What is ExCit?
ExCit stands for Expanding Cities: People, Water and Infrastructure. ExCit is a student exchange program consortium of six universities in Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. The focus area for the program is decision making for meeting the growing demands on urban water resources systems. Student activities will consist of three stages: intensive language training, coursework in water resources and sustainable development, and professional or research internships with local businesses, municipalities, agencies or at the host university.

Where can I go in the ExCit program?
The universities forming this consortium are Michigan Tech University*; University of Cincinnati*, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA; Universidad de Sonora, Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico; the Universidad de Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Université Laval, Sainte-Foy, Quebec, Canada and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. These universities offer a broad range of expertise in the area of urban water resources development, from the study of the natural environments that provide water supplies, to the design of urban water distribution networks and the financing of infrastructure improvements. *US Universities are not available for exchange for US students.

Who can participate in the ExCit program?
The consortium universities are exchanging undergraduate and graduate students and faculty in several engineering and science disciplines (e.g. civil engineering, geological engineering, environmental engineering, and geology), social sciences (political science, social science, and economics) and humanities.

What does an ExCit exchange consist of?
A study abroad consists of a one- or two-semester stay at a US, Mexican or Canadian university, including intensive language training, water resources coursework, and an internship. Students will register and pay the usual tuition and fees at their home university. Coursework credits are transferable. Students will earn a stipend and most travel expenses will be paid.

Short-term intensive courses are field studies (one to two weeks) on water resources topics in the U.S. Canada or Mexico. Most field trip expenses will be paid for by the program. No language proficiency is required. The intensive courses are offered yearly.

Why participate in the ExCit program?
At your host university, you will have access to expanded curricula. Your internship will provide research or practical experience. Most importantly, you will experience living within a different culture.

When can you go?
As soon as next semester, but check with Center for International Education for deadlines.

How can you find out more about the ExCit program?
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