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A VARIETY OF OPTIONS

There are a variety of options for going abroad or away after you have graduated. Even on a tight budget, opportunities to work, volunteer, intern, study, and teaching abroad are readily available to you.

The information in this booklet is intended to provide you with ideas to help you consider which option is best for you. However, before researching any opportunity, consider the following:

- What do you hope to gain from the experience?
- Where do you want to go?
- Would you like to use language skills and, if so, are you proficient enough to work in that language?
- How long would you like to stay abroad or away?
- 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 type of working visa, if any, is required?

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INTERN/VOLUNTEER/WORK OPPORTUNITIES

There are countless opportunities to conduct research, study at the graduate level, or engage in a fellowship abroad.

Interning abroad is a good way to build on the skills and knowledge you have already developed while gaining professional experience and networking within your field of interest. You can intern abroad as an undergraduate or after you graduate. Both options can help you gain practical experience, explore new career options, and strengthen your resume. You can participate in an internship as part of a study abroad program or find a position through a placement provider.

Volunteering can include restoration projects, literacy campaigns, farming, and teaching. Some programs charge a fee and provide services such as insurance coverage, meals, and even housing. Some provide free room and board in exchange for work. Volunteer work opportunities range from a few weeks to two or three years. If you're interested in development work, want to meet other foreigners and host nationals, and don't mind rudimentary living conditions, consider volunteering.

Working

Short-term work (less than one year; typically, 4–12 months) usually involves working in an unskilled job, where you can earn enough to cover your food, lodging, and daily living expenses. This type of job probably will not pay enough to cover air transportation, but it may help provide some extra money for travel after you leave your job. Short-term work experiences include positions such as “au pairs” (a person who does domestic work for a family, possibly taking care of children in exchange for room and board and a chance to learn the family's language), farmworkers (through organizations like **WWOOF**), typists, cruise ship staff, hospitality workers, and youth camp leaders, among others. If you are a recent graduate, some of the easiest ways to secure legal employment overseas include work abroad programs like the **British Universities North American Club** (BUNAC).

Long-term work abroad opportunities can be very career-focused opportunities. Usually obtaining a longer-term work visa requires sponsorship by an employer. For more information on obtaining work visas, visit the immigration website of the country in which you would like to work.

Popular Options

Alliance Abroad - Work and Volunteer Abroad programs around the world

BUNAC (British Universities of North America Club) - Non-profit that arranges volunteer and work programs in Britain

Cadres Online - Job Recruitment site in French

CareerOne - Employment Opportunities in Australia

CIEE (Teach Abroad) - Teach abroad in selected countries

Cultural Vistas - Internship and Exchange programs around the world

Cultural Ambassadors in Spain - English Language and Culture Assistants provides university students and graduates an opportunity to work in Spain with English teachers

Electronic Embassy - Guide to foreign embassies in Washington, D.C.

Employment Guide - Database listings of job opportunities worldwide

Euro Jobs - Resource database for jobs in Europe

Eurograduate - Information on jobs and opportunities in Europe

Global Careers - Job listings and employers with a worldwide perspective

Go Abroad - Job and work programs abroad

GOINGLOBAL - Info on resumes, work permits, employment trends, and job opportunities

Interaction - A network of organizations in international development

InterExchange - Work, Internship, and Volunteer Abroad programs around the world

International Research and Exchanges Board - non-profit that specializes in global education and development

International University of Japan - Info on resumes and cover letters for Japanese & non-Japanese employers, including Rirekisho traditional Japanese form of a “resume”

LanguageCorps - Opportunities to teach English abroad

My World Abroad - Guide for studying, interning, volunteering, and working abroad

Overseas Job Web - Features overseas jobs and international employment opportunities

Prospects - Lists entry-level and graduate-level job opportunities in the U.K.

Teaching Assistant Program in France (TAPIF) - The Teaching Assistant Program offers an opportunity to work in France for seven months, teaching English to French students

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (JET) - Opportunities to teach foreign language at Japan’s local government offices, Boards of Education, and schools

United Nations - Information on UN programs, employment, and internship opportunities

United States Department of State - Information about federal career opportunities
United States Department of State - Information about teaching in US Overseas Schools

World Teach - Non-profit NGO providing volunteer teachers to low and middle-income countries

WWOOF - a worldwide movement linking volunteers with organic farmers and growers to promote cultural and educational experiences



Peace Corps Volunteers work at the grassroots level to create change that lasts long after their service. They make an investment in our world—one handshake, one project, one friendship at a time.

The transformative impact of the Peace Corps on the communities they serve and the Volunteers themselves can be measured in many ways. A shared cup of tea with a host mother that leads to a greater understanding of Americans. A new school library built, or a safe latrine where there wasn't one before. A young boy prepared to serve his own community, a young girl who sees herself as equal to her male classmates.

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers have gone on to achieve extraordinary success in all kinds of fields. Some, inspired by their service, stay in education or health-related professions, or choose to join the Foreign Service. Others pursue careers in business, from entrepreneurial startups to management at major companies. Returned Peace Corps Volunteers are working as journalists, writers, members of Congress, and even astronauts.



Saya Anne Lacy

“People frequently ask, “Why did you decide to apply to the Peace Corps?” The simple answer is that I wanted to have a unique experience. During my final year at the UCSC, I was given the opportunity to volunteer as a Secondary Education Math teacher in the Kingdom of Lesotho. I faced many challenges, living and working in a remote village in the mountains and acclimating to the local culture and language. The experiences and interactions I had with the Basotho (people of Lesotho) outweighed the challenges and made me appreciative of my privileges. **”**

Interested? Here are some resources to learn more:

- Email the Peace Corps regional office in Oakland at sfinfo@peacecorps.gov or call 510-452-8444 to set up an appointment. They can answer any questions you may have.
- Apply for the **UCEAP Peace Corps Prep Program**, a certificate program that helps you develop the skills and experience to become a competitive applicant for the Peace Corps and prepare for a career in international development, public service, NGO sector, or diplomacy.

INTERNATIONAL-RELATED GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Returned study abroad or away students are often interested in pursuing international graduate or comparative education. The following list is not exhaustive, and inclusion does not imply endorsement.

The following schools offer degrees in international education, comparative international education, or a similar field:

American University (Washington, DC): International Training and Education

Boston University: International Affairs

Claremont Graduate University (California): International Studies

Columbia University (New York): International and Comparative Education

Florida International University: International and Intercultural Education

Florida State University: International Affairs

George Washington University (Washington, DC): International Education

Harvard University (Massachusetts): International Education Policy

Indiana University Bloomington: International and Comparative Education

Lesley University (Massachusetts): International Higher Education

Loyola University Chicago (Illinois): Comparative Education (various)

Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey (California): International Education Management

New York University: International Education

Pennsylvania State University: Comparative and International Education

School for International Training (Vermont): International Education

Stanford University (California): International Comparative Education

University of Maryland: International Education Policy

University of Massachusetts Amherst: International Education

University of Minnesota in Minneapolis: Comparative and International Development Education

University of San Francisco: International & Multicultural Education

GRADUATE RESEARCH AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

There are countless opportunities to conduct research, study at the graduate level, or engage in a fellowship abroad.

When doing your own research for other opportunities, a good place to start is the Consulate/Embassy website of the country you are interested in, where government-funded opportunities are often posted. You might also want to search the U.S.-based **Institute for International Education** for other funded opportunities to study/research abroad.

Prestigious International Postgraduate Scholarships

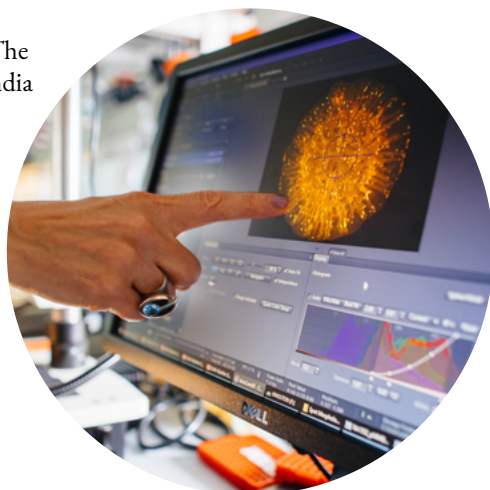
The Division of Global Engagement administers the application process for **Prestigious International Postgraduate Scholarships** (PIPS) including Fulbright Program, Rhodes Scholarship, Marshall Fellowship, and Schwarzman Scholars program.

To help students prepare competitive applications, Global Engagement offers individual advising and occasional workshops on selecting recommenders, preparing compelling personal statements, interviewing, and developing project proposals or proposed programs of study.

Other Popular Options

Boren Fellowship - An initiative of the National Security Education Program, provide unique funding opportunities for U.S. graduate students to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

American India Foundation Fellowship - The William J. Clinton Fellowship for Service in India is an immersive, 10-month volunteer service program matching young professionals with development organizations. The Fellowship pairs highly skilled young professionals with leading NGOs in the fields of education, livelihoods, public health, and human rights. AIF provides a roundtrip ticket to India, along with insurance coverage and a monthly stipend.



Monbukagakusho Scholarships - There are various types of Japanese government-sponsored scholarships available under the Japanese Government (Monbukagakusho) Scholarship program, including graduate-level those for research students. [Handout](#).

DAAD USA - A scholarship for students with a Bachelor's from the USA who are now looking to do a graduate degree or research in Germany.

Chinese Scholarship Council - The Chinese University Program is a full scholarship for designated Chinese universities and education offices in specific provinces or autonomous regions to recruit outstanding international students for graduate studies in China.

Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University

- OIST Research Internship Program - [flyer](#)
- OIST PhD Research Assistantship - [flyer](#)

MOFA Taiwan Scholarship - A joint initiative launched by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the Ministry of Education (MOE), the Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA), and the National Science Council (NSC). The MOFA Taiwan Scholarship continues to encourage outstanding students to pursue academic degrees in Taiwan and to deepen their understanding of Taiwan's academic environment, thereby enhancing exchanges and building friendships between Taiwan and their home nations.

The University of Hong Kong

- Various Scholarships and Fellowships - [flyer](#)

Japan Foundation

- Japanese Studies Fellowship Programs - [handout](#)



TEACHING ENGLISH ABROAD

There are many opportunities to teach English abroad through established programs. Most programs prefer a commitment of one academic year, though some offer summer or semester possibilities.

In general, a bachelor's degree is required, although in most cases you do not need to be an English major. Organizations are more interested in your ability to speak native and fluent English. Volunteer and paid teaching opportunities can be found throughout the world.

Teaching English abroad is a great opportunity to:

- Become a part of the international community of teaching professionals
- Explore locations you are interested in while getting to know a community and/or culture
- Build your resume experience
- Finance travel while living abroad
- Become an important member of a community and impact people's lives
- Providing a service to others

Eligibility

The eligibility criteria vary for teaching positions. Employers may ask for the completion of a bachelor's degree (in any field) and English fluency or additional certificates or a master's degree in TESOL. There is a diverse range of certificates offered in the field (e.g. a TESOL or CELTA certificate), administered by a wide host of institutions.

Considerations

- Private employers, programs, and government entities all over the world recruit English speakers for public and private schools, international organizations and businesses.
- There are many TESOL/ESL certification companies, some of which will set you up with a teaching job abroad. Find out ahead of time what kind of career help they offer. If you've paid for a certification course, career services may be included.
- Some private and international schools and government agencies will hire someone as an ESL teacher to also work as a subject teacher (math, science, phys ed, social studies, etc.), in the English language.
- Pay will vary greatly depending on the region of the world and your experience. Decide what your priority is – location? pay? type of community? networking opportunities?
- You can teach abroad by applying directly to an employer (e.g. an English tutoring school for English learners) or going through a “program” (e.g. The JET Program) that offers services and support before and during the experience. Depending on your level of comfort, you may want to apply through a program that provides comprehensive support.

Popular Programs

The eligibility criteria, pay, and working conditions vary, so be sure to explore all options to find the right fit for you. Some opportunities are geared towards a long-term career in education, while others are for spending a year or two abroad.

China Educational Association of International Exchange

(CEAIE) - A chance for teachers to live and work in China for twelve months. The program aims to promote language exchange and mutual understanding among young people at home and abroad, and to improve foreign language education in Chinese schools.

The International Educator (TIE) - A private non-profit organization dedicated to helping overseas international schools find qualified teaching staff and helping qualified teachers find positions at these overseas schools. TIE services over 500 overseas, international schools around the world (outside the US). Grade levels range from pre-K-12.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) - Recruits teachers for schools at military bases overseas. Contact DoDDS before arrival at post if possible, as applications for overseas positions are considered in the United States.

Peace Corps - Uses volunteer teachers for elementary, secondary, normal, and vocational schools, and universities. Some teaching experience is required. Applications must be made from the United States.

EPIK - Improves the English-speaking abilities of Korean students and teachers, developing cultural exchange between Korea and abroad, and introduces new teaching methods into the Korean education system. EPIK invites responsible, enthusiastic native English speakers with a motivation to share their knowledge and language with Korean students and teachers within the Korean public school system throughout the country.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program English Teaching Assistants (ETA) - Places Fulbrighters in classrooms abroad to assist the local English teachers. ETAs teach the English language while serving as cultural ambassadors for the U.S. The age and academic level of the students vary by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level.

IIE Foreign Language Teaching Assistant Program - Enables young educators to refine their teaching skills by serving primarily as teaching assistants in foreign language classes or, in some cases, as primary instructors. FLTA's lead conversation groups, attend language laboratories, coordinate extra-curricular activities, and appear as guest speakers in cultural courses. FLTA's increase their knowledge of American culture while sharing the values and customs of their own countries.



INTERAC - Teachers enrich the lives of hundreds of thousands of school children every year by delivering interactive and exciting English lessons. Commonly known as ALTs, which stands for assistant language teacher, Interac's teachers, working in the Japanese school system, enrich children's lives by sharing their knowledge of English and communication skills and giving insights into other cultures.

The JET Program - A competitive employment opportunity that allows young professionals to live and work in cities, towns, and villages throughout Japan. Being a JET is an opportunity to work and to represent the United States as cultural ambassadors to Japan. Most participants serve as Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) and work in public and private schools throughout Japan; some work as Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) as interpreters/translators.

North American Language and Culture Assistants Program (NALCAP) - An educational outreach initiative of the Spanish Ministry of Education through the Education Office of the Embassy of Spain. NALCAP offers recipients grants to American and Canadian college students and graduates, majoring in any subject, who are native speakers of English and have a basic knowledge of Spanish. Participants partner with elementary and secondary schools to provide backing to language programs as teaching assistants (TAs) under the supervision and guidance of teachers of English as a World/Foreign Language.

Foreign English Teachers - To enhance the English learning environment for school-aged children in rural areas, the Taiwan Ministry of Education actively recruits qualified teachers to teach in K-9 public schools in Taiwan. This program has two goals. One is to broaden English immersion experiences of Taiwan's young minds. The other is to establish inter-school relationships between English-speaking countries and Taiwan.

Dave's ESL Café - A well-known job board for teaching opportunities.

Interexchange - A nonprofit cultural exchange organization based in New York City that employs people who are passionate about connecting with an international community.

Ask Now Recruiters - A program that helps interested candidates find opportunities to teach in South Korea.



TAPIF: Teaching Assistant Program in France - Offers you the opportunity to work in France for 7 months, teaching English to French students of all ages. Each year, over 1,500 American citizens and permanent residents teach in public schools across all regions of metropolitan France and the overseas departments of France such as French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique, and Réunion. The American cohort is part of the larger Assistants de langue en France program, which recruits 4,500 young educators from 60 countries to teach 15 languages annually in France. The **Assistants de langue en France** program is managed by France Éducation internationale.

Conversa Spain - Conversa Spain is a Spanish organization that cooperates with more than 300 schools in **different regions in Spain**. It offers inspiring, challenging, and rewarding opportunities to potential English language assistants from all over the world. With ConversaSpain, native English speakers can teach English in Spain as Language Assistants in public schools in Madrid or Murcia (not available). During the duration of the program, participants will receive support moving to Spain, health coverage, initial training, and advice.





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