



# INSPIRING LEADERS WITH GLOBAL SKILLS

How the Students for Development Program  
is shaping the careers of its alumni

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## Bobby Thomas Cameron

2008 – SFD Intern, Farmers Helping Farmers in Meru, Kenya

2014 – Settlement Worker, PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada in Charlottetown, Canada



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# BECOMING AN ENGAGED GLOBAL CITIZEN

In the summer of 2008, Bobby Thomas Cameron completed an internship with Farmers Helping Farmers in Meru, a rural town in Kenya. There, he worked with a women's business cooperative, helping its members with their accounting and training them to use related software. It's an experience the University of Prince Edward Island graduate describes as both challenging and rewarding:

"Further, while in Kenya I had the opportunity to attend a two-day workshop on district elections training where local Kenyans were trained by the government on how to organize and deliver democratic elections."

Since then, Bobby has completed a Bachelor of History and Political Studies, a master's in Public Policy and Administration, and has begun a PhD in Immigration policy at Ryerson University. He has also received a Dan MacIntyre Human Rights Award from Ryerson University and a Red Cross Young Humanitarian Award (recognitions he received partly because of his time in Kenya), and in 2013 was an Ambassador for the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation.

Currently, Bobby is a Settlement Worker at the PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada. As for how the SFD experience affected his future path, he says:

"SFD in 2008 placed me on the path to becoming an engaged global citizen. It broadened my horizons and immediately provided me with more interests and pathways to consider. I became more interested in international issues, particularly migration. It also provided me with more experience and knowledge to base my graduate studies upon."

Overall, he says the experience has made him more empathetic and knowledgeable about international issues:

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**"The PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada values global experience as it allows settlement workers to better connect with our international client base. Bobby's experience through SFD has been a great asset to our Settlement Team."**

*Erin Mahar, Settlement Programs Coordinator, PEI Association for Newcomers to Canada*