

Working & Volunteering Abroad

INTRODUCTION

Working outside the United States can be incredibly rewarding for recent college graduates. Not only can it be a springboard for an international career and developing intercultural communication skills, it can help graduates gain professional experience, improve foreign language abilities, and become more self-reliant. And, of course, graduates who work outside the United States get to make friends in a new community and see the world!

PRE-PLANNING CHECKLIST

Regardless of whether you are considering working abroad through an organization on this list or one that you find on your own, we urge you to be proactive in making sure the organization offers job placement and support services that suit your interests and needs, and that it is a legitimate operation. Off-Campus Studies provides the following list of organizations as a starting point for students seeking work abroad experiences. However, because student needs vary when seeking employment abroad and organizations/conditions abroad are constantly evolving, the inclusion of a particular organization on this list does not constitute an endorsement of the work opportunity or the organization by Whitman College.

To gauge the quality of a work abroad organization, we suggest you start with the following:

- Contact the program directly and ask them detailed questions about what they offer.
- Ask the program to supply names and contact information of past participants whom you can contact and question about their experience on the program.
- Conduct an online Google search for reviews and blog posts from past participants of these programs about their experiences.
- Scrutinize all employment contracts carefully before signing, and ask your employer if you have any questions or concerns.
- Be sure you understand what support services the program provides, such as airport pick-up, housing, medical insurance, etc.
- Inquire with the program about whether you will need a work visa and if they help facilitate the processing of that visa. Make sure the position you are accepting is legal and that you enter the country with the proper visa.

ON-CAMPUS RESOURCES

Off-Campus Studies: Memorial Building 205

<https://www.whitman.edu/ocs>

<https://www.facebook.com/WhitmanCollegeOCS>



The Student Engagement Center: Reid

Campus Center 219

<https://www.whitman.edu/student-engagement-center>



WEBSITES WE RECOMMEND

- www.transitionsabroad.com – Portal for work abroad, study abroad, cultural travel, and living overseas.
- www.overseasjobs.com – Overseas jobs, international contracts, employment opportunities, and resources.
- www.idealists.org – Interactive site where organizations and people can exchange resources and ideas and locate opportunities and supporters; mostly focuses on non-profit organizations.
- www.goabroad.com – International education and experiential travel resource.
- www.eslcafe.com – Clearing house for ESL job postings in China, Korea, and other international locations. Also features other ESL resources.

Work & Volunteer Abroad Opportunities – Worldwide

BUNAC (Working Adventures Worldwide) | Website: www.bunac.org | Phone: 1-800-GO-BUNAC (1-800-462-8622)
Short-term work and internship permits for Australia, Canada, Spain, New Zealand, South Africa, China, Thailand, and Cambodia, India, Japan, Nepal, Mexico, Philippines, Ecuador lasting 3-12 months depending on the country. You must be a US citizen. Other eligibility requirements vary by country. Fees are charged for the work permits. Participants find their own positions, but BUNAC offices in the US and overseas will assist. Four- to seventeen-week long volunteer positions are available in South Africa, Cambodia, Ecuador, and Nepal. There is an administrative fee for placement. **Deadline: Ongoing**

Cambridge English Language Teaching Association (CELTA)

Website: www.cambridgeenglish.org/teaching-english/teaching-qualifications/CELTA/

This is a widely recognized certification program for teaching English as a second or foreign language. Some CELTA centers provide work abroad contacts to those who successfully complete the training program.

Camp Counselors USA (CCUSA) | Website: www.ccusa.com | Phone: 415-339-1832

Work opportunities in summer camps in Russia and Croatia. Work Adventures Down Under Program in Australia & New Zealand allows for work up to 4 years. Volunteer opportunities are available in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Rwanda, Cambodia, Nepal, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, and Peru. See website for details. There is an administrative fee for placement. **Deadline: Ongoing**

CIEE Teach Abroad | Website: www.ciee.org/teach | Phone: 1-800-40-STUDY (1-800-407-8839)

CIEE Teach Abroad offers programs from 4-12 months in length in Chile, China, Czech Republic, South Korea, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, Thailand, and Vietnam. Jobs in the Spanish-speaking world require the equivalent of 4 semesters of college Spanish. There is an administrative fee for placement. **Deadline: Varies by country**

Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships | Website: us.fulbrightonline.org/thinking_teaching.html

Contact: Keith Raether, Director of Fellowships and Grants, 509-527-5184 | Fulbright General Inquiries 212-984-5327

One-year positions teaching English are available in India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Korea, Laos, Macau, Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Tajikistan, Thailand, Vietnam, Andorra, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Estonia, Lithuania, Israel, Kyrgyzstan, Benin, Ivory Coast, Uruguay, Bosnia/Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kosovo, Latvia, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovak Republic, Spain, Turkey, Ukraine, Algeria, Bahrain, Jordan, Morocco, Rwanda, Kenya, Senegal, South Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Peru, Hong Kong, Uzbekistan, Timor-Leste, West Bank, and Honduras. The nature of the teaching responsibilities and level of competitiveness for positions varies from country to country.

Application deadline with Whitman support: 10/6/18 (See Office of Fellowships and Grants) | Application deadline without Whitman support: 10/9/18 (Apply directly to Fulbright)

International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience USA (IAESTE)

Website: www.iaesteunitedstates.org | Phone: 212-497-3530

Paid internships (8-12 weeks in summer, also long-term) are available in industry, research institutes, universities, consulting firms, labs, and other work environments (technical focus) in more than 80 countries. Applicants must be full-time students at time of application. IAESTE will facilitate work permit paperwork for students. There is an administrative fee for placement. **Deadline: 12/1/2018**

International Schools Services | Website: www.iss.edu | Phone: 609-452-0990

ISS is a placement service for teachers with certification but without experience. Areas in special demand include math, science, computers, librarians and elementary teaching. Applicants must have a BA, teaching certification, experience living overseas and be willing to sign a two-year contract. Not limited to recent graduates. **Deadline: Ongoing (Fall/Winter is best time to apply)**

Peace Corps | Website: www.peacecorps.gov

Whitman Student Engagement Center, Phone 509-5275183 | Peace Corps Phone: 800-424-8580

Volunteer teaching and technical positions in developing countries. **Deadline: Ongoing**

Princeton in Africa | Website: www.princetoninafrica.org | Phone: 609-258-7215

Contact: Keith Raether, Director of Fellowships and Grants, Phone 509-527-5184

Year-long fellowships for service projects with organizations across the African continent. Fellows can find work in many fields such as public health, humanitarian aid, education, etc. There is an administrative fee for placement.

Deadline: 10/30/2017

Princeton in Latin America | Website: www.princeton.edu/~pila/ | Phone: 609-258-9200

Contact: Keith Raether, Director of Fellowships and Grants, Phone 509-527-5184

Year-long fellowships at NGOs and community organizations across Latin America and the Caribbean. This is ideal for students interested in careers in international development. There is an administrative fee for placement. **Deadline: First Monday in November**

SWAP Working Holidays | Website: www.swap.ca | Email: info@swap.ca

3-12 month internships **for Canadian citizens** in the UK, USA, China, Britain, Ireland, Austria, New Zealand, Australia, Japan, Thailand, India, Vietnam and South Africa. Pay registration fee for help with work permit paperwork, support in job, and housing search.

Deadline: Varies by program

US English Language Teaching Assistantship Program in Austria (Fulbright Program) | Website: www.usta-austria.at

Contact: Keith Raether, Director of Fellowships and Grants, Phone 509-527-5184

Since 1963, this program has allowed US college graduates to work in secondary schools throughout Austria.

Teaching assistants in Austria enhance the learning of the English language and teach about the "American way of life" in the Austrian classroom. This program is administered by the Austrian-American Educational Commission and requires a different application from the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship Grants in Germany. **Deadline:**

Complete applications will be accepted between November 15 and January 15.

US State Department | Website: www.careers.state.gov/intern/student-programs

Spring, summer or fall internships with the State Department in any one of a number of bureaus (i.e. Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs). Some students work in Washington DC while others have the opportunity to work at an embassy overseas. Must currently be a US citizen and currently a junior, senior, or graduate student at an accredited college or university. These are unpaid internships.

Deadline: Applications not currently being accepted, but sign up to receive notifications when an opening is available.

World Teach | Website: www.worldteach.org | Phone: 800-483-2240 | Email: info@worldteach.org
Year-long teaching positions in American Samoa, Ecuador, The Marshall Islands, China, Thailand and Namibia. Two-month summer positions teaching English in India, Brazil, Ecuador, Namibia, Morocco, Nepal, Mexico and South Africa. Program fees vary by country, and fees for volunteering in some countries are refundable upon successful completion of the program. Living allowance and/or room and board may be provided. **Deadline: Varies by country**

Work & Volunteer Abroad Opportunities – Europe

Cultural Vistas | Website: www.culturalvistas.org | Phone: 212-497-3500 | Email: info@culturalvistas.org
Cultural Vistas offers a number of exchange programs and professional work internships, including 3-month internships in Germany, Brazil, Ireland, France, Switzerland, Spain, Russia, and Argentina, as well as work abroad opportunities and fellowships in Germany and Switzerland. All programs require some language skills of applicants and prior work experience. Organization will work authorization process for up to 18 months in Germany and Switzerland. There is an administrative fee for placement.

Deadline: Varies by country

Central European Teaching Program (CETP) | Website: www.cetp.info

| Contact: Mary Rose, Phone 503-287-4977 | Email mary@cetp.info

English-language teaching positions for six or ten months in Hungary. Applicants must be a native speaker of English, have a bachelor's degree, complete TESL or education course before departure, and must complete at least 20 hours of teaching experience before departure. There is an administrative placement fee. Payment consistent with Hungarian colleagues.

Deadline: Accept applications year-round

German Marshall Fund Internship | Website: www.gmfus.org | Phone: 202-683-2650 | Email: info@gmfus.org

Graduates with German fluency and interest in US-German relations may apply for 9-month internships. There is no application form, so please inquire with the German Marshall Fund. **Deadline: Rolling**

InterExchange | Website: www.interexchange.org/working-abroad | Phone: 212-924-0446 or 800-597-3675

| Email: info@interexchange.org or workabroad@interexchange.org

InterExchange offers work & travel jobs, international internships, au pair/childcare, informal teaching and farm worker programs around the world. Countries vary depending on demand, but have included Argentina, Australia, Austria, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Galapagos Islands, Germany, Ghana, India, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Canada, Guatemala, Ireland and Thailand. Durations range from a couple months to full year.

Deadline: Two months in advance of desired start

Teaching Assistant Program in France | Website: highereducation.frenchculture.org/teach-in-france

| Contact: Carolyn Collins, Educational Affairs Program Officer, French Embassy in Washington, DC, Phone 202-944-6294

| Email: assistant.washington-amba@diplomatie.gouv.fr

The French Ministry of Education has approximately 1500 positions available each year for Americans to teach in primary and secondary schools and teaching colleges in all parts of France. Participants must be US citizens or permanent residents, between 20 and 30 years old, be at least in your fourth year of college or have attained college degree, and be proficient in French.

Deadlines: 01/31/2019

Work & Volunteer Abroad Opportunities – Asia & Oceania

JET | Website: www.jetprogramme.org

Contact: Ron Takemoto, Professor of Foreign Languages and Literatures-Japanese, Phone 509-527-5896; or | Whitman Student Engagement Center, Phone 509-527-5183

Year-long positions to teach English in Japan at various levels. Coordinator for International Relations positions and Sports Exchange Advisors positions are also available. Interest in Japan required, but language proficiency is not a requirement. JET participants are expected to learn as much Japanese as possible before and during their time in Japan.

Deadline: Late November/early December

Princeton in Asia | Website: piaweb.princeton.edu

Contact: Keith Raether, Director of Fellowships and Grants, Phone 509-527-5184; or

| Kai Evenson, Program Director, Phone 609-258-3657, Email pia@princeton.edu or piaapps@princeton.edu

Approximately 150 fellowships (business, NGOs, media) and English teaching positions in Cambodia, India, Mongolia, Hong Kong, China, Thailand, Taiwan, Indonesia, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia, South Korea, Nepal, the Philippines, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, and SAR. TEFL experience (minimum of 20 hours) required of teacher applicants; language experience not required. **Deadline: November 2019 for 2020-2021 Fellowship Cycle**

Volunteer Abroad - Worldwide

English Open Doors | Website: www.centrodevoluntarios.cl | Phone: 56/2 406 7170 | Email: voluntarios@mineduc.cl

The National Volunteer Center, which is a branch of the English Open Doors program and is supported by the United Nations Development Programme-Chile, recruits native and near-native English speakers to come to Chile and work as teaching assistants in Chilean classrooms, specifically to improve students' listening and speaking skills. Volunteers also assist with other initiatives of the English Open Doors program, such as debates, Public Speaking, Spelling Bee, and English Camps. Volunteers teach and encourage the study of English while living with Chilean host families and interacting with members of the local community. **Deadline: Varies by program**

International Volunteer Programs Association (IVPA) | Website: www.volunteerinternational.org

Phone: 646-505-8209 | Email: info@volunteerinternational.org

Lists NGOs and PVOs where you may find volunteer or internship opportunities. Excellent starting point.

Deadline: Varies by program

Jesuit Volunteer Corps | Website: www.jesuitvolunteers.org | Phone: 410-244-1733

Email: recruiting@jesuitvolunteers.org

Volunteers with Christian motivation are placed in teaching, nursing and community service positions. Volunteers pay for transportation to worksite. Room, board, small stipend, and transportation to and from work provided.

Deadline: Rolling

United Nations Volunteers | Website: www.unv.org | Phone: +49-228-815-2000

Visit this site to connect to a number of long-term volunteer opportunities through the UN. Can search for jobs by country of origin, topic area, or country of interest. Must be at least 25 years old with at least 2 years of work experience. Travel costs and small stipend provided. Some resettlement costs covered as well. **Deadline: Ongoing**

USAID Volunteer Student Intern Program | Website: www.usaid.gov | Phone: 202-712-4810

Internships are fairly scarce and will be listed on the website as they come available.

Deadline: Ongoing

Volunteers in Asia (VIA) | Website: www.viaprograms.org | Phone: 415-904-8033 | Email: info@viaprograms.org

One- and two-year positions to teach English or work at an NGO in Cambodia, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand, and China. Must attend a weekend orientation in the spring in the San Francisco Bay area. For undergraduates, summer six- to eight-week teaching and English resource positions also available in Indonesia and Vietnam (20-23 positions). Program fees from \$1200 to \$3200 depending on the location and length of program. Costs include round-trip airfare (some programs), basic health insurance, training, housing, visa expenses, and in-country support. **Deadline: mid-January**

Volunteer Services Overseas (VSO) | Website: www.vso.org.uk

A UK/Canada version of the Peace Corps with 6-month to 2-year opportunities in over 40 countries around the globe. Traditional teaching jobs as well as opportunities for more skilled individuals. Lodging, some travel expenses, and a small living allowance are covered.

Deadline: Ongoing

Volunteer for Peace (VFP) | Website: www.vfp.org | Phone: 802-540-3060 | Email: info@vfp.org

Two to three week work camps in 100 countries around the world (3400 programs). Food and lodging is provided; participants are responsible for their own travel expenses. Most camps run between June and September; volunteers may sign up for multiple camps in the same or different countries. Must be a US resident (or American citizen living overseas). Registration and placement fees apply. Additional fees for volunteers serving in developing countries.

Deadline: Register as soon as possible to ensure placement in preferred projects

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF) | Website: www.woof.net

Organization that provides information about organic farms around the world where people can volunteer to work in exchange for room and board. Participants arrange and pay for own travel, placement, work permits, etc.

Deadline: Apply at least one month before desired departure