

CANADA INTERNATIONAL RURAL EXCHANGE



We are living in unprecedented times as we adopt new measures to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. International Rural Exchange (IRE) Canada is also acting to keep our program participants safe, and thus we have suspended new travel opportunities for our Outbound Program for the short-term. We have also been working with our Outbound participants to ensure their safe return home.



Brantley *Australia*

For most people, travel is neither possible, nor top-of-mind at the moment. However, we can still dream about the places we want to go, the experiences we would like to have, and reminisce the past to get us through these days of social distancing. We hope these stories, from trainees who have recently returned home, bring some normalcy to your day. Enjoy reminiscing with our IRE alumni!



Hillary *Sweden*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT:

We would like to thank you for supporting our program and helping young Canadians have a once in a lifetime experience. By working with us to promote IRE; whether it be through an invitation to a career fair, facilitating an info session, or speaking about us with your students, you help us enrich the lives of young Canadians and grow the IRE community. It is our hope that we can continue to support young Canadians in future work and travel experiences through International Rural Exchange Canada! We hope you are keeping well and wish you all the best, until next time.

“ The highlight of the trip so far was definitely this past weekend when a group of us were able to travel to Queenstown and Milford Sound. There were just so many amazing views for the entirety of the trip. ”

~ **Connor** *New Zealand*



“ My host family was very welcoming and allowed me to get a full experience milking and feeding cows, calving, operating machinery and doing other jobs around the farm. I also gained a greater knowledge about herd health, feed ratios and grass management. It was very rewarding to learn the differences and similarities in farm operations between Ireland and Alberta. ”

~ **Rachael** *Ireland*



“ I went into Stockholm one day and went to a couple museums (ABBA Museum was the highlight and my favorite) and did some walking around the city a bit, admired some architecture so much that I'll have to go back just to look at that. ”

~ **Hillary** *Sweden*

“ Everything has been great! The McDowells are kind people to work for. Even in the busy and stressful times, my boss remains patient and easy going. ”

~ **Katie** *New Zealand*

