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?
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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
   _____ 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/International/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/International/WorkAuth.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