WHAT’S NEXT?

GOING ABROAD AFTER GRADUATION
NICOLE MEANOR

Undergrad
- Agnes Scott College - BA, Asian Studies
- Studied abroad twice in Japan
- Fluent in Japanese...but very rusty :)

Served 3 years on the JET Program in Japan after graduation
- Regional Representative

Graduate School
- University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education (Penn GSE) - Master of Science in Education, Major in Intercultural Communication
- Fellow at Summer Institute for Intercultural Communication
- GRA/ESL Writing Coach

Senior Education Abroad Program Coordinator at KSU
STUDYING ABROAD VS. WORKING ABROAD

SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES

TRANSITIONING TO PROFESSIONAL LIFE

HOW DO YOU KNOW WHEN YOU’RE READY TO COME BACK?
TEACHING ABROAD

• Pros:
  – Paid
  – Great experience in the field of Education
  – Lots of opportunities to travel

• Cons:
  – Occasional extended periods of down time
  – Long-term contract, for better or worse
  – Not for people who aren't okay working with kids

• Example Programs: JET (Japan), EPIK (South Korea), TAPIF (France), N. American Language and Culture Assistant (Spain)
TEACHING ABROAD

• What might you be expected to do?
  – Team teach with a local teacher of English
  – Plan/assist in planning lessons
  – Create teaching materials
  – Motivate students – make English fun!
  – Participate in activities outside your work hours (school festivals, after school clubs, field trips)

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  – Check program homepage for specific eligibility criteria
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  – A cheerful disposition/willingness to get involved > language proficiency/prior experience abroad
  – **REMEMBER:**
    • You are working with kids!
    • You are a cultural ambassador!
and join the KSU Ed Abroad Alumni Group!
Where will you go from here?

PEACE CORPS
The Peace Corps Mission

To promote world peace and friendship by fulfilling three goals:

1. To help the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained individuals

2. To help promote a better understanding of Americans on part of the peoples served

3. To help promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans
I’m a Returned Peace Corps Volunteer along with 240,000+ nationwide.

Jackie Valadez

Pronouns: she/her/ella
Country of Service: Panamá
Assignment Area: Education
Secondary Projects: Gender Equity, Reproductive Health, & Volunteer Inclusion
Languages spoken: Spanish
Alma Mater: University of Georgia (Romance Languages & Linguistics)
Service as an Education Volunteer in Panama:
Countries and Sectors

THE CARIBBEAN
1. Jamaica
2. Dominican Republic
3. Dominica
4. Grenada and Carriacou
5. St. Lucia
6. St. Vincent

LATIN AMERICA
7. Belize
8. Colombia
9. Costa Rica
10. Ecuador
11. Guatemala
12. Guyana
13. Mexico
14. Nicaragua
15. Panama
16. Paraguay
17. Peru

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST
26. Benin
27. Botswana
28. Burkina Faso
29. Cameroon
30. Comoros
31. Ethiopia
32. Ghana
33. Lesotho
34. Liberia
35. Madagascar
36. Malawi
37. Mali
38. Morocco
39. Mozambique
40. Namibia
41. Rwanda
42. Senegal
43. South Africa
44. Swaziland
45. Tanzania
46. The Gambia
47. Togo
48. Uganda
49. Zambia

ASIA
50. Cambodia
51. China
52. Indonesia
53. Mongolia
54. Nepal
55. Philippines
56. Thailand
57. Timor-Leste

PACIFIC ISLANDS
58. Federated States of Micronesia
59. Fiji
60. Palau
61. Samoa
62. Tonga
63. Vanuatu

EASTERN EUROPE & CENTRAL ASIA
18. Albania
19. Armenia
20. Georgia
21. Kosovo
22. Kyrgyz Republic
23. Macedonia
24. Moldova
25. Ukraine

Countries with Volunteers as of September 2016. Visit peacecorps.gov/countries for up-to-date information. Posts where Volunteers are not currently serving are not listed.
BENEFITS DURING SERVING

• Living stipend
• Housing
• Medical and dental coverage
• Student loan deferment/cancellation
• Vacation time
• Career skills and training

BENEFITS AFTER SERVICE

• Approximately $10,000 in transition funds
• Graduate school benefits
• Professional networking and career services
• Federal employment advantages
• Public service loan forgiveness
• Access to affordable health insurance
The Peace Corps continues to monitor and assess the COVID-19 pandemic domestically and internationally. The locations and timing of returning Volunteers to service will be determined on a country-by-country basis.

Given this uncertainty, we have temporarily listed future opportunities by work sector and region of the world. Please connect with your recruiter to learn more.

Evacuated Volunteers: Coming in early June, there will be an expedited application for expressing your interest in returning to service. Get details and subscribe to updates.

Serve Where You Are Needed Most

If you are open to multiple sectors or regions, we will review your application and match your skills and preferences to an opening. In your application, you will have an opportunity to indicate your date of availability.

Apply now

Youth Development Facilitator

ASIA | DEPARTS MID 2021
- Youth in Development
- Language Requirement: None
- Couples Accepted

English Education Teacher

ASIA | DEPARTS MID 2021
- Education
- Language Requirement: None
- Couples Accepted

Youth Development Promoter

CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO | DEPARTS MID 2021
- Youth in Development
- Language Requirement: Spanish
- Couples Accepted

Youth Development Volunteer

AFRICA | DEPARTS MID 2021
- Health
- Youth in Development
- Language Requirement: None
- Couples Accepted

English Education Teacher

AFRICA | DEPARTS MID 2021
- Education
- Language Requirement: None
- Couples Accepted
APPLYING TO THE PEACE CORPS

Connect with a recruiter.
Talk to a recruiter before you apply for insights into the process and help strengthening your application. Connect at peacecorps.gov/recruiters.

1. BROWSE
Search current openings and apply to the one that best fits your skills and interest, or apply to “where you are needed most” and we’ll select the position that best fits your skills.

2. APPLY
Filling out the online application takes about an hour.

3. HEALTH HISTORY
Provide your health history and learn which countries can support your medical needs.

4. INTERVIEW
If selected, interview via videoconference.

5. INVITATION
If chosen, accept your invitation to serve.

6. MEDICAL AND LEGAL CLEARANCE
Provide additional medical and legal information. Our medical team will certify that medical support for your specific needs can be provided.

7. ONBOARDING
Two months prior to service you’ll complete the online documentation required for departure.

8. DEPARTURE
Embark on your Peace Corps service assignment.
Contact Information:

Peace Corps Recruiter: Jackie Valadez
Email: jvaladez@peacecorps.gov
Phone Number: 202-369-7442

As a recruiter I:
- Help you navigate the website
- Work to perfect your Peace Corps Resume
- Do mock interviews
- Connect you with other RPCVs
- Support you talking with your parents!
Graduate School and Job Searching Abroad

Holly Šedys
Career and Internship Advisor
Graduate School or Job Search
Questions to ask yourself....

• What is your goal for attending graduate school?
  • What are your professional and personal goals?
  • Do you have to attend graduate school to work in your chosen career field?
  • When do you want to attend? Right after graduation? After a few years of work experience?

• How important is it that you attend?
  • Again, professional and personal.
  • On a scale from 1-10 how important is it to you to attend graduate school?
Know your Industry

• **Research your specific industry**
  • What are common degrees (advanced?)
  • What skills, qualifications, and interests are needed?
  • What jobs are available?

Websites: Occupational Outlook Handbook, What Can I Do With My Major?, LinkedIn, Google, Professional Associations

• **Research people in that industry**
  • Once you have identified some jobs and employers, research people who work there.
  • Utilize LinkedIn and Owl Mentor Network to find employees of specific companies and see what their educational background looks like. This is helpful when looking for schools.
International Considerations

• Schools offering specific areas of study
• Personal country preference (language and culture)
• How welcoming a country is to international students
• Most affordable degrees
• Cost of living
• Work opportunities

Master’s Portal
Where to Search for Programs

1. Google
2. Professional Associations (will highlight accreditation too)
6. Ask your professors
7. Ask your Career and Internship Advisor
Financial Aid

• You can search your intended school for scholarships and aid
• Some schools don’t allow for international students to be GRAs
• Many international schools participate in the federal student aid program, [https://studentaid.gov/#participating-schools](https://studentaid.gov/#participating-schools)

Websites
www.scholarship-positions.com
www.scholarships.com
www.iefa.org
www.foreign.fulbrightonline.org
Resilience: #1 Job Search Resource

• Job searching is HARD
• Be prepared to step out of your comfort zone
• Expect a lot more rejections than offers
• Get ready for long haul (start early for a successful search)

Obstacles don’t have to stop you. If you run into a wall, don’t turn around and give up. Figure out how to climb it, go through it, or work around it.

Michael Jordan

Resilience- The ability to adapt and bounce back to thrive through difficult or challenging experiences
Job Searching in Uncertain Times

- Focus on what you can control
- Set realistic goals and stay positive
- Keep learning – Don't make assumptions
- Prioritize Self-care
- Use your resources!
Creating Job/Internship Search Strategies

- WHAT IS YOUR GOAL? (HINT: YOU MAY NEED A DIFFERENT STRATEGY FOR EACH GOAL!)
- HOW WILL YOU GET PREPARED & ORGANIZED?
- WHAT DO EMPLOYERS WANT? WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO OFFER?
- WHAT RESOURCES DO YOU HAVE?
Understanding work authorization

Before searching for an internship or a job, learn about current immigration regulations and university policies regarding your visa type.

https://www.transitionsabroad.com/listings/work/articles/work-permits-abroad.shtml
Handshake Job Searching Using Filters
Job Searching on LinkedIn

Accounting Intern
Northside Hospital
Atlanta, GA, US
Strong analytical, time management, and communication (verbal/written) skills. The Department Intern...
careers.peopleclick.com

Finance & Accounting Intern
UPS
Alpharetta, GA, US
UPS is seeking a dynamic Finance Intern to gain first-hand experience in enhancing an enterprise-level...
www.jobs-ups.com

Financial Accounting Intern
Cox Enterprises
Atlanta, GA, US
The company’s major operating subsidiaries include Cox Communications (cable television distribu... clickappcast.io

Job description
Northside Hospital is award-winning, state-of-the-art and continually growing. Constantly expanding the quality and reach of our care to our patients and communities creates even more opportunity for the best healthcare professionals in Atlanta and beyond. Discover all the possibilities of a career at Northside today.

Position Description
The Department Intern will complete miscellaneous special projects of the Accounting department as needed.

- Assist with administrative duties to support the accounting team

connections
24 company alumni

other
40 applicants
10,001 employees
Hospital & Health Care

jobs
46 results

linkedin
accounting intern
Kennesaw, Georgia

Sort by: Relevance
Split View

Jobs
Date Posted
LinkedIn Features
Company
Experience Level
25 miles (40 km)
All filters
Prepare to Talk About Yourself

Take a personal inventory (examples on our website)

Are you Career Ready?
NACE Career Competencies
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Oral/Written Communications
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Career Management
- Global/Intercultural Fluency
Practice telling your story

• Confidence is Important!
• Mock interviews & InterviewStream
• Elevator pitch
• Ask yourself:
  • What do you do better than others?
  • Similarly, what unique international advantage do you bring to the company?
When to Bring up Immigration Status

- Not on Resume
- Never lie – address positively when asked
- Individual decision:
  - during interviews
  - before offer accepted
- Be an expert on your status: Practice so you can own your story & educate potential employers
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