

Working Abroad

Working abroad can be an enriching and rewarding experience. It can allow you to develop skills, enhance your work prospects, gain linguistic skills, meet new people and experience new cultures.

Opportunities abroad could include volunteering, paid, temporary or permanent employment. You could work in a wide variety of roles from graduate employment to temporary summer jobs. Research is the key to finding the right opportunity for you.

Finding Employment

You need to think carefully about the type of role you are looking for and your reasons for wishing to work abroad.

- Think about where you would like to work and why?
- Are you looking to develop an international career or just wishing to spend some time working abroad?
- If you are looking for a graduate role, have you researched the local graduate recruitment market and the application/recruitment process?
- Will your qualifications be recognised?
- Will you need any additional skills or qualifications such as language skills?
- Have you thought about the practicalities of relocating: living costs, finding somewhere to live etc...?
- Will you need a work visa? Are there restrictions on the type of work you can take?

Graduate Employment

There are many graduate opportunities abroad depending on the employment you are looking for. You might want to consider multinational companies or look more to the local employment market for opportunities. The following websites have guides to working in a variety of countries:

<https://targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/career-ideas>

www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/working-abroad

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/country_profiles/default.stm

www.reed.co.uk/career-advice/how-to-find-international-graduate-jobs/

Teaching English

Teaching English is a popular route for graduates to experience living and working abroad. Roles vary from working in nursery schools to teaching business English to employees in the workplace. Different countries have different requirements for English Teachers: some may require a degree and others may also ask for a teaching qualification such as a TEFL qualification.

TEFL courses are widely available, and the qualification should be validated by either Cambridge Assessment English, who offer the Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults (CELTA), or Trinity College London, who run the Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages (Cert TESOL). There are also qualifications offered by both bodies for teaching English to younger learners.

www.prospects.ac.uk/job-profiles/english-as-a-foreign-language-teacher

www.tefl.org/en/tefl-jobs-centre/#s=1

www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-abroad/outside-uk

<https://jobs.theguardian.com/jobs/tefl/>

Summer Camps & Other Jobs

Summer camps are another option to work overseas, offering temporary contracts and a package of benefits such as food, accommodation, flights and visa support. For more information, please see the Summer Camps and Other Jobs leaflet.

Volunteering

There is an enormous range of volunteering opportunities available abroad, from a few days to several years. You could be supporting projects in areas such as healthcare, education, conservation or construction. For most overseas volunteering there will be costs involved, so it is important you research the company organising the volunteering carefully. You might also wish to explore the background to the project you are considering volunteering with – does it meet with your own personal values?

www.volunteerforever.com/

www.gooverseas.com/about

www.workingabroad.com/

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<https://worchester.targetconnect.net>

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