

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS AFTER GRADUATION

Attention to those seeking an alternative option:

Here are some useful resources that include a small sampling of some of the programs, organizations, and resources that exist to help you get started on your search. I am confident that you will uncover many other useful resources once you start looking around. Feel free to email me any valuable links and I can add it on to the list. Best of luck with your journey!

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GENERAL RESOURCES:

Gap Year—Your one-stop-shop to gather an overview of the concept of taking time off.

<http://www.gapyear.com>

Road Trip Nation—“Find the open road.” An organization devoted to inspiring and empowering others to seek out their own paths based on individuality, passion, and exploration.

<http://www.roadtripnation.com/>

Delay the Real World Fellowship—Win a \$5,000 grant by proposing in writing what you would do if you could postpone the real world.

<http://www.delayingtherealworld.com/fellowship07/index.html>

TRAVEL RESOURCES:

STA Travel—An excellent resource to help you get started on your journey. Information on travel deals for packages and tours, gear, rail passes, and more.

<http://www.statravel.com>

Council International Educational Exchange (CIEE)—The organization will obtain a work permit for you and provides services for short-term employment. The program costs money and is open to young people within six months of college graduation. Learn more at <http://www.ciee.org/>

The British Universities North America Club (BUNAC)—The largest work abroad program that helps you to find working adventure worldwide, for a fee.

<http://www.bunac.org>

InterExchange—A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting awareness through a wide range of work and travel, language, volunteer, professional training, internship and au pair programs within the United States and around the world. <http://www.interexchange.org/>

Escape Artist Homepage—Living overseas: the basics and links to everything you haven't thought of yet.

<http://www.escapeartist.com/>

Rick Steves' Europe through the Back Door—Where you can find thousands of articles on trip planning, a community of travelers, guided tours, and a travel store.

<http://www.ricksteves.com/>

Iagora.com—Connecting internationals by providing country and cultural information, links to info on living abroad and chat with people from around the world. It includes a wonderful feature that allows you to search for first jobs in Europe. Country and cultural information, links to info on living abroad and chat with people from around the world.

<http://www.iagora.com/pages/html/index.html>

Lonely Planet Online—Website of the popular travel guide publisher. Has lots of travel info and tips.

<http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>

Transitions Abroad—Want to work abroad, study abroad, travel abroad, or live abroad? This is the place to find it all!

<http://www.transitionsabroad.com>

Go Abroad—A website that features resources to study, volunteer, or intern abroad. You can also find a listing of language schools as well as Eco/Adventure opportunities. Check it out at

<http://www.goabroad.com/>

Going Global—Everything you need to know for cross border employment

<http://www.goinglobal.com>

Cultural Embrace—Be more than a tourist-interact with the local culture and community!

<http://www.culturalembrace.com/index.html>

Kraft Foods—Drive the world famous Wienermobile™ vehicle along the hot dog highways of America, spreading smiles wherever they go to distribute the Wienerwhistle™ toys.

http://www.kraftfoods.com/om/omm_hotdogger.htm

VOLUNTEER RESOURCES:

The Peace Corps—Volunteers make a 2 year commitment to work with teachers and communities in developing countries to help them take charge of their own futures.

<http://www.peacecorp.gov/>

AmeriCorps—A network of national service programs that engage more than 50,000 Americans each year in intensive service to meet critical needs in education, public safety, health, and the environment.

<http://www.americorps.org/> and City Year <http://www.cityyear.org/>

Global Volunteers—A private non-profit, non-sectarian development organization that was founded with the goal of helping to establish a foundation for peace through mutual international understanding.

<http://www.globalvolunteers.org/>

Habitat for Humanity—Habitat builds affordable housing for low-income families.

<http://www.habitat.org>

Jesuit Volunteers Corps—Offers men and women an opportunity to work full-time for justice and peace.

<http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/>

Volunteers in Service to American—VISTA is now part of the federal government's Corporation for National Service. Participants live and work in communities where they help develop grassroots initiatives to assist the people who live there. <http://www.friendsofvista.org>

Volunteer Services Overseas—An organization that places over 800 volunteers around the world each year. <http://www.vsocanada.org/>

The International Volunteer Program—Promotes volunteering in Europe and the United States. The website offers program descriptions, resource links, former participants' feedback, and general program information. <http://www.ivpsf.com>

Volunteer International—An up to date search site for international volunteer and internship opportunities.
<http://www.volunteerinternational.org/>

The United Nations Volunteers—Offers resource links, news coverage of global volunteering efforts, and lists of activities and partnerships around the globe.
<http://www.unv.org>

Idealist.org—Created by Action Without Borders, this website has links to over 37,000 non-profit organizations in 165 countries.
<http://www.idealists.org/>

Volunteer Adventures—Travel the world and change the world.
<http://www.volunteeradventures.com/>

WORK RESOURCES:

Chambers of Commerce—A directory for Chambers of Commerce around the world.
<http://clickcity.com/index2.htm>

Workpermit.com—Immigration Services—Provides information on obtaining visas for any country.
<http://www.workpermit.com/>

Embassy Help and Resource Center—<http://embassy.org/hrc/index.html>

Travel Health Insurance—International Medical Group at <http://www.imglobal.com/>

State Department—Visa requirements for a long-term overseas stay at
<http://travel.state.gov/foreignentryreqs.html>

The US Agency for International Development (USAID)—Lists positions available overseas and domestic, including all levels of foreign service agents.
<http://www.usaid.gov/careers/>

National Park Service—Seasonal and temporary jobs in national parks across the U.S.
<http://www.nps.gov/personnel>

Conservation Directory—Lists organizations, agencies, and personnel engaged in conservation work and natural-resources use and management at state, national, and international levels.
<http://www.nwf.org>

U.S. PIRG—the PIRGs (Public Interest Research Groups) offer some research and lobbying opportunities, including door-to-door canvassing, collecting signatures for ballot initiatives, or helping with fund-raising for various environmental causes. <http://www.uspirg.org>

Anywork Anywhere—Jobs and resources for work and travel throughout the UK and worldwide.
Visit <http://anyworkanywhere.com/>

Club Med—Club Med has job opportunities of varying lengths at their luxury resorts around the world. They hire year-round for positions ranging from snorkeling instructors to tour guides.
<http://www.clubmedjobs.com>

Cool Works—Helps you find a seasonal job or career in some of the greatest places on Earth.
<http://www.coolworks.com/>

Camp Counselors USA—Be more than a tourist, experience a working adventure.
<http://www.ccusa.com/>

White House Intern Program—For applicants who have graduated from an undergraduate program the previous semester. A highly competitive program that provides a unique opportunity to learn more about the daily operations of the White House.
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/wh-intern.html>

USGA Fellowship in Leadership and Service—This opportunity is committed to providing opportunities for personal development through golf and its values. The two-year program, with an opportunity to create a third-year project, connects college graduates at the outset of their careers with resources that enable them to grow personally and professionally.
<http://www.usga.org/aboutus/foundation/fellowship/fellowship.html>

The Boston Red Sox Fellowship Program—Provides an immersion into the day-to-day operations of a sports franchise and insight into the world of sports.
<http://www.redsox.com/fellowship>

Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship—a project of the Congressional Hunger Center, this is a unique leadership development opportunity for motivated individuals seeking to make a difference in the struggle to eliminate hunger and poverty.
<http://www.hungercenter.org/national/national.htm>

UN Watch—UN Watch is a one-year Fellowship. The Fellowship is a unique opportunity in Geneva, Switzerland for recent graduates of college or graduate school who are interested in monitoring the United Nations, promoting human rights, and combating anti-Semitism.
http://www.unwatch.org/site/c.bdKKISNqEmG/b.1320701/k.61F9/Employment_Internships.htm

Eckerd Youth Alternatives—The Outdoor Youth Counselor Opportunity.
<http://www.eckerdyouth.org>

Directors Guild Assistant Directors Training Program—Provides motion picture and television industry training as directed by the Alliance of Motion Picture & Television Producers and the Directors Guild of America.
<http://www.trainingplan.org/index.html>

Simon and Schuster Associates Program—Provides opportunities for entry-level candidates to gain hands-on experience in different functional areas in order to broaden knowledge of publishing careers.
http://www.simonsays.com/content/feature.cfm?sid=33&feature_id=3174

Foreign Affairs Editorial Internship—A full-time paid position offering exceptional training in serious journalism.

<http://www.foreignaffairs.org/about/employment>

Chemonics International Entry Level Professional Program—Help people live healthier, more productive, and more independent lives by actively pursuing and sharing knowledge that benefits the development field.

<http://www.chemonics.com/career/EntryLevelJobs/Welcome.aspx>

TEACHING RESOURCES:

Teach for America—Commit two years to teach in low-income rural and urban communities.

<http://www.teachforamerica.org>

NYC Teaching Fellows—For people who would like to change their lives and teach in the schools that need teachers most. Learn more at <http://www.nycteachingfellows.org/>

The Teaching Opportunity Program—Represents a collaborative initiative between the City University of New York and the New York City Department of Education. Program provides stipends, education awards and special training to highly qualified college graduates seeking to pursue a career in teaching.

<http://www.top.cuny.edu/>

The DC Teaching Fellows—Currently mobilizing talented, motivated individuals to become teachers in DC Public Schools. Use your skills and knowledge to impact the lives of children in the city.

<http://www.dcteachingfellows.org/>

Chicago Teaching Fellows—Provides a pathway for outstanding individuals to become teachers in Chicago Public Schools and to significantly impact the academic achievement of our city's children.

<http://www.chicagoteachingfellows.org/>

Philadelphia Teaching Fellows—Looking for individuals from diverse backgrounds and experiences interested in joining the movement to bring teaching excellence and student achievements to new heights.

<http://www.philadelphia Teaching Fellows.org/>

The Learning Project Elementary Internship Program—Provides six individuals with a rich opportunity to work directly with experienced Head Teachers and to learn first hand about teaching at the elementary level.

<http://www.learningproject.org/internship.html>

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program—Live and work in Japan while you teach English.

<http://www.sf.us.emb-japan.go.jp/jet/>

China Teaching Program—Western Washington University places foreign teachers at various schools and universities throughout the People's Republic of China and provides pre-departure orientation. Visit <http://www.ac.wvu.edu/~ctp/> to learn more.

World Teach—As a WorldTeach volunteer teacher, you will witness firsthand the challenges and rewards of education in a developing country.

<http://worldteach.org/>

National Association of International Educators (NAFSA)—A member organization promoting international education and providing professional development opportunities to the field.

<http://www.nafsa.org/>

Dave's ESL Café—If you are thinking about teaching abroad, check out <http://www.eslcafe.com/> to learn more.

Institute for International Education—Resources that can assist you with valuable information about education abroad. <http://www.iiepassport.org/>

CONSULTANTS:

A word of warning—part of the process of taking a different path is the act of finding the right option for you. Consultants can help you, but they will also charge you for their services.

<http://www.whereyouheaded.com>

<http://www.interimprograms.com>

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