

## **INTERNATIONAL AIR CADET EXCHANGE (IACE)**

The deadline for applications for the 2024 international exchanges is fast approaching. If you are interested in applying for one of these opportunities speak to your corps/squadron staff.

The International Air Cadet Exchange (IACE) is an annual exchange program designed to foster international understanding, goodwill, and friendship among young people who have a keen interest in aviation. In the summer of 2024, the Canadian Cadet Organization will participate in the IACE Association exchange program, hosting and sending cadets to the United Kingdom and the United States of America. The program aims to provide cadets with unique experiences through visits to military installations, cultural sites, and aviation facilities, enhancing their knowledge and skills in aviation, while also promoting cross-cultural connections.

Dates:

- IACE UK Exchange: 7 to 24 July 2024; and
- IACE US Exchange: 7 to 24 July 2024.

Staging and Departure Location: Connaught Ranges, Ottawa, ON

Participants:

- UK Exchange: 10 Air Cadets; and
- US Exchange: 10 Air Cadets.

The following provides information on each exchange, the application process, and timelines.

1. Common Timelines:
  - a. FORTRESS application deadline: 26 March 2024;
  - b. Merit interviews (IACE): 4-14 April 2024;
  - c. Selections completed: 16 April 2024; and
  - d. Deadline for cadets to accept offers and submit required documents, and passport information: 30 April 2024.
2. After being selected, cadets will be contacted by their escort officer to pass on additional details and gather the required information.
3. To ensure that international visitors can access certain government and military locations, host countries have specific timelines for processing Visitor Clearance Requests. For selected cadets to participate, it's crucial that they have a valid passport and provide their passport details no later than April 30, 2024. Failure to submit this information by the deadline could lead to withdrawal of the cadet's selection.

## Applications:

- Applications will be made through FORTRESS in a participation application. If a cadet has a preference in the county to attend it should be indicated in the participation application in the CO's recommendation. However, due to limited spots and differing age requirements between host countries, the selection authority may not be able to take an individual's preference into account when selecting cadets.
- FORTRESS Serial: 338IACE.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

### Eligibility requirements (IACE UK Exchange):

Training Level: Completed Proficiency Level 5.

Age (Minimum): **18** years old as of **6 July 2024**.

Language: Must be able to communicate in English.

Physical fitness: Must be capable of participating in periods of moderate physical activity (extensive walking multiple days in a row).

### Medical limitations:

- Must be free from any medical condition that would prevent taking part in all aspects of the exchange program, including flying as passengers in military and civilian aircraft and gliding.
- Must not have a medical limitation requiring cadet to be within 30 minutes of physician services, or that requires close supervision.

Travel requirements: Must be eligible to enter the United Kingdom and have a valid passport (valid through at least **24 January 2025**), and visa (if applicable) for travel to/from the United Kingdom. For more information visit the UK Government's visa tool at: <https://www.gov.uk/check-uk-visa>.

### Eligibility requirements (IACE USA Exchange):

Training Level: Completed Proficiency Level 5.

Age (Minimum): **17** years old as of **6 July 2024**.

Language: Must be able to communicate in English.

Physical fitness: Must be capable of participating in periods of moderate physical activity (extensive walking multiple days in a row).

Medical limitations:

- Must be free from any medical condition that would prevent taking part in all aspects of the exchange program, including sailing as passengers and/or crew in military and civilian vessels.
- Must not have a medical limitation requiring cadet to be within 30 minutes of physician services, or that requires close supervision.

Travel requirements: Must be eligible to enter the United States and have a valid passport (valid through at least **24 January 2025**), and visa (if applicable) for travel to/from the United States. For more information visit the US Department of State's Visa Wizard at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/visa-information-resources/wizard.html>.

***If you meet the eligibility requirements and are interesting in applying for the International Air Cadet Exchange, please send Capt Pritchard an email ([david.pritchard@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:david.pritchard@cadets.gc.ca)) indicating your interest and the preferred county no later than Tuesday, 26 Mar 24.***