

READY TO WORK GRADUATE

“The program prepared me for a career in Canada by helping me be more confident and effective in my job search.”



Vesselin Stoyanov

Vesselin Stoyanov enjoys his new job working for the Art Gallery at Carleton University, but his future was not always this bright. When Vesselin arrived in Canada in 2007, he quickly discovered that, even with a Bachelor degree in Tourism Management from his hometown University in Bulgaria, he did not have the requirements to get meaningful employment in the tourism industry.

A visit to the National Capital Region YMCA/YWCA changed all that. There, Vesselin found out about *Ready to Work: Tourism Careers for Internationally Trained Individuals* program funded by the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration. This program was designed by the Canadian Tourism Human Resource Council (CTHRC) and OTEC specifically for people like Vesselin to provide an orientation to the Canadian workplace and the key industry certifications needed to develop a tourism career in Canada.

With the knowledge, skills and credentials secured through *Ready to Work* training, Vesselin was able to make the jump from part-time employee to full-time tourism professional.

Ready to Work proved to be a valuable step to overcoming the barriers many newcomers to Canada face when looking to build a successful career in tourism and hospitality.

Graduate Profile

Name:

Vesselin Stoyanov

Country of origin:

Bulgaria

Arrived in Canada:

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Current Employment:

Carleton University
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