

Some Gap Year Resources

The Institute of Irish Studies now offers two summer school programs, the new one is specifically conflict transformation oriented.

<http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/IrishStudiesGateway/SummerSchools/>

AmeriCorps programs exist throughout the country in a variety of fields.

<http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps>

PULSE recruits college graduates to serve in Pittsburgh nonprofits and gain leadership skills.

<http://pulsepittsburgh.org/about-us/>

Direct Action and Research Training Center (DART) is made up of several organizations that bring people together across different racial, religious and socioeconomic lines in order to pursue justice in their communities.

<http://thedartcenter.org/>

Peace Corps is an international service organization that sends Americans abroad to help other countries address critical needs. Contact Abraham Kim for more information on the application process and to find out when Peace Corps-specific information and events are happening. pcorps@pitt.edu

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

Fulbright US Student Program has many different programs for research, teaching and other projects in several different countries. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and alumni can apply but must be endorsed by Pitt.

<http://us.fulbrightonline.org/>

Here is some information about the timeline to applying for a Fulbright through Pitt:

<http://www.honorscollege.pitt.edu/scholarships/national-scholarships-advising/national-scholarships-require-pitt-endorsement/pitt-gu-0>

Undergraduates should contact Shannon Mischler if interested in it: sjm130@pitt.edu

Graduate student should contact Jessica Sun if interested in it jhs39@pitt.edu

Volunteer Ecuador

An organization legally recognized by the Government of Ecuador, which was constituted through the ministerial agreement No.0350 on October 10, 2005. Currently it is the only organization authorized to select and supply volunteers to third party organizations providing their services in social, community, educational, healthcare and ecological projects/programs throughout Ecuador.

<http://www.ecuadorvolunteer.org>
nfo@ecuadorvolunteer.org

Global Routes

Global Routes is a non-governmental, non-sectarian organization committed to strengthening our global community through voluntary work overseas. The organization designs foreign exchange programs based on community service, bringing people with different world views together.

<http://www.globalroutes.org>
mail@globalroutes.org

Global Service Corps

A non-profit organization that focuses on service learning and overseas volunteer programs and international internships in Thailand, Cambodia and Tanzania. International stays range from 2 week Introductions to Service Learning, 4-6 week Short-term Volunteer Abroad Assignments and 9 Week to 6 month International Internships and Overseas Volunteer Assignments. Global Service Corps' mission is to design and implement volunteer vacation and service-learning community development programs that benefit the volunteers and positively impact the communities they serve.

<http://www.globalservicecorps.org>
gsc@globalservicecorps.org

Hands for Help Nepal

Hands for Help Nepal is a nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that sends volunteers to various projects in Nepal. Currently, Hands for Help Nepal provides volunteer opportunities that include teaching in schools, assisting orphanages and community health clinics, teaching English in a Buddhist monastery, school construction and renovation and teaching environmental awareness. Programs last from one to five months.

<http://www.handsforhelp.com>
info@handsforhelp.com

World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms

WWOOF organizations publish lists of organic farms, smallholdings and gardeners that welcome volunteer help at certain times. The diversity of hosts available offers a large variety of tasks and experiences. Volunteer helpers ("WWOOFers") choose the hosts that most interest them and make direct contact to arrange a stay. Volunteers usually live as part of the family.

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

NATO Internship Programme

Citizens of NATO-member countries who are 21 and older and who graduated not longer than 12 months before are eligible to apply for this 6-month internship at the North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters in Belgium. There are internship opportunities in human resources, diplomacy, policy and many other disciplines. Check the website for details.

<http://www.nato.int/cps/en/natolive/71157.htm>

International Organization for Migration

IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization for migration and “works to help ensure the orderly and humane management of migration, to promote international cooperation on migration issues, to assist in the search for practical solutions to migration problems and to provide humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced people.” They offer internships in their headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

<https://www.iom.int/internships-iom>

Volunteer Partnerships for West Africa (VPWA)

Volunteer Partnerships for West Africa (VPWA) is a volunteer driven non-profit NGO based in Ghana which aims to promote better life opportunities for people in under privileged communities through better education, health, sanitation and sustainable development.

<http://www.vpwa.org>
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Visions in Action

Visions in Action is a nonprofit organization that offers six month and one year volunteer positions in Mexico, South Africa, Tanzania, and Uganda. The program features an orientation with language study followed by a home-stay in a local community. Positions available with nonprofit development organizations, research institutes, health clinics, community groups and the media.

<http://www.visionsinaction.org>
visions@visionsinaction.org

United Nations Internship Program

Be an intern at the United Nations--an organization committed to maintaining international peace and promoting human rights. You can intern in New York City or other major UN offices internationally within a year of graduation. There are several different areas in which to work, including human resources, finance, language, management, law, and security.

<https://careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx?viewtype=ip>

To learn about more possibilities for your gap year experience, consult the Global Guide on the Global Studies Center Website

<http://www.ucis.pitt.edu/global/globalguide>