



POSTGRADUATE INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

BENEFITS OF GRADUATE WORK ABROAD

- Program durations may be shorter than equivalent US programs; many MA or MS programs take as little as 18 months when students are enrolled full time.
- Many countries allow students enrolled in a degree program to work part-time, such as the United Kingdom and Australia.
- Many foreign institutions have a US federal FAFSA number and can process US federal aid including Stafford Loans for graduate students (inquire with individual universities).
- The perspective of studying an academic discipline in the context of another academic system and culture can be beneficial.
- Particularly for students interested in a discipline with an international or language focus, such as international business, the international degree will have professional advantages.
- The length of the program and nature of graduate work often offer a unique cultural immersion opportunity.
- Graduate programs offer all of the benefits and experiences of living abroad.

An international learning experience is life changing! Build your resume by studying a language, conducting research abroad, or doing an international internship related to your academic program. You may also choose to travel with a faculty member for credit or spend a semester taking courses abroad.

Many students organize their own international experiences through personal and professional contacts. Whether you choose to plan it yourself or participate in an organized program, the Study Abroad and Student Exchanges advising staff can assist you at every step of the way.

Some of the important factors to consider before committing include:

- Degree recognition in the US or the country in which the student intends to establish a career: professions such as law, medicine, or education may have specific curricular or licensure requirements that prohibit their international equivalencies from being recognized for careers in the United States.
- Academic “style” of the program: US degree programs tend to be coursework based, while many programs in other countries may be purely research based and therefore dramatically different than the student is used to.
- Since there are relatively few “programs” that administrate or assist students with the application process, the logistics may be more challenging and students need to be prepared to navigate the application and matriculation process independently.
- Degrees in non-English speaking cultures will likely require a high level of proficiency, as graduate programs are not usually designed for non-native speakers.

So how do I begin to explore opportunities?

1. Have a discussion with an academic advisor, faculty member, or a career counselor related to your area of interest to make sure the degree you are interested in will be beneficial to you in your long term plans.
2. Begin to identify appropriate universities that offer the degree program you are interested in. Helpful resources are listed below.

PROGRAM PROVIDERS FOR GRADUATE PROGRAMS ABROAD

Abroad China

<http://www.abroadchina.net/index.ASP>

Students who have earned an MBA degree or are currently taking their MBA, qualify to apply to this work/study program that offers paid internships combined with a language study element. This program is a great opportunity for highly motivated, ambitious and dedicated people who understand the benefits of international work and life experience to further explore their potential. The ideal candidates for this program are those individuals who are committed to building their resumes and gaining work experience in Asia. The internships are hosted by multi-national, Chinese, or local based foreign companies. No previous Chinese language experience needed.

Advising Hours
Mon 9:00AM- 4:00PM
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Academic Programs International

www.academicintl.com

API offers students courses and programs for graduate study. API has a graduate program at the University of Limerick in Ireland, a Master's in teaching Spanish in the University of Salamanca in Spain, and Master's in Latin American Studies at Pablo de Olavide University in Seville, Spain. API also has a summer teacher education studies program at the Université Stendhal, Grenoble III in Grenoble, France.

Center for Education Abroad at Arcadia University

www.arcadia.edu/cea

The Center for Education Abroad maintains affiliations with five institutions in Great Britain and two in Australia that offer a prolific range of graduate degrees. Arcadia offers services to prepare for graduate study abroad, from helping you identify the program and location best suited to your needs to facilitating the admissions and financial aid process and arranging for your accommodation overseas.

Syracuse University Division of International Programs Abroad (DIPA)

www.sumweb.syr.edu/dipa

SU offers two M.A. degree programs in Florence in fine arts and architecture.

UTSA EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES

Council of North American Higher Education Consortium (CONAHEC) – exchanges with schools in Canada and Mexico

CONAHEC's Student Exchange Program is designed for both undergraduate and graduate students, including students at the doctoral level. The program covers all academic disciplines as well as options for students interested in academic coursework and on-the-job training and/or experiential education abroad. When studying abroad, students are enrolled in courses taught in a foreign language. Exchange students are generally required to provide documentation of the ability to speak, read and write the language of the country where the host institution is located.

North American Summer School of Advanced Management Trilateral Exchange Program (NASSAM)

The program is jointly co-sponsored by the Colleges of Business at the University of Texas at San Antonio; Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey in Mexico City, Mexico; and the University of Calgary in Alberta, Canada. The objective of the program is to expand the academic, business, cultural, and educational horizons of the participants from all three universities by providing an intensive three-week international academic experience in Mexico, Canada and the United States. Students will participate in intercultural group projects designed to enhance understanding of global entrepreneurship. The knowledge gained by working with individuals from other cultures and learning the process by which business is done in other countries is a life-long learning experience no textbook can duplicate.

FUNDING FOR MASTERS PROGRAMS ABROAD

The British Council

www.britishcouncil-usa.org/education/graduate.shtml

This section of the British Council's Web site is dedicated to information on graduate opportunities and information for applying to a program in the United Kingdom. Services include a single application available for submission to any participating UK university.

The Canadian Bureau for International Education

www.cbie.ca

The Canadian Bureau for International Education (CBIE) is Canada's national organization dedicated exclusively to international education. CBIE's membership is composed of 110 colleges and universities across Canada, as well as corporate partners, non-governmental organizations, government agencies and individuals.

DAAD (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst) German Academic Exchange Service

www.daad.org

The "Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst" is a private, publicly funded, self-governing organization of higher education institutions in Germany. This page is designed for the US and Canadian clientele. It provides a number of links to the Web pages of DAAD's main office in Bonn, which contain a lot more general information on studying in Germany as well as other programs and initiatives.

SIU (Centre for International University Cooperation, Norwegian Council for Higher Education)

<http://www.studyinnorway.no/>

The Centre for International University Cooperation is the international section of the Norwegian Council of Higher Education. The Centre manages international cooperative programs within research and education, and supports joint action among Norwegian universities and colleges on issues of internationalization. The site includes a catalogue of International Master's Degree Programs offered by Norwegian Universities and University Colleges.

INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Carl Duisberg Society (CDS): <http://www.cdsintl.org/>
- Global Routes teach abroad program <http://www.globalroutes.org/student-travel.html>
- Idealist: Action without Borders- <http://www.idealists.org/>
- Teach abroad: <http://www.teachabroad.com>
- <http://www.globalexperiences.com>
- <http://www.internabroad.com/search.cfm>
- http://www.wiscabroad.org/internships_abroad.htm

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDY

Fulbright Scholarship

- Institute of International Education <http://www.iie.org>, Fulbright link
- For study, research or teaching abroad
- Applications are to one specific country
- If more than one semester of study in a country, don't apply to that country
- Funds awarded

The George J. Mitchell Scholarship

- <http://www.us-irelandalliance.org/scholarships.html>
- for study at Oxford University, UK
- Super competitive
- Must have impressive grades and leadership experiences

Marshall Scholarship

- <http://www.marshallscholarship.org>
- For study at any UK university
- Need a 3.7 GPA minimum

The NSEP David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship

- <http://www.gwu.edu/~fellows/nsep.html>
- Only for students pursuing study of regions other than Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.
- be willing to enter into a service agreement
- have language study (formal or informal) as an integral part of their application plan

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS

Chateaubriand Fellowships in the Humanities/Social Sciences and Science

http://www.ambafrance-us.org/sst/chateaubriand-culturel_2005/fellow-intro.htm

Set up by the French Embassy in the United States. Every year it allows non-French citizens who are doctoral candidates to perform research at a French institution for up to twelve months.

The Gates Cambridge Scholarships

<http://www.gates.scholarships.cam.ac.uk/>

To enable college graduates to study as an affiliated student or to pursue taught or research courses of postgraduate study at the University of Cambridge. Applicants from every country in the world except the UK are eligible to apply. In general, all candidates must have, or expect to obtain before beginning study in Cambridge, an Honors Bachelor degree, or its equivalent, from a recognized university.

German Chancellor Scholarships

<http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/en/programme/index.htm>

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation is enabling prospective leaders from the U.S.A. in the academic, economic, and political fields to carry out research projects of their own choice in Germany.

IFESH International Fellows Program

<http://www.ifesh.org/fellows.html>

The International Fellows Program (IFP) is a public-private sector initiative created in 1987 to provide recent college graduates and graduate students an opportunity to work overseas for nine months as International Fellows. Fellows are assigned to various development organizations such as Africare, CARE, Save the Children, TechnoServe, Opportunities Industrialization Centers International, Counterpart International, and UNICEF to work on various types of community-based development activities.

Luce Scholars Program for Professional Placement in an Asian Country <http://www.bu.edu/bufellow/graduate/luce.htm>

Fellowship program with stipend for U.S. students who have *not* concentrated in Asian studies or traveled extensively in Asia, and are no more than 29 years old when the scholarship begins.

New Israel Fund/SHATIL Social Justice Fellowships

http://www.nif.org/content.cfm?cat_id=1616&currbody=1

The New Israel Fund/SHATIL Social Justice Fellowships are ten-month stipend fellowships at organizations working to advance social justice and democracy in Israel. Each fellowship is designed to enable a talented and committed Jewish professional or recent graduate to spend a year contributing to social justice while experiencing Israel first-hand.

ORSAS- Overseas Research Students Awards Scheme

<http://www.orsas.ac.uk/>

Awards offer international postgraduate students the opportunity to carry out a broad range of research at well-established UK academic institutions of worldwide recognition. These awards provide funding to pay the difference between the international student tuition fees and the home/EU student tuition fees charged by the academic institution that the student attends. ORSAS awards do not cover the home/EU fee element, maintenance or travel expenses.

Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program

<http://www.gwu.edu/~fellows/bosch.html>

Nine-month work/study opportunity in Germany that offers a high-level, in-depth understanding of political, economic, and cultural environment of Germany and the European Union. Students should possess a graduate degree and/or two years of professional experience

Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarships

http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/amb_scho/index.html

Promotes international understanding as the scholars are expected to serve as ambassadors of goodwill during the term of their scholarships. Three types of scholarships are currently available: academic-year, multi-year, and cultural. Deadlines may vary. Contact your local Rotary Club in your area of residence for application materials and deadline information.