and understanding into the key trends shaping both the Asia Pacific and the world. The Asia Pacific region is a leader of global economic output and developments in the region impact a range of industries ranging from the creative to manufacturing, financial, professional services, education, and transportation sectors. Hot issues in the Asia Pacific today include future regional economic cooperation, sustainable development, infrastructure, inclusive growth and social cohesion.

The goal of the Student Program is to provide a platform for promising graduate and post-graduate students to be exposed to the key macro-economic and strategic issues in the Asia Pacific. These issues cut across all disciplines and have implications for the future of the Asia Pacific and the global economy. The Program will provide students an opportunity to hear from internationally recognized speakers, as well as interact with senior business, academic and government leaders, and student delegates from other economies.

### About the Student Program

- A customized program for up to 30 graduate and post-graduate students from across the Asia Pacific. Half of the student delegates will come from within Canada and an equal amount will come from other Asia Pacific economies.
- Student delegates will be part of the member committee delegations to the PECC meetings and conference sessions.
- PECC is a network of business, government, and academic thought-leaders from 26 Asia Pacific economies. The PECC program in Vancouver includes Standing Committee sessions and the PECC General Meeting/"Canada-Asia 2013" conference.
- Student delegates will attend a student orientation and be given group assignments which they must complete and present to the PECC Standing Committee on June 5. The assignment will focus on the key issues discussed at the PECC General Meeting/"Canada-Asia 2013" conference and recommendations on areas of economic cooperation in the Asia Pacific.
- The Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada is responsible for organizing the PECC Student Program in Vancouver and securing the participation of students enrolled in Canadian



institutions. The participation of students from outside of Canada will be facilitated by PECC committees in their respective economies.

### **What the Student Program Offers**

*This program is for students who are:*

- Motivated and want to expand their scope of knowledge beyond their immediate field of study.
- Interested in hearing and learning from internationally recognized speakers with an expertise on Asia.
- Intellectually engaged and curious about transpacific discussions and the process of regional economic cooperation in one of the most dynamic region of the world.
- Enjoy meeting people and networking with speakers, participants and student peers from the Asia Pacific.

*In addition to entry to the PECC General Meeting/“Canada-Asia 2013” conference, student delegates will be given an opportunity to:*

- Interact closely with PECC delegates, through group discussions with a speaker or a one-on-one match with a delegate from a different economy.
- Work on a group assignment which includes issue briefs and a proposal which will help PECC develop both a future agenda and engage graduate students, young scholars and professionals in meaningful discussions on the future of the Asia Pacific.
- Build relationships with peers from different Asia Pacific economies.

### *Draft Schedule*

June 2	Student Meet & Greet and PECC Welcome Reception
June 3	Student Orientation, PECC Standing Committee sessions, One-on-one talks, and Student Social Night hosted by local students
June 4	PECC General Meeting/“Canada-Asia 2013” Conference, One-on-one talks, Group assignments
June 5	PECC General Meeting/“Canada-Asia 2013” Conference and PECC Standing Committee sessions