



INTERNATIONAL

INTERNATIONAL CAREERS

International careers are found in the Federal Government, the United Nations and related organizations, non-profit organizations, business, banking, communications, and teaching at locations in Washington D.C., New York, across the United States, at U.S. embassies abroad, and all areas of the world.

Federal Government

A main source of international jobs is with the Foreign Service of the State Department, either in Washington, D.C. or in U.S. embassies abroad. Political officers analyze political issues, negotiate agreements, and contact foreign officials. Economic/Commercial officers analyze and report on economic trends and events that interest the United States. Administrative officers manage U.S. operations abroad, budget and plan. Consular officers have contact with foreign citizens, grant visas for foreigners, issue passports, and help Americans outside the United States with serious emergency problems.

Other international agencies include the Agency for International Development, U.S. Information Agency, International Development Cooperation Agency, National Security Agency, Central Intelligence Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, Defense Security Assistance Agency, Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Export-Import Bank, U.S. International Trade Commission, and Inter-American Foundation.

Also, there are domestic-oriented agencies that provide international job opportunities such as the Department of Labor, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, and the Department of Commerce.

The Foreign Service Exam is the first step in the selection process for candidates interested in overseas careers with the U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Information Agency. Registration books may be obtained by writing to:

U.S. Department of State
PER/REE, SA-1
2401 East Street NW, 5th Floor
Washington, D.C. 20522

or through their web site:

www.state.gov/www/careers/veexameldate.html

Applications for the exam are also available in the Career Resource Center each fall.

For the Foreign Service of the Department of State, foreign language proficiency is not required. Those selected are placed in a language training program.

United Nations and Related Organizations

Most of the higher-level jobs for the United Nations (U.N.) are performed by specialists in economics, law, economic development, area studies, administration, communication, agriculture and social sciences. Language skills, particularly French and Spanish, are required for these jobs. A quota system limits the number of already scarce jobs. Contacts and initiative are very important in getting these higher-level jobs. Lower-level jobs include researcher, public information officer, legal officer, translator, interpreter, guide and secretary. For the U.N., languages and a background in economics or economic development are important. Learn more about the U.N. by visiting their web site: www.un.org/Depts/OHRM

Non-profit Organizations

A large number of non-profit organizations serve people throughout the world. Job opportunities generally fall into one of the following areas: 1) educational, cultural and exchange; 2) economics and economic development; 3) environment, energy and population; 4) business and labor; or 5) relief, rehabilitation and human rights.

International Business and Banking

International relations studies and language fluency will help you obtain a job in international business. In this area, languages and technical business subjects such as accounting, finance and marketing are required.

Mostly large commercial banks and U.S. branches of foreign banks conduct international banking. Only in the largest banks will there be substantial work overseas, in which case language proficiency will be particularly valuable. While many large banks recruit liberal arts students, banks favor international affairs and business courses.

It is important to emphasize the competitiveness in getting international jobs. Also, when speaking of careers, remember that the word "international" is always an adjective which applies to the noun of your career field as in *international economist*, *international education*, *international marketing*. In your career preparation, make sure to emphasize the development of your major career field as well as the international part.

International Communication

International communication careers require years of experience prior to entry. You can prepare by doing an internship in a local paper, wire service or broadcasting station. Taking courses in journalism, broadcasting, and international affairs is also helpful. International correspondents may be assigned overseas for years, thus language proficiency is a great tool.

International publishers generally work in the United States, occasionally taking trips abroad. Firms with foreign subsidiaries or which specialize in scientific, medical or technical books offer the best chances for international work.

International Law

A background in law and international affairs has many applications; for example, negotiating codes, contracts and treaties. Job opportunities exist in the U.N., federal government, non-profit organizations, business, banks, communications, and private practice.

Teaching

The main sources of teaching jobs overseas include: Department of Defense Overseas Dependents Schools, overseas American elementary and secondary schools assisted by the Department of State, contractual jobs, and schools established by American businesses. In general, these jobs require teaching experience and the necessary credentials. Opportunities also exist to teach English as a Second Language both abroad and in the United States. Another possibility is to undertake graduate work that may lead to a university teaching position overseas.

For more information, contact the Career Resource Center or the Office of International Education.

Internships

Paid and non-paid internships are excellent ways for students to gain valuable experience in preparation for international careers. Career Services often has listings of international internships for the U.S. Department of State, Department of Commerce, and Peace Corps. The Career Resource Center has additional information on internships, including directories of organizations with internship programs.

The Career Resource Center has an excellent selection of books, directories and job bulletins on international careers. Some of these are:

International Internship Resources

- Directory of International Internships
- The Imaginative Soul's Guide to Foreign Internships
- Overseas Summer Jobs
- Volunteer and Internship Possibilities in Israel

International Career Resources

- Alternatives to the Peace Corps
- American Jobs Abroad
- Best Careers for Bilingual Latinos
- Careers in International Affairs
- Graduate Opportunities in Malaysia
- Guide to Careers in World Affairs
- How to Get a Job in Europe
- How To Get A Job With A Cruise Line
- International Jobs: Where They Are and How to Get Them
- Korea Super Job Catalog
- Opportunities in Foreign Language Careers
- Opportunities in Overseas Careers
- Teaching English Abroad (Vacation Work)
- Washington Job Source
- Work Abroad

Additional Information is available in the Career Resource Center

Willard Hall, Room 5 ~ 303-492-4105

This is only a partial listing of material available. Please come in and browse through our resource center.

A resource assistant can help you find these and other materials, and you can use our computers to search the Web.

The resource center is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the academic year and from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the summer.