

- INTERNATIONAL JOB SEARCH -

Service, hospitality, administrative temping, teaching English and agricultural work are the predominant types of work available abroad. There are also 'international-focused' internships that are actually based in the U.S. Additionally, there are government-sponsored post-graduate opportunities.

•**Service-oriented Positions** (often referred to as volunteer) may provide room and board. These positions may be the best option for those interested in working in developing countries. Peace Corps participants may be eligible for deferral or cancellation of certain educational loans. Hundreds of organizations can be found at Action Without Borders www.idealists.org

Career-Related INTERNATIONAL 'SHORT TERM WORK'/INTERNSHIPS:

•**Paid overseas internships** are somewhat rare and are available mainly in applied fields such as business, engineering and computer technology. Employers look for individuals whose degree/coursework and work experience directly match the job. Some internships with private industry may pay enough to cover basic living expenses, though usually not the cost of transatlantic airfare.

•**Tuition-charging StudyAbroad-internships** sponsored by universities represent the majority of overseas internships. See *Directory of International Internships* in Career Services

•**Unpaid internships** account for the majority of opportunities. Undergraduates can arrange overseas internships with U.S. or host-country companies. (For business-related employers, see the *Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries*.) Smaller local firms, such as those in import-export, are likely to be less competitive for internship applications than large, well-known firms.

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•**'For Pay' Placement Agencies:** These programs can arrange international experiences for a fee, which may cover costs for administrative work, work permits, housing, orientation, etc. Some fees can be very high, so you may want to first look into seeking an internship directly with an organization with whom you wish to work. Credibility of agencies is also something to consider – Does the agency have a representative in the U.S.? Is there an orientation program? Do you receive housing assistance? What type of support services are available during your internship?

Composite Websites - These sites represent many coordinating agencies. Examples:

- Transitions Abroad (<http://www.transitionsabroad.com>)
- Back Door Jobs – Worldwide (job adventures) <http://www.backdoorjobs.com/adventure.html#worldwide>
- Intern Abroad- www.internabroad.com

TEACHING

Most teaching positions require a commitment of at least one academic year.

- 1) **English** - Teaching English as a Foreign Language is one of the most accessible options for a 1-2 year job, mainly in Asia and Eastern Europe, but you must obtain a work permit. Experience tutoring or teaching is recommended.
- 2) **Teaching K-12** - In overseas schools taught in English – Teacher certification is usually required.

Teacher Training Programs: TEFL, TESOL, TESL – These are intensive (4 week – 1 year programs) providing you with certification which can give you more access to teaching jobs around the world. In Europe, this certification is typically required. Many programs offer placement services. For ESL training, see <http://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/esl/index.shtml#programs>

See Teaching Abroad binder in Career Services

Visas/Work Permits

All countries require special permission for foreigners to either work or reside for long periods of time. Work permit visas are normally available only through application by an employer who has offered you a job. The employer is responsible for providing evidence that you possess unique skills/abilities not found in their local population. Work exchange/work abroad programs are one of the few legal ways around this.

Be sure to ask your employer whether a work permit is needed, and check with the host country's embassy at <http://www.embassy.org>. Regulations governing work permits and the exact process which you must undertake to obtain it will vary from country to country. Many countries provide cultural and educational exchange information, as well as essential information for travel and work (visas, etc.) on their sites.

WORK ABROAD / WORK PERMIT PROGRAMS – Get a Permit before you leave!

Most programs require you to have obtained an internship prior to issuing a work permit. You must apply well in advance. Some programs have specific age, language, education, work experience and student status requirements. Examples (not exhaustive):

- ♦ **British Universities North America Club (BUNAC).** www.bunac.org - For Britain, Ireland, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand and is the only way to get a work permit without having a job offer. Cost: \$275-\$495
- ♦ **French Embassy Cultural Services** www.frenchculture.org – France. Only visa processing fee.
- ♦ **French American Chamber of Commerce** www.faccnyc.org – France. Cost: \$150
- ♦ **CDS International** www.cdsinternational.org – Germany, Switzerland. Cost: \$400
- ♦ **American Scandinavian Foundation** www.amscan.org – Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden
Cost: \$50 application fee/additional fee for permit in Denmark/Finland.
- ♦ **Association for International Practical Training (AIPT)** www.aipt.org – For Austria (hospitality only), United Kingdom, Germany, France, Switzerland, Finland, and Malaysia for career-related practical training in most fields for both students and college graduates. Cost: \$250 (France \$400)
- ♦ **IASTE** www.aipt.org/iaeste.html - 80 countries. Mainly technical areas. Cost: \$100 application fee.

****Sign up for bi-weekly **International Specialty blitz** – Once you are logged into MonsterTrak (via www.dartmouth.edu/~csrc), click Career Services Registration/Notes to access your 'Profile' - Scroll down to Education and Interests and select "International" under Career Center Services Desired.

Some Resources in Career Services:

- Teaching Abroad Binder
- The ISS Directory of Overseas Schools
- The Global Citizen
- Internships in International Affairs
- International Work, Internships and Travel Binder
- International Post-graduate Internships Binder
- Peterson's 'Vacation's Work' International Series
- <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~csrc/students/careers/intl.html>

Other excellent sources:

- U. of Michigan International Center www.umich.edu/~icenter/overseas
- Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships http://us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking_teaching.html
- Canada - www.employcanada.com
- www.campusaccess.com/campus_web/intern/i2int.htm