

Choosing an Experience Abroad

GOALS FOR GOING ABROAD

What do you want to gain from going abroad? Rank your preferences from 1-7.

- To gain internship credit towards my major/graduation
- To experience a new culture and travel
- To obtain real-world experience
 - Service project?
 - Internship?
 - Job?
 - Research?
 - Other: _____
- To gain experience specific to my career interests
 - Post-graduate Job?
 - Paid work?
 - Internship?
- To earn money
- To combine an internship with studying abroad
- To learn or practice a language

CONSIDERATIONS

When do you want to intern abroad and for how long?

Post-graduation _____

As a currently registered student _____

What kinds of experiences are you interested in (research, hands-on, teaching, etc.)? Specify areas of interest.

Are you interested in a specific country, regions or language? If so, list areas of interest.

Do you want/need a lot of support in planning and executing your abroad experience?

Do you have a budget limit? Would you need financial aid or grants to go abroad?

ACTION ITEMS: What can I do next?

DISCOVERING OPPORTUNITIES

Finding an experience abroad may seem daunting. To assess if you are taking all the correct steps, check off these action items as you go!

RESEARCH CHECKLIST

- _____ Make sure your passport is valid. If not, begin the process of renewing your passport
- _____ Visit the ICC's International Program page and explore the resources available
<http://icc.ucdavis.edu/International/index.htm>
- _____ Subscribe to the International Mail Subscription to receive weekly updates on international opportunities
<https://icc.ucdavis.edu/students/ListServSignup.htm>
- _____ Find and research abroad programs or independent internships that are aligned with your interests
 - _____ Internship and Career Center: <http://icc.ucdavis.edu/International/Internships.htm>
 - _____ Quarter Abroad: <http://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/programs/quarterabroad/>
 - _____ Summer Abroad: <http://studyabroad.ucdavis.edu/programs/summerabroad/index.html>
 - _____ Education Abroad Program: <http://eap.ucop.edu/Pages/index-new.html>
- _____ Search Google or Dave's ESL Café for student reviews on internship programs of interest
<http://eslcafe.com/>
- _____ Consider teaching English abroad if you would like to work abroad after you graduate:
<http://icc.ucdavis.edu/International/TeachEnglishAbroad.htm>
- _____ Meet with an ICC adviser to verify that your internship abroad meets the criteria for Transcript Notation
<http://icc.ucdavis.edu/services/advising.htm>
- _____ Develop a resume for potential employers and meet with an ICC adviser 10am-4pm, M-F to review and edit your resume
- _____ If you are interning during the school year, meet with your major advisor to plan your schedule
 - _____ See if there are major or graduation requirements that you can satisfy abroad
 - _____ Make sure that you can plan your schedule of required courses around your absence
 - _____ Make sure that your time to degree is on track
 - _____ Make sure you aren't over the unit cap
- _____ Speak to your major advisor if you wish to receive academic credit for an internship abroad
- _____ Check with the Financial Aid office to see if your aid can transfer abroad
- _____ Review work authorization requirements: <http://icc.ucdavis.edu/find/international/work-authorization.htm>
- _____ Review US Department of State's study abroad tips, immunization, and work authorization Information: <http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>
- _____ Confirm health and travel insurance coverage abroad
- _____ Register with the US Department of State before travel
- _____ Review pre-departure handbook: <http://icc.ucdavis.edu/docs/pre-departure-handbook.pdf>