

Ways To Go Abroad Again

There are a variety of ways to go abroad again after you have graduated. Even on a tight budget, work, volunteer and independent study opportunities are readily available to you. The information below is intended to provide an overview of some of the options and provide you with resources to start the search. It is by no means an exhaustive list.

Before researching any opportunity, you should consider the following:

- What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- Where would you prefer to go?
- Would you like to utilize any language skills? Are you proficient enough to work in that language?
- How long would you like to stay abroad?
- How important is it to be paid? Can you support yourself financially?
- How will the experience relate to longer-term academic or career goals?
- What types of travel documents (visas etc.) are required and how will you obtain them?

Internships Abroad: Just like at home, some internships pay, others do not, and some even require you to pay for the arrangements of the internship. You may find leads on internships abroad through:

- 1) your study abroad office
- 2) your Career Services Office
- 3) various work or volunteer abroad resources.

Volunteering Abroad: Volunteering provides a flexible schedule and varying time commitments. You may choose to participate in a work camp in France for two weeks, volunteer with street kids in Peru for three months, or teach school in Nicaragua for two years. Not only that, but volunteering can be a good resume builder in terms of getting that job you eventually want abroad.

Short-Term Work Abroad: If you are unsure about the length of time you want to work abroad, you might consider looking for short-term projects, such as youth exchanges, internships, work-and-learn programs or working holidays. A short-term placement may give you the experience and background you need to decide whether you want to work abroad for an extended period.

Working Abroad & International Careers: It is important to understand the difference between working abroad and having an international career. Working abroad means you have a job in another country. Most companies are looking for engineers, computer experts, scientists or medical personnel. More and more companies are hiring host nationals to work in their offices abroad. In order to successfully work abroad it is helpful to have extensive experience in the country you plan to work.

- What passport do you hold? If you have dual citizenship it will be much easier for you to find employment. For example, if you have a French passport, you can legally work in any country within the European Union.
- Sponsorship – If you don't have the proper passport to work in your target country, you often need sponsorship from a company. This means lining up a job before you leave or working for an American company for a few years then transferring overseas.

International Careers are typically based in the United States. While working in the US, these jobs usually involve travel, allowing you to see different parts of the world. For such internationally focused jobs, consider looking into the foreign service, international education, international business, international relations, international development agencies, non-profits with a global focus, or working for an airline, travel agency, or tourism board.

RESOURCES TO GET STARTED – WORK ABROAD

A number of organizations are specifically dedicated to fighting global issues and improve education, health and social and economic development for individuals around the world. Consider working for agencies such as:

- [Accion](#), whose goal is to send dedicated individuals to the field to document the impact of microfinance loans
- [Cross Cultural Solutions](#), with volunteer programs dedicated to community impact.
- [Foundation for Sustainable Development](#): supports community development programs and internships,
- [FHI 360](#) is another nonprofit with a social justice bent
- [VSO](#) works through volunteers to fight global poverty
- [International Rescue Committee](#) focuses their workers on like issues.

Many of these organizations exist to help facilitate work, intern or volunteer opportunities abroad. Often, a fee associated with interning or volunteering with these organizations, but don't let that deter you. Consider going with programs like

- [BUNAC](#) which even includes helpful visa services
- [AmeriSpan](#) with opportunities in over 30 countries or [Volunteers for Peace](#) and [Projects Abroad](#) which have placements in over 100 countries,
- [First Abroad](#) has opportunities from two weeks to two years
- [GeoVisions](#) provides volunteer programs abroad in unique settings
- [Global Service Corps](#) focuses on opportunities in Cambodia and Tanzania
- [Cultural Vistas](#), [IVPA](#), and [ELAP](#) are other organizations to consider when researching internship and volunteer abroad opportunities.

Distinctive opportunities, such as working on an organic farm ([Wwoofing](#)) in exchange for room and board, are ways to affordably travel abroad. Also consider pursuing an internship, training or fellowship through the [American-Scandinavian Foundation](#). [CCUSA](#) sets up summer camp, work, volunteer and travel programs in a number of locations.

There also exist a number of databases of open jobs in other countries. Check out:

- [Bumeran](#) for jobs in South America
- [CadresOnline](#) for jobs in France
- [Total Jobs](#) to search for openings in the UK
- [Eurojobs](#) expands the search to all of the EU,

- [Career One](#) and [Workopolis](#) offer employment opportunities in Australia and New Zealand

There are broader search engines for work abroad such as through [GoAbroad](#), or the [International Center](#) through the University of Michigan. Also consider:

- [Idealist.org](#) with its focus on non-profit work
- [Riley Guide](#) which allows searches in specific countries,
- [Au Pair World](#) which is one of the leading online au pair agencies.

Check out websites that provide helpful tips for scoring a job.

- [Jobera](#) and [EuroGraduate](#) help to familiarize individuals with different countries' various norms when it comes to résumé, CV, and cover letter writing.
- [Going Global](#) provides information on resumes/CV's, work permits, employment trends and job opportunities in the country of your choice.
- [My World Abroad](#) provides quick guides, sample resumes and cover letters, information on work and living abroad for young professionals.
- Geared at young professionals and recent grads [IHipo](#) is a network dedicated to empowering international careers.

Various organizations and councils can also be potential sources for obtaining information about a career path.

- Check out your local club or [Rotary International](#), an organization of professionals worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace.
- The [World Affairs Council](#): is an association of independent organizations that work to engage and educate Americans on international affairs and foreign policy and often have regional chapters.
- [NAFSA](#) is an organization geared towards careers in International Education.

A number of well known non-profits also post jobs for work in many of their locations abroad, or in their US based headquarters. Examples include:

- [World Vision](#), which also has volunteer and internship opportunities,
- [Oxfam](#), or [Habitat for Humanity](#), which also has projects you can volunteer on from one day to a year.
- [International Research and Exchanges Board \(IREX\)](#) has job openings both domestically and internationally
- [InterAction](#) is a network of organizations working in international development.

Consider pursuing a career through the [U.S. Department of State](#), [The United Nations](#) or the [CIA](#), all of which also have opportunities for internships and fellowships. [Peace Corps](#): Volunteers serve in 77 countries across the globe.

Teaching Abroad: It is important to differentiate what type of teaching abroad you would like to do. There are short-term programs (summer or less than a year) & long-term (one year or more). Furthermore, certain programs will be for teaching English as a foreign language. For such options, the programs may be self-arranged or with a teaching program or language school. The teaching might consist of private tutoring, or running entire classes. The paid opportunities are largely in Asian countries, though there are options worldwide. TEFL Certificates for teaching in these programs may be required. You might also consider teaching at a K-12 international school. Such programs can require credentials, but don't always.

RESOURCES TO GET STARTED – TEACH ABROAD

There are many ways to teach abroad. Similar to internships and volunteer programs, there is frequently a fee associated with some of these programs, particularly if it includes TEFL certification. A good place to start might be a job-listing database, such as:

- [Linguistic Funland](#) or [Dave's ESL Café](#), which is one of the largest job banks for ESL/EFL jobs.
- The [International Center](#) at the University of Michigan provides a good overview of student teach abroad options, with resources for those with or without a teaching certificate.
- [StudyAbroad.com](#) and [GoAbroad](#) are extensive web sites listing teaching programs as well as internships and grad school programs abroad.
- [TeflSearch](#) is a comprehensive search engine for TEFL/ESL jobs abroad that includes everything from a blog to country specific budget worksheets
- [Teach Away](#) offers teaching jobs, principal and school director jobs, and opportunities to teach English overseas in 70 countries.

There are also programs that help arrange teaching English jobs in a number of locations.

- [CIEE](#) arranges programs in Chile, China, the Dominican Republic, South Korea, Spain or Thailand.
- [LanguageCorps](#): offers year-long teach abroad programs in South East Asia and Latin America.
- [WorldTeach](#): sets up year long or summer teaching positions in Ecuador, Costa Rica, Namibia, the Marshall Islands and China.

There are a number of programs that cover the cost of your teach abroad experience but require a more extensive application process.

- Think about the [Fulbright](#) English Teaching Assistantships in numerous countries.
- The [Central European Teaching Program](#) arranges teaching English in Hungary
- The [JET Programme](#) is for teaching English in Japan,
- [Marshall University](#) arranges teaching English in China.
- The [French Embassy](#) and [Spanish Embassy](#) also arrange teaching English in their respective countries.

Graduate School Abroad: There are several ways to do post-graduate studies abroad. One option is to apply and enroll directly and another is to go through an American organization that facilitates full degree programs abroad. Also see the section about scholarship programs, fellowships, and other funding tips.

- [Across the Pond](#): A resource to help students interested in earning a grad degree in the UK.
- [The American Graduate School in Paris](#): No language requirement. Several tracks of study offered.
- [Barcelona Business School](#): 16 International Master's Programs offered.
- [British Council](#): Figure out how to obtain your masters degree in the UK.
- [Degrees Abroad-CIS](#): Helps students enroll in graduate programs abroad in England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, Spain and Switzerland.
- [FindAMasters](#): A comprehensive database of postgraduate Masters courses along with helpful advice.
- [Freie Universitat Berlin](#): Master's Programs taught in English offered Jointly by several universities.
- [GradSchools.com](#): Comprehensive listing of grad schools in countless countries.
- [Grad School Abroad](#): Info about attending grad school in Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland, Ireland and Canada.
- [International Graduate](#): A website for graduate opportunities worldwide.
- [ISA](#): A U.S. provider that helps students obtain graduate degrees in Argentina, England, France & Spain.
- [KEI Abroad](#): Offers a variety of degrees including Associates, Bachelors, Masters, Doctoral, Certificate and Diploma programs in a wide range of academic disciplines.

- [MastersPortal](#): European based search engine for masters programs.
- [Richmond University](#): Earn your MA in Art History or International Relations at this London-based university.
- [StudyInHolland](#): Allows you to search for programs, scholarships and various study options in Holland.
- [Universities Worldwide](#): A searchable database of universities around the world.
- [World Wide Colleges & Universities](#) – Resource of UCLA Center for Global Education that provides links to colleges and universities around the world.

Internationally Focused Degrees in the US: More universities are offering study abroad opportunities for graduate students. Look into this while researching grad schools! Another option is to plan to do research for your degree abroad. Be sure to ask graduate school recruiters about opportunities to intern, study or research abroad. Not only that, but there are countless grad school programs in the U.S. with an international focus, be it Peace and Conflict Studies, or International Education.

- [American University](#) – A number of internationally focused degrees offered through the School of International Service.
- [Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs](#) – 66 schools worldwide with a focus on International Studies.
- [Arcadia University](#) – MS in International Peace and Conflict Studies, International Public Relations or International Relations and Diplomacy.
- [Concordia University](#) – The MA in International Studies cultivates academic, cultural, research and language skills alongside a practical work experience in China.
- [Florida International University](#) – MS in International and Intercultural Education at Florida International University.
- [IPSL](#) – Offers an MA or MS in International Development and Service.
- [The Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey](#) – Offers professional graduate degrees with an international focus.
- [Middlebury Language Schools](#) – MA programs for 8 languages.
- [NYU](#) – Master’s of International Education at Steinhardt NYU
- [Penn Graduate School of Education](#) – A number of degrees from the Graduate School of Education at Penn that offer an international focus.
- [SIT](#) – SIT offers internationally focused [programs](#) in International Education, Peace Building/Conflict Transformation, Sustainable Development, Social Justice, Intercultural Relations, and TESOL.
- [University of Minnesota](#) – Graduate studies in Comparative and International Development Education with a number of areas of focus.
- [Vanderbilt](#) – M.Ed. in International Education Policy and Management at Vanderbilt

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