

GLOBAL GRADUATE SERIES:

The 411

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Where do I start?

The self assessment:

- WHY do you want to be abroad? Is this a temporary move, or do you hope this will be permanent?
- Do you have experience in the host country?
- What languages can you speak?
- What experiences can you bring to the table?
- What are you interested in doing?
 - Work
 - Volunteer
 - Internships
 - Fellowships/Scholarships
 - Graduate School

Logistics...

- What type of lifestyle do you want? A house, an apartment, a roommate? Urban or rural?
- Are you looking for paid opportunities? Are you willing to pay?
- Additional Fees to consider:
 - Airfare
 - Travel/medical insurance
 - Visa
 - Personal expenses
 - Room and board

Immigration...

- Where are you already qualified to go? Do you already hold another citizenship, or can you obtain one through ancestry?

If not, why should any particular company hire you rather than a national?

- Do you qualify for a working holiday visa? (If you are Canadian, you have much more open to you here...)

The Global Job Search

- Have you considered working in the US?
- **Government:** Be prepared to take the foreign service exam & go through top secret clearances The process could take up to a year!
 - Civil Service
 - Foreign Service
 - Helpful Sites: www.govtjobs.com, www.usajobs.com
www.state.gov/aboutstatedepartment
- **Non-governmental organization (NGO):**
 - Local or international?
 - Use your connections!
 - Helpful Sites: www.idealists.org, www.ngo.org

Teaching English Abroad

Pay a fee through a program provider

- Visa application and paperwork
- Housing
- Internship placement
- Meals
- In-country support

Find a program on your own:

Teaching English Abroad

On your own:

www.eslcafe.com www.idealists.org www.teachabroad.com
www.worldteach.com www.englishfirst.com SAINTSLink

Program Provider:

Companies/Organizations:

CIEE
I to I
Oxford Seminars

Government:

Jet Program
French Culture
Epik

Volunteer Abroad

- What is your role as a volunteer?
- Have you volunteered before? What skills do you bring to the table?
- How much time can you commit? Are you looking to do this for 2 weeks or two years?
- Where do you want to go- and why?
- How much can you afford to pay?
- How will this experience fit into future goals?

Volunteer Abroad

Helpful Links

Government:

[UN Volunteers](#)

[Peace Corps](#)

NGO:

[Habitat for Humanity](#)

[UN NGO directory](#)

Other Resources:

[Idealist](#)

[Work Abroad](#)

[Cross Cultural Solutions](#)

[Global Volunteers](#)

[Work Away](#)

World Wide Opportunities
on Organic Farms

(WWOOF):

[WWOOF](#)

[Help Exchange](#)

Be a Leader:

[Putney Student Travel](#)

[Wilderness Ventures](#)

[Overland](#)

International Internships

- What are you hoping to gain from an internship experience?
- What prepares you to intern abroad?
 - Are you fluent in another language?
 - Do you have experience in the host country culture?
- How does an internship fit into your academic and career goals?
- How are internships perceived in the host country?
- What are the immigration regulations where you are applying?
- Have you considered internships in the US with an international organization?
- Are you going to go through a program provider?

International Internships

Helpful Links

- **BUNAC:**
<http://www.bunac.org/usa/interninbritain/eligibility.aspx>
- **Cross Cultural Solutions:** www.crossculturalsolutions.org
- **Diversity Abroad:**
<http://internabroad.diversityabroad.com/searchtext.cfm#InternType>
- **Experiential Learning Abroad:**
<http://www.eliabroad.org/content/view/41/77/>
- **Idealist:** <http://www.idealists.org>
- **I to I:** <http://www.i-to-i.com/volunteer-internships.html>
- **Intern Abroad:** <http://www.internabroad.com>
- **US Commercial Services:**
http://www.buyusa.gov/home/worldwide_us.html

Graduate School

- Where is the program accredited? Is the school recognized by FAFSA? This is the only way you can defer undergraduate loans.
- If you were to continue your studies in the US (PhD?) would your degree be recognized?
- What is the structure of Higher Ed in the host country? Is it an international school?
- Have you considered a dual degree program where you split study time b/t two schools?
- Are there certain aspects of your program that would not/could not be fulfilled abroad?
 - Teaching certification
 - Law studies

Graduate Schools

Helpful Websites:

- <http://international.gradschools.com>
- *Graduate Program Search Engines*
- <http://www.gradschools.com>
- <http://www.apsia.org> (Association of Professional Schools in International Affairs)
- <http://www.petersons.com/graduate/gsector.html> (Peterson's Higher Ed Guides)
- <http://www.internationalstudentloan.com/>
- www.isep.org/students/Alumni/graduate_programs_institutions.asp
- <http://www.studyinsweden.se> (Great search engine for programs in Sweden-many in English)
- <http://www.degreeabroad.com/search.cfm>
- <http://study-in-europe.info/>
- www.australearn.org
- www.campusfrance.org

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