

HIGHLIGHT OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Passionate advocate for refugee rights and Canada's leadership in the global migration regime
- Exceptional organization and time management skills gained through participation in daily academic, extracurricular, and employment commitments
- Comfortable working independently and collaboratively in remote settings
- Remarkable leadership and collaboration experience acquired from holding executive positions in both extracurricular activities and employment positions
- Highly skilled researcher in both academic and policy spheres
- Proficiency in communicating complex ideas to various audiences from mentoring and presentation experience

EDUCATION

MA Migration and Diaspora Studies

Class of 2026

Thesis Stream

Carleton University, Ottawa ON

- Interdisciplinary program focusing on the implications of human mobility and the transnational settlement of people

B. Global and International Studies

2020- 2024

Specialization in Global Migration and Transnationalism

Carleton University, Ottawa ON

- Graduated from the 4-year Honours program with high distinction and study abroad
- Cumulative GPA: 11.8/12

International Exchange Student

01/2023 – 05/2023

Institut d'études politiques (Sciences Po Paris), France

- Completed a semester abroad at an institution ranked third in the world for Political Sciences
- Completed French courses at the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages Intermediate Level B2

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

- Carleton University Medal in the Faculty of Public Affairs (top 1% of the program) 2024
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship 2024
- Migration and Diaspora Departmental Scholarship 2024
- Canadian Association of Forced Migration and Refugee Studies (CARFMS) Student Essay Contest Winner 2023
- Carleton University Provost Scholar Award 2023
- Abel Mengistab Memorial Award 2022
- Carleton University Prestige Scholarship of Excellence 2020-2024
- Canadian Federation of University Women Charitable Trust Award 2020

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

Independent Researcher

05/2024 – present

Carleton University

Ottawa ON

- Awarded \$10,000 in funding from the Carleton University Research Opportunity Program (CUROP)
- Independently conducting a self-directed research study on the role of restaurateurship in supporting newcomers' integration
- Completing ethics boards protocols, research interviews, and publication materials

Knowledge Mobilization Officer

02/2021 – present

Local Engagement Refugee Research Network

Ottawa ON

- Conducting research and writing comprehensive reports based on findings
- Editing research papers written by MA and PhD students at Carleton and elsewhere for widespread publication as working papers
- Drafting public announcements, newsletters, and event/project summaries

Junior Policy Analyst

05/2023 – 06/2024

Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Canada

Ottawa ON

- Reviewing and editing resettlement and protection policy drafts
- Coordinated all logistics for hosting hybrid consultations with 130 civil society representatives at IRCC offices
- Assisting in coordinating the Canadian delegation for international forums (UNHCR ExCom, Global Refugee Forum)

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

2022 – present

President of the Carleton Local Committee

Carleton University

- Previously held positions as a General Member (2020) and Student Refugee Program Director (2021)
- Planning, leading, and overseeing the activities of 16 executive members to support refugee students' resettlement in Canada
- Facilitating communication between external sponsors, university staff, and liaison officers at headquarters

Campus to Community Volunteer

03/2024 – present

Carleton University

- Preparing meals at Operation Come Home, a local support center for homeless and at-risk youth
- Collaborating with other students and the Student Experience Office to promote experiential learning

Asian Canadians Association at Carleton

05/2023 – 05/2024

Vice President External

Carleton University

- Establishing and managing partnerships with local Asian businesses to promote their products to students
- Collaborating with other executives to plan events that engage Ottawa's Asian community and highlight the unique experiences of the Asian diaspora

Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities Notetaker

09/2020 – 12/2022

Carleton University

- Assisting students by annotating class content accurately and concisely each week
- Assembling essential information in an organized and timely manner

BGInS Students' Society

09/2020 – 05/2021

Media Productions Committee

Carleton University

- Designing media content for platforms with an audience of 700+ students for engagement and information purposes
- Rebranding the students' society's website to enhance aesthetics and readability of content

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

2024 CARFMS Virtual Webinar – Essay Contest Award Winners.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCqwa0f6VG0>

15th Annual Conference of the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS)
Neang, L. (2023). "Restaurants and Resettlement: Cambodian Refugees Finding Success in the American Food Industry". [Student Essay Contest Winning Submission and Presentation].

Neang, L., McNally, R., & Rahim, N. (2022, May 12). "Who has published in the Journal of Refugee Studies? Examining author affiliation and geographic representation in articles and book reviews." Local Engagement Refugee Research Network. <https://carleton.ca/lerrn/2022/jrs-analysis/>

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English 

French 