

# Short Term/Gap Year/International Opportunities

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## What is a Gap Year?

A year off post-graduation to focus on career direction and/or personal interests.

## What are the benefits of a Gap Year?

- Catalyst to professional/career direction
- Adding dimension to your resume
- Gaining self-confidence and independence
- Exposure to new people and cultures

## There are a variety of avenues you might consider to meet your goal of taking a Gap Year:

### Short-term and seasonal work:

Many opportunities for short-term work exist either in the US or overseas - working as national parks staff members, summer camp, ranch or resort staff, wait staff, au pairs/nannies, agricultural workers, short-term clerical jobs, just to name a few.

In order to work overseas, both BUNAC and CIEE will help you obtain a short term work visa for a fee (\$40-\$250), put you in touch with options for housing and employment, but it is up to you to find a job.

### National Service (USA) or Volunteer Service Opportunities:

National and volunteer service programs address compelling community issues in education, public safety, health and human needs, the environment, and more.

Want to mobilize community resources and help develop an ethic of service and leadership skills? Consider:

- Teach for America
- Learn and Serve America
- AmeriCorps
- Jesuit and Lutheran Volunteer Corps
- City Year
- Cross Cultural Solutions

### Teaching English abroad:

Lots and lots of opportunities exist for teaching English as a second, or foreign, language. However, being a native English speaker is not enough to qualify you.

Most opportunities will require a Bachelor's degree and a TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) Certificate. *The good news is that TEFL certificates can be acquired in as few as four weeks (100-120 classroom hours).*

### Fellowships:

Opportunities for extended research, teaching, and travel exist through programs like the [US State Department's Fulbright Fellowship](#). The Fulbright Program creates a context to provide a better understanding of U.S. views and values, promotes more effective bi-national cooperation and nurtures open-minded, thoughtful leaders, both in the U.S. and abroad, who can work together to address common concerns. Check out Rollins' list of [External Competitive Scholarships & Fellowships](#) for more ideas.

### International Development work:

The opportunities within international development are extremely varied, and include everything from the Peace Corps to the World Bank and the United Nations to small NGOs working toward poverty relief or economic sustainability.

### Travel:

Look outside of your hometown, state, and maybe even country to have a unique work experience. Check out [GOINGLOBAL](#) from the homepage of your [R-CareerLink](#) (Jobs for Tars) account.

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## Short-Term & Seasonal Work Resources

- [Any Work Anywhere](#)
- [Coolworks.com](#) – summer jobs and seasonal jobs in great places
- [Fat Tire Bike Tours](#) (Barcelona, Paris, Berlin)
- [Intern Abroad](#)
- [Jobs Abroad](#)
- [Mike's Bike Tours](#) (Munich, Amsterdam)
- [My World Abroad](#)
- [Transitions Abroad](#)

## National Service/Volunteer Service Resources

- [African Development Corps](#)
- [Alliance Abroad](#)
- [Americorps](#) – VISTA, NCCC, State & National
- [American Jewish World Service](#)
- [BUNAC Working Adventures Worldwide](#)
- [Catholic Volunteer Network](#)
- [Cross Cultural Solutions](#)
- [Lutheran Volunteer Corps](#) – working for peace and justice
- [Pro World Service Corps](#)
- [PYXERA Global](#)
- [United Planet](#)
- [Volunteers for Peace](#)
- [Volunteer Abroad](#)
- [Volunteers in Asia](#)
- [Volunteer Match](#)
- [World Endeavors](#)

## Teaching English & Other Subjects Abroad

- [AASSA](#) (South America)
- [CELA](#) - Cambridge English Language Assessment)
- [Council on International Education Exchange](#)
- [Dave's ESL Café](#)
- [English First](#)
- [European Council of International Schools](#)
- [Footprints Recruiting](#)
- [International Schools Services](#)
- [JET](#) - Japanese Exchange and Teaching Programme
- [Joy Jobs](#)
- [Language Corps](#)
- [Oxford TEFL Program](#)
- [Search Associates](#)
- [Teach Abroad](#)
- [TeachAway](#) - Teach in Asia, Europe, Middle East, South America, Africa

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## Teaching English & Other Subjects Abroad (Continued)

- [TESOL International Association](#)
- [TIE Online](#)
- [Wall Street English](#)
- [WorldTeach](#)

## International Development Resources

- [Amigos Link](#)
- [DevNetJobs](#)
- [Expatica](#)
- [FSD International](#) - Foundation for Sustainable Development
- [InterExchange](#) - search for "Christianson Grant"
- [NAFSA Career Center](#)
- [One Small Planet](#)
- [One World Center](#)
- [Peace Corps](#)
- [USAID](#) - US Agency for International Development