

Dynamy

Domestic — Massachusetts

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Dynamy Internship Year is the oldest and only residential internship program in the country. Our mission is to offer young people, ages 17-22, a transformational gap year (or semester) opportunity. Located in Worcester, Massachusetts, Dynamy Internship Year integrates full-time mentored internships in over 240 organizations with urban and backcountry leadership experiences, personal and college/career advising, city apartment living, optional college seminars and the company of a remarkable group of peers.

Thinking Beyond Borders

International — Global, South America, Asia

203-993-0236

thinkingbeyondborders.org

Thinking Beyond Borders' gap year programs are specifically designed for students who are passionate about learning and are eager to create meaningful social change in the world. We combine deep cultural immersion, working with inspiring local leaders, and engaging readings and discussions to create an exciting, supportive, and transformational learning environment. Program Leaders with Master's degrees in International Development and education will support your learning with seminars and mentoring. TBB's full-year and semester options include a 7-country Global Gap Year, the South America Gap Semester, and the Asia Gap Semester.

Where There Be Dragons

International — Asia, Latin America, Middle East, and Africa

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www.wheretherebedragons.com

In the days before the world had been fully charted, mapmakers would draw dragons to represent lands that were still unknown. Bold explorers who ventured beyond the map's edge were said to go "where there be dragons." There are still people who live for this type of adventure; who live in search of the meaning and mysticism that accompany adventures into the unknown. If you are one of them, come join us. We run programs for people like you. Founded in 1993, Where There Be Dragons is recognized as the leader in cross-cultural education. We specialize in guiding summer and semester programs for high school and college students in 17 countries in the developing world. Each Dragons course is carefully crafted to cultivate global citizenship, leadership, and self-awareness within our students. Every year, Dragons students return home better prepared to be leaders in thought, leaders in action, and most of all, leaders at heart.

AFS-USA

International — Ghana, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Portugal, Serbia, Slovakia, Switzerland, Turkey

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<http://www.afsusa.org>

AFS-USA (formerly the American Field Service), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a leader in intercultural learning and offers international exchange programs in more than 40 countries around the world through independent, nonprofit AFS Organizations, each with a network of volunteers, a professionally staffed office, and headed up by a volunteer board. We've been exchanging students throughout the world for more than 65 years. That's six decades of history and experience in international education with an exemplary record of safety, security, and service to students, parents, and educators. AFS -USA works toward a more just and peaceful world by providing international and intercultural learning experiences to individuals, families, schools, and communities through a global volunteer partnership.* We offer both academic gap programs and community service based programs in our gap program selection. The age eligibility cut-off is 18 years and 6 months for the majority of our academic gap programs, meaning that students would need to be younger than 18 years and 6 months upon arrival at most of our academic gap program country destinations. Our community service gap programs have age caps starting from 21 years old, so there is more flexibility age-wise in the community service programs. We offer gap academic programs in 22 countries, and gap community service programs in 8 countries.

- Academic Gap Program Description: Year and semester high school programs for recent high school graduates to experience full immersion through living with a host family and attending a local high school abroad.
- Community Service Gap Program Description: Year and semester community service programs for post-high school students and adults who want to make a lasting impact through a local project matched to their personal interests and skills.

African Impact

Africa – South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar, Malawi, Namibia, Madagascar, Seychelles

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<http://www.africanimpact.com>

African Impact is a multi-award winning volunteer travel organization running and managing meaningful and responsible volunteer experiences and internship programs throughout Africa. Our organization started as a small family-run company founded in 2004 in Zimbabwe, and since then we've grown to become the African leaders in volunteer tourism, having facilitated over 12,500 volunteers and interns in 12 countries across the continent. We are proud to offer fun, safe and structured placements where volunteers understand their contribution to responsible projects run in partnership with local communities and conservation efforts. Our journey so far has been both inspiring and humbling and we will keep expanding the horizons of what volunteering can achieve. Our volunteer and internship programs offer maximum flexibility with the ability to join all year round with placements as short as two weeks up to entire year long custom gap year experiences.

Maximo Nivel

International — Costa Rica, Peru, Guatemala, Miami

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Maximo Nivel believes in experiential education as a means to develop skills and understanding; ultimately, transforming international learners and travelers into global citizens and leaders. We are dedicated to providing a successful and supportive learning environment through personalized programs and delivering the best education, language, and cultural experiences in Latin America. We are a leading social enterprise in the Americas, located in three of the most beautiful and biodiverse countries in the world – Costa Rica, Guatemala, and Peru. In all three countries, we offer our International Internship, International Volunteer, Native Spanish, TEFL/TESOL Certification, and University Semester Abroad Programs. As well for youth ages 13-17, Maximo Nivel offers its Youth Spanish Camp in Costa Rica during Summer and Winter breaks.

Aspire by API

International — Argentina, France, Ireland, Italy, Spain

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www.aspirebyapi.com

Aspire by API, the gap year and high school division of Academic Programs International (API), is dedicated to providing comprehensive gap year and gap semester programs in Argentina, France, Ireland, Italy, and Spain. Aspire by API's language and cultural immersion programs provide students with opportunities to get involved with the local community, earn college credits, and to develop relevant global skills in an exciting, enriching, safe, and secure setting.

Academy at Watkinson

Domestic/International — Hartford, London, Cambodia, Mexico, Dominican Republic

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www.watkinson.org/programs/theacademy

The Academy at Watkinson offers a pre-college year designed by YOU. While strengthening your transcript at a historic preparatory school, you can participate in intriguing internships, travel opportunities to amazing places such as London, Cambodia, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. You may take classes at the University of Hartford, and engage in rewarding community service opportunities of your own choosing. Gain independence by living on or off-campus, or with great host families. With help of highly-motivated counselors you design your own unique customized pre-college year. The Academy also welcomes international students.

The Leap

International — Cuba, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Venezuela, Madagascar, Kenya, Tanzania, South Africa, Cambodia, Borneo

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www.theleap.co.uk

The Leap is an award winning leading gap year company, established by Guy and Milly Whitehead in 2002, who with their dedicated team are on hand 24/7 to help plan, deliver and manage your gap year.

Volunteering (environmental and game conservation, teaching/child care, community building, sports and adventure), internships(medical, law, teaching, child care and business), summer gaps and equine placements for a semester, 6 to 10 weeks or longer, across Africa, Asia and South America. All programs include a mix of projects, in a mix of locations, challenging both mind + muscle. Travel as part of a Leap team for an instant social life and great camaraderie.

Center for Interim Programs

Domestic — New Jersey, Massachusetts (Consults throughout the US and Internationally)

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Founded in 1980, the Center for Interim Programs is the first independent gap-year counseling organization in the United States. For 35 years, Interim has been developing an extensive database of vetted programs and placements worldwide. Based on a student's interests and budget, our experienced counselors make customized referrals which include: group travel programs, low cost volunteer options, internship placements, language schools, wilderness courses, academic semesters, research trips and much more. We are committed to helping students, as well as adults of all ages, find complementary experiences to formal education and work. Interim counselors are keynote and panel speakers at NACAC, HECA, IECA, the USA Gap Year Fairs and high schools nationwide.

Africa and Asia Adventure

International — Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, China, India, Nepal, Thailand, Ecuador, Mexico

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Established in 1993, Africa & Asia Venture (known as AV) is a small UK-based not-for-profit social enterprise specialising in gap year volunteering projects in the developing world for 18 – 25 year olds. Over 5,500 people from 30+ countries have together contributed more than 1,200 man-years of service to the communities in which we operate. We offer a unique experience of group-based full-immersion projects in rural communities, where volunteers live with the locals the way the locals live and after which they have a period of independent travel time to go wherever they wish, all supported by our dedicated, 24/7, in-country management teams.

Carpe Diem Education

International- Central America: (Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras), East Africa: (Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda), India: (Northern Plains and Himalayas), Indigenous America: (Southwest U.S., Hopi, Zuni, Tohono O'odham Nations, Northern Mexico), South America: (Peru & Ecuador), Southeast Asia: (Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam), South Pacific: (Australia, New Zealand, Fiji), and Latitudes Year: (Regional Semester + Focused Volunteer Placement)

503-285-1800

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www.carpediemeducation.org

Carpe Diem programs are designed to safely challenge every student. Through service, travel, community and cultural exchange – our students receive a unique and personal insight into themselves and the cultures they live within. While travelling within a small group setting through unique regions of the world, Carpe Diem students engage in opportunities for growth and hands-on learning within the structure of a 3-month academic semester. For those looking for a full year experience, Carpe Diem's 8-month Latitudes Program combines the group travel semester with a specialized focused volunteer placement. In addition to our experiential based programming, Carpe Diem is proud to offer a wide range of college courses through our local partnership with Portland State University. We believe that this integrative approach to learning engages the mind, body, and spirit of our students, while providing opportunities to cultivate their passions and strengths. College Credit and Financial Aid is available through Portland State University.

Interlochen Arts Academy

Domestic— Michigan

231-276-7472

<http://academy.interlochen.org/>

The Post Graduate Program at Interlochen Arts Academy is a one-year, fully immersive artistic experience for recent high school graduates seeking a college-level arts program on a vibrant campus of creative artists. Interlochen has long been recognized as one of the world's finest pre-professional schools for young artists and musicians. This one-year program gives students access to the extensive artistic expertise and resources that are only available at Interlochen. The program features a flexible curriculum and schedule that allows students to receive world-class instruction in a nurturing residential environment where they can fully dedicate themselves to achieving their artistic goals. For Music, specifically the Conservatory Gap Year Program represents an ideal opportunity for musicians to prepare for conservatory auditions and placement. The program also embraces students looking for artistic enrichment and pre-professional training, whether intending to pursue a music performance degree or non-performance degree. Interlochen's intense artistic educational experience produces highly sought-after students who are disciplined, creative, collaborative, and polished performers.

Outward Bound

1-866-467-7651

<http://www.outwardbound.org/gap-year-semester-courses/>

Over one million students in the U.S. have benefited from Outward Bound's unparalleled approach to "learning by doing." Outward Bound in the U.S. traces its roots to 1962 when courses were developed to prepare young people entering the Peace Corps and careers in foreign service. Today, Outward Bound offers courses in some of the most spectacular and inspiring settings in the United States, the Caribbean and Central and South America, successfully preparing students to confront the challenges they face today with self-confidence, tenacity and compassion. From 30 days to 85 days, from mountaineering to dog sledding to swimming with dolphins to service projects in remote villages, student emerge from Outward Bound with new insights about themselves, about teamwork and compassion and about how to make a difference in the world.

Leadership Exchange

International—Southern Africa

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Carrying on the passion for the African Bush that Leadership Exchange was founded on, we are offering a unique, one-year long program that will train participants to become a professional safari guide in southern Africa. Leadership Exchange is a non-profit global community network that connects individuals of various socioeconomic backgrounds. Through service-learning trips and gap year programs, Leadership Exchange participants are able to learn about and understand members of their own peer group who come from disparate backgrounds at home and abroad. Using service as the mechanism, we use dialogue, focus groups, team building, and shared experiences, to help students find similarities beyond their differences and identify the advantages and influence they possess to have a positive influence on their local and global communities. This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity for graduating high school seniors and post-college graduates seeking a gap year/post graduation learning experience who have a passion for nature and wildlife, who wish to become professional field guides, or just want to learn more about the African bush. One year participants will be exposed to diverse ecological and geological terrains, landscapes, and wildlife species at wilderness camps in places like Makuleke, Karongwe, Selati (South Africa) and Mashatu (Botswana).

Youth International

International — Nepal, India, Thailand, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador

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www.youthinternational.org

Since 1997, Youth International has been providing many people with the most exciting, fulfilling and educational experience of their life. Youth International is an experiential learning program that combines rugged international travel, inter-cultural exchange, homestays, volunteer community service work, and outdoor adventure. Teams of up to 14 people between the ages of 18 and 25 travel together with two group leaders. For a full 3-months, they explore three countries in one region of the world. Youth International currently offers two programs:

- Asia (Nepal, India, and Thailand)
- South America (Bolivia, Peru, and Ecuador, including the Galapagos Islands). Programs begin in September and February.

Through a balanced combination of experiences, each team member is set up for an intense and dynamic first-hand education about the region in which they are travelling. At the same time, they are presented with a unique environment and opportunity for self-discovery. Community service work comprises a major component of the program, and includes projects such as: helping to build or renovate schools, homes, and orphanages, teaching, and conservation work. Youth International is a unique way to immerse yourself in different cultures, make a difference, and challenge your limits!

First Abroad

International — Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Morocco, Mozambique, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Australia, Fiji, New Zealand, Croatia, Iceland, Italy, Greece, Russia, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, Canada, USA

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Based in Boston and the sister company of Gap 360, Britain's leading gap year provider, First Abroad caters to Americans who want to explore the world, take a break from school or work, develop a new career or hobby, or all of the above. First Abroad welcomes 18-and-up gappers from every background, education and skill level. Travelers take part in paid jobs abroad, volunteer and internship positions, adventure and cultural tours, backpacker bus pass trips, self-development odysseys and everything in between. With nearly 200 trips to 50+ countries, there's a gap experience for everyone.

The High Mountain Institute (HMI) Gap

Domestic— Rocky Mountains(Utah); International-Patagonia (Chile and Argentina)

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The HMI Gap is a semester of rock climbing, exploration, and conservation in the rugged American West and wild Patagonia. HMI Gap is for 18-22 year olds looking to discover more about the world and themselves through outdoor adventure, international travel, and participation in a strong community. Throughout the semester, students pursue advanced rock climbing techniques and wilderness travel, explore pressing environmental issues, and gain real-world experience effecting positive change in the conservation field. Students develop important life skills, intellectual maturity, effective leadership, and preparedness to succeed in college and beyond.

Enroute Consulting

Domestic — Vermont

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www.enroutegapyear.com

EnRoute Consulting creates customized itineraries for students who are looking for a meaningful, rewarding gap year. Director Julia Rogers offers a personalized, supportive approach in connecting young people with vetted opportunities domestically and abroad. We specialize in assisting students who are enthusiastic about taking a gap year but don't yet know how or where to best spend their time. In addition to mentoring students throughout the planning process, we are passionate about connecting our clients with high-quality options that fit their interests, goals and budget. Itineraries can include elements such as volunteering, interning, language study, outdoor adventure, independent travel and enrichment programs. EnRoute offers a range of affordable services to give students and their parents the knowledge and confidence to execute their ideal gap year plan.

Art History Abroad

International — Italy, Paris, London

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www.arthistoryabroad.com

Study art, architecture and European culture in Italy, Paris and London. Our carefully structured programs last for 12 weeks in the fall, or 6 weeks at other times. We also offer shorter summer courses. Learn about the greatest masterpieces of Western civilization from the ancient world, through the Renaissance and up to the modern era. All teaching is done on-site (in groups of 9 or fewer) by expert and engaging tutors who know how to make the obvious extraordinary and the unusual captivating. Art History Abroad will inspire you, expand your horizons and give you a lifelong appreciation of art and culture.

Youth for Understanding

International — Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Paraguay, Poland, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Uruguay, Venezuela, Vietnam

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YFU advances intercultural understanding, mutual respect, and social responsibility through educational exchanges for youth, families and communities. The global YFU network, consisting of partners in more than 60 different countries, is united by the belief that full cultural immersion is the most effective means to gain the skills needed to thrive in an increasingly multicultural, interconnected and competitive global society.

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

International — Alaska, Amazon, Australia, East Africa, India, Mexico, New Zealand, Northeast, Pacific Northwest, Patagonia, Rocky Mountain, Scandinavia, Southwest, Teton Valley, Yukon

800-710-6657

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www.nols.edu

For nearly 50 years, the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) has been the leader in wilderness education. More than 221,000 students have learned and mastered outdoor skills, developed leadership, and studied environmental ethics in the world's most spectacular and wild classrooms. NOLS offers over 65 course types in skill areas including backpacking, rock climbing, mountaineering, sea kayaking, sailing, canoeing, skiing, snowboarding, horsepacking, and wilderness medicine on courses ranging from nine days to an academic year. Each year, NOLS provides \$1.5 million in scholarship assistance to our students, and optional academic credit is available for all courses.

Twin Eagles Wilderness School

Domestic— Sandpoint, Idaho, USA

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<http://www.twineagles.org/gap-year-programs.html>

Twin Eagles Wilderness Immersion Gap Year Programs provide young adults a grand adventure to immerse themselves in the pristine wilderness of the great northwest. Wilderness survival, wildlife tracking, wild edible and medicinal plants, permaculture, bird language, and nature based mentoring become pathways to a transformational journey of deep connection. When you come to Twin Eagles, you'll develop a deep, meaningful, and intimate relationship to nature. You'll experience the interconnectedness of holistic community, and the clarity of vision that comes from traversing your inner landscape.

Amigos de las Americas

International — Nicaragua, Colombia, Brazil

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AMIGOS offers Gap Year and Gap Semester opportunities in Nicaragua, Colombia, and Brazil with the goal of empowering youth leaders and promoting community development throughout the Americas. Gap volunteers intern with local development organizations, live with host families, and collaborate with community leaders to carry out sustainable development projects. Additionally, volunteers organize and lead extracurricular activities for local youth, and create multimedia projects to track and share their activities. As a group, volunteers participate in monthly workshops as well as cultural and historical excursions around their host country. Please visit our website for more detailed information about the structure of each individual Gap Program!

Winterline Global Skills Program

International — Central America (Panama, Costa Rica, BVI), Asia (Thailand, Cambodia, India), Europe (Spain, Netherlands, Germany, Italy), and USA

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www.winterline.com

Are you ready to travel? Gain hard, practical skills that you didn't get in high school and won't get in college? Develop friendships that will last a lifetime? Then come join us! The Winterline Global Skills Program is a nine month experience designed for students from all over the globe. Our program is specifically designed to expose you to different parts of the world and expand your knowledge of global cultures, issues and contexts, while teaching you very specific and practical life and job skills. Our students travel together for nine months while guided by adult mentors, building a diversity of skill sets in everything from sustainable design to digital media, from customer service to mechanical repair, all while developing extensive experience in creative problem-solving, effective communication and dynamic leadership that they are able to draw on for the rest of their lives. The year is rounded out with the option of professional work experience as an intern in one of multiple contexts: business, non-profit, social service, legal, health, diplomacy, to name but a few. Prepare for the adventure – and to gain skills – that will last a lifetime!

LEAPNOW: Transforming Education

International — Asia, Latin America

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www.leapnow.org

LEAPNOW runs LEAPYEAR, the only gap year program that is a full academic year in length, focuses equally on international travel and your inner journey and features a fully integrated and accredited year of college and rites of passage. With LEAPYEAR you can take a year “on” without having to take a year “off.” LEAPYEAR includes 3 months of guided group travel and adventure in Asia or Latin America (your choice); a 3-month individual internship chosen from a database of over 6,300 opportunities in 126 countries; and 4 residential retreats at our California campus devoted to making a graceful and inspired transition into adulthood. The program is accredited through Naropa University, with FAFSA access to Federal financial aid and generous private scholarships. LEAPYEAR is an antidote to too many years spent in stale classrooms, and will help you “get a life” before you get the rest of your education.

Rustic Pathways

International — Latin America, South Pacific, Asia, Africa

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www.rusticpathways.com

A global leader in community service, experiential education, and international adventures for young adults, Rustic Pathways facilitates incredibly unique and powerful Gap Year programs. While emphasizing safety, positivity, and respect, these experiences can help participants build maturity and independence crucial to success in college and careers. Choose to travel for one month on a Gap Year Block program, or connect three blocks together to complete a full Gap Year Semester. Programs run across Latin America, the South Pacific, Asia, and Africa.

Visitoz

International — Australia

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www.visitoz.org

Visitoz – visit Australia – is the only organisation in Australia that guarantees jobs for young people coming to our country on a Work and Holiday Visa. The visa is for people between the ages of 18 and 30, but most participants are in the 18/19 Gap Year age group. We meet them at Brisbane airport on a Thursday morning and they get together with all the rest of their group at the YHA hostel that evening. The next morning they travel together to Rainbow Beach for some sun, sand, sea and surf while getting over jetlag. On Monday morning we send a bus over to meet them and bring them back to the Visitoz headquarters on Springbrook Farm. Here we do the necessary red tape paperwork with them, the bank comes to meet them and we get them work ready over the next five days – they learn a lot about living and working in the countryside. We teach them a lot about safety, they get to ride horses and motorbikes, drive tractors and work with cattle, make fences and learn basic vehicle maintenance skills. While on the farm they get job offers, they speak to the employers on the phone and decide which job to accept. On their 9th day in Australia they go to the paid job of their choice. The basic requirements for the programme are (a) the ability to speak English! (b) a driving licence and (c) a willingness to get their hands dirty. Visitoz starts training courses every Thursday throughout the year except over Christmas and New Year – when everyone needs a rest. The sort of jobs we provide are anything you can do in a rural area, work on a farm, with horses, cattle or sheep, drive machinery for harvest, work as a carpenter, builder or general helper, work in a hotel, restaurant, pub or rural resorts – and work with children, nanny work, teaching and homestead helper jobs. For young Americans this is a huge chance to get away from home and stand on their own two feet, to manage their own finances, to make their own decisions like when to work and when to holiday and how to spend the money they earn. A great chance to grow up and become citizens of the world before going to University.

Eastman Immersion

Domestic— New York

203-993-0236

www.esm.rochester.edu/immersion/

If you're passionate about music – if you can't wait to get home from school so that you can practice, if the highlight of your week is an orchestra rehearsal, if you scour the web for recordings or videos of your favorite groups or artists – then Eastman Immersion is for you. In this gap year program, students 17 years old and up spend a full academic year practicing, performing, listening, studying, and sharing their art as part of a rich cultural and intellectual community. At the Eastman School of Music, we not only provide an intensive, professional musical experience, but also nurture inquiring minds so that our students can become effective leaders in the future.

Adventures Cross-Country

International — Africa (Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda), Asia (China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand), and Latin America (Costa Rica, Ecuador and Peru).

415-332-5075

gap@adventurescrosscountry.com

www.arccgap.com

Adventures Cross-Country (ARCC) has been offering programs for young adults since 1983. ARCC Gap Semesters are an opportunity to live and learn in some of the greatest classrooms on earth. Our Semester programs embark on a journey of discovery of local peoples, places, cultures and ideas. Along the way we weave together our first person experiences with a curriculum comprising five important themes: Public Health, Literacy & Education, Urbanization and the Movement of People, Environment & Conservation, and Microfinance & Economic Growth. Finally we focus on personal growth in a small-group environment with goal-driven leadership training.

CIEE

International — Australia, Chile, China, Dominican Republic, France, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Spain

1-800-40-STUDY

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CIEE offers recent high school graduates a unique way to explore the world. While on a gap year with CIEE, participants establish and hone skills needed to excel in a globally interdependent world gaining greater appreciation of another culture, language proficiency and a taste of life as a global citizen.

Summit Adventure

International — Quito, Ecuador and Yosemite National Park, California

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www.summitadventure.com

Summit Adventure is a nonprofit organization that uses experiential education, adventure, service and cross-cultural immersion as tools to move individuals and groups out of their comfort zone and into more reliance on God and each other. Since our founding in 1973, our participants have told us that their experiences have been transformational. We offer courses domestically in Yosemite, Joshua Tree, West Virginia, and Death Valley or internationally in Ecuador, Mexico, Patagonia and the Holy Land. The Summit Adventure Immersion Service and Adventure Semester (ISAS) gives participants opportunities to immerse themselves in powerful outdoor adventure and cross-cultural service learning. The High Sierra of Central California and the Andes around Quito, Ecuador provide the settings for courses in leadership, communication, spiritual formation, cross-cultural ministry, and outdoor physical education. Participants in ISAS can earn up to 16 academic credits for the experience. A semester of Christ-centered adventure-based learning and community living in high mountains and foreign cultures will change you forever.

Expedition Education Institute

Domestic U.S.-based – Adirondacks through Appalachian Mts the Gulf Coast (Energy and Climate Justice), Southeast to the Mid-Atlantic (Sustainable Food and Farming), Pacific Northwest (Economy, Ecology, and Community), Southwest (Energy Issues and Climate Justice; Resilience in the Desert)

207-322-2973

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www.getonthebus.org

Do you want to be an Ecological Leader, to become deeply rooted in the natural world and in your own power to make change and create a better, more resilient world? Organized as the equivalent to a semester abroad, Expedition Education Institute offers a unique opportunity for gap year participants to be personally transformed and academically challenged and supported to become better and more self-directed life-long learners. An expedition semester combines the best of liberal arts education, leadership training, transformative experiential learning and cultural immersion. Participants experience the U.S. from multiple perspectives as an expedition travels through a bioregion meeting with inspiring and intriguing individuals, groups, tribes, and organizations all while living and camping outside and fully immersed in an intentional learning community. This expedition model has a 40+ year legacy of transforming and inspiring high school, gap year, college, and post-grad participants.

Gap Force

Caribbean, Central America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia

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<http://www.gapforce.org>

Students from the USA, UK, Canada, Europe, Australia and more all come together as a Gapforce team to share their adventure. Over 15,000 global students have all participated on our professionally led gap year and study abroad groups over the past 25 years. Programs from 2 weeks to a whole year – Volunteering, Adventure and Courses with Jobs.

RIDGE Mountain Academy

Domestic — Whitefish, MT

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www.ridgeacademy.com

RIDGE Mountain Academy is a campus-based gap year enrichment program that revolves around mountain sports. Located in Whitefish, Montana, RIDGE is designed for male and female student athletes ages 17 to 20 that are interested in strengthening their training, forging new skills, and discovering their passions. A fusion of mountain sports, education, and life skills, the semester program prepares student athletes of all abilities—beginner to elite—to develop balance, purpose, and their true potential.

EF International Language Centers

International — France, Spain, Germany, Italy,

Costa Rica, China and Japan

1-800-992-1892

www.ef.com/year

Invest in your dreams on the ultimate study abroad experience. Achieve fluency, see the world, expand your international network – and launch your global future. Study for 6, 9 or 11 months and start in April, June, September or January. College credit and internship opportunities ensure you're always adding to your resume during the adventure of a lifetime. You'll become a citizen of the world by studying alongside students from 100 countries. Study French, Spanish, German, Italian, Mandarin, or Japanese abroad and live the language with EF. Short term courses are also available year round. For 50 years, EF has helped millions of students become citizens of the world by breaking down barriers of language, culture and geography. Through cultural exchanges, educational travel, language training and degree programs we are the World Leader in International Education.

Global Works

International— Australia, Costa Rica, Fiji, Guatemala, New Zealand, and Nicaragua

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