Your Global Future

Global Opportunities Guide

International Relations Council
Introduction

The International Relations Council is proud to present the Global Opportunities Guide for high-school students. This guide focuses on international opportunities that many students are not aware of, such as global education, career, and travel possibilities. By presenting specific information and resources, this guide aims to help you explore your global potential to help you think past high school graduation and into your educational and professional futures. This guide will provide you resources to pave your own path to international success.

It is important to keep in mind that the Global Opportunities Guide should serve as a starting point for your exploration of global opportunities. This is not an all-encompassing list of possibilities; instead, it provides you and other students with enough information and resource to begin learning about the world of international opportunities. As an apolitical, nonpartisan organization, the International Relations Council does not endorse any of the organizations, associations, universities, bodies or websites cited in this guide.

We wish you every success along your journey and invite you to get involved with the International Relations Council.

About the IRC

The International Relations Council works in partnership with businesses, universities, community organizations, and K-12 schools to bring a global perspective to our community. We bring world leaders and dignitaries to the metro region, host forums for high-school students to interact with and learn from foreign-policy experts, and create opportunities for area business leaders to strengthen relationships abroad.

IRC Programs

- International Speakers Series
- Global Experience Series
- Global Honors Evening
- IRC Speakers Bureau
- Berkley Lecture
- Great Decisions
- WorldQuest
This section of the guide provides a list of just some of the internationally connected majors you may want to consider, along with a brief description of what each field of study may entail. Career resources tailored to specific majors are provided to help students discover possible career paths based on areas of academic interest. While all majors have the potential to lead to international careers, some majors lead to global opportunities more directly, and the majors listed in this section represent a diverse sample of common academic fields relating to international issues. It is important to keep in mind that although all majors open up unique career opportunities, each major can also be applied across multiple fields and industries, and because of this, it is important not to limit international opportunities by strictly following a set career path for a chosen major.

**Major Descriptions**

**Anthropology**

Anthropology, as defined by the American Anthropological Association, “is the study of what makes us human.” Anthropologists study the differences and similarities across many different peoples and cultures. Anthropology can be divided into many subcategories. A few examples include cultural anthropology (the study of human culture) or biological anthropology, which “seeks to understand how humans adapt in different environments.” Globally, anthropologists work together to “understand more about our lives as humans.”

**Archaeology**

The Society for American Archaeology defines archaeology as “the study of the ancient and recent human past through material remains.” More specifically, an archaeologist “analyzes the physical remains of the past in pursuit of a broad and comprehensive understanding of human culture.”

**Area Studies**

According to the Rockefeller Foundation, area studies are “interdisciplinary programs” that fuse “language training, geography, anthropology, history, economics and political science in a comprehensive approach to the study of world cultures.” Popular area studies majors
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include Latin American Studies, African Studies, Asian Studies, Middle Eastern Studies, and Caribbean Studies.

Computer Science

The work of a computer scientist can, “include designing software,” “developing sufficient ways to solve computing problems,” and “devising new and better ways to use computers”. Computer science can be used to solve greater world issues such as the “human genome project, AIDS vaccine research, environmental monitoring and protection.” Because of this, computing jobs are found all over the world.

Economics

The American Economic Association defines economics in three ways: “the study of scarcity, the study of how people use resources and respond to incentives, or the study of decision-making.” Economics often relates to wealth and finance. Many economists go on to have careers in areas such as health, immigration, or the environment.

Education/International Education

In today’s world, both educators and students are expected to have a solid grasp of global issues. International education, as explained by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, is “understanding and respect among different peoples” and “constructive leadership in the global community.” Having an understanding about the world allows future generations to be better able to navigate the world around them and solve problems.

Environmental Science

According to the American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists, environmental science is “the application of scientific principles to improve and maintain the environment for the protection of human health for the protection of nature’s beneficial ecosystems, and environment-related enhancement of the quality of human life.” Every human on the planet is affected by the state of the environment. Environmental scientists study the environment and can develop plans or advise governments on how to solve issues.
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Finance
According to Nasdaq, finance is the “discipline concerned with determining value and making decisions,” especially in regard to the “acquiring, investing, and managing of resources.” Finance majors study topics like financial planning, investment decisions, and expense analyses. Those interested in finance can go on to study international finance or work for global companies.

Foreign Languages
The American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages states, “the ability to communicate with respect and cultural understanding in more than one language is an essential element of global competence.” Studying a foreign language in college can lead to a better understanding of different cultures and can expand your ability to communicate with different people. Popular languages to study include Spanish, French, Chinese, Korean, Arabic, and Russian. Examples of specific careers in foreign languages are medical interpreter or a legal interpreter.

Geography
“Geography is unique in bridging the social sciences and the natural sciences,” as stated by the American Association of Geographers. Students majoring in geography study the physical attributes of the earth and the cause-and-effect relationships between the earth and humans. Geographers work in many different sectors including, government, business, non-profit, and education. Many geographers have a global perspective in their work, including issues on “globalization, international trade, immigration, Internet technology, [and the] global climate system.”

Global Public Health
The Consortium of Universities for Global Health Executive Board defines global health as “an area for study, research, and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health for all people worldwide.” The field of global public health focuses on health issues and disparities, their determinants, and their possible solutions.
**Graphic Design**

According to the American Institute of Graphic Arts, graphic design is “the art and practice of planning and projecting ideas and experiences with visual and textual content.” The definition continues, “the form [graphic design] takes can be physical or virtual and can include images, words, or graphics.” Graphic designers can work with international corporations or organizations, where the art they produce will reach an international audience.

**International Business/Business**

International business is defined by US Legal, Inc., as the study of “profit-oriented business relationships conducted across national boundaries and includes activities such as the buying and selling of goods, investments in industries, the licensing of processes, patents and trademarks, and the supply of services.” International business can focus on many different areas including but not limited to, global marketing, business management, trade, and legal issues.

**International Relations/International Studies**

International relations can be defined as “an interdisciplinary undergraduate major that combines political science, economics, history, foreign languages, and other fields” to “give students the knowledge and skills to understand relations between nations, as well as the internal workings of other countries and the role of nongovernmental actors in world affairs,” as stated by Stanford University Program in International Relations. Many people working as diplomats, political analysts, and intelligence specialists have backgrounds in international relations.

**Journalism**

According to the American Press Institute, “journalism is the activity of gathering, assessing, creating, and presenting news and information.” Journalists typically work for newspapers, magazines, websites, and broadcast companies. Journalists can work as foreign correspondents, reporting events in other countries.
Marketing
The American Marketing Association defines marketing as “the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large.” Working in marketing can lead to careers for international companies and organizations. Marketers will often use their skills to appeal to a global audience.

Pre-Medicine Track
While students cannot major in medicine at the undergraduate level, pursuing a pre-med track on top of major coursework in another area prepares students for the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and, ultimately, medical school admission. The general pre-med track consists of required courses such as biology, chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, physics, math, and English. Keep in mind that any major can be completed on a pre-med track, including all of the other ones listed in this guide. Students have the option to study abroad during their education. After completing medical school, doctors can choose to work overseas or go into the field of medical research. There are also many opportunities to work with nonprofits such as Doctors without Borders.

Nursing
According to the International Council of Nurses, nursing is the “autonomous and collaborative care of individuals of all ages, families, groups and communities, sick or well” through the “promotion of health, prevention of illness, and the care of ill, disabled and dying people.” Most nursing licenses obtained in the United States can be transferred abroad. Nursing students can also choose to study outside of the United States during the course of their education.

Peace & Conflict Studies
According to the University for Peace, a treaty organization of the United Nations, a Peace and Conflict Studies degree constitutes a “grouping of programs that affiliate, interrelate and synergize around core themes and perspectives in conflict analysis and the challenges to peacebuilding.” Such programs aim to provide a “critical understanding and analysis of root causes of conflicts and violence in diverse local, national, global and societal contexts, while specifically focusing on various dimensions, strategies, sectors, institutions and levels of conflict resolution and transformation to
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"build a peaceful world."

Photography
According to UCLA’s Department of Photography, majoring in photography gives students the “ability to understand and discuss photography's unique historical, material, and narrative potential.” Photojournalism is a great internationally connected career for photographers. Many photographers are able to travel as a part of their work.

Political Science/International Politics
According to the American Political Science Association, “political science is the study of governments, public policies and political processes, systems, and political behavior.” International politics, on the other hand, is the “struggle for and use of power among nations,” as defined by Hans Morgenthau, a leading scholar in international politics. Many students studying political science choose to study a specific region. Those with backgrounds in political science can be found in law, politics, and marketing.

Social Work
The International Federation of Social Workers and the International Association of Schools of Social Work define social work as “a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people.” Social work majors take classes on topics such as social welfare policy, case work planning, family services, employment services, and counseling. Social workers can work for international nonprofits such as the United Nations or the International Rescue Committee.

Sociology
According to the American Sociological Association, sociology is the overarching “study of society.” It is a “social science involving the study of the social lives of people, groups, and societies.” Topics in the study of sociology include race, class, gender, inequality, health, politics, social movements, sexuality, and environment, and because of this wide range of concentrations, more specific majors in the field of sociology exist, such as gender and sexuality studies. Those with a background in sociology can be found in the fields of international business, international publishing, and social work.
Schools

Across the globe, there are countless universities and colleges which offer access to an international education, but out-of-state tuition can make these inaccessible to some students. However, there are plenty of school options close to home for students pursuing a degree in majors related to international topics. While some universities and colleges may have more international experiences and degree options than others, they all will offer resources to help you access global opportunities. This next section is a compilation of many schools both in Kansas and Missouri and information regarding their fields of study and international connection, including study abroad programs and clubs/organizations that link to international subjects.

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Kansas School Descriptions

Emporia State University
Located in Emporia, Kansas, Emporia State University offers over 25 different majors within the international career field. The university also has a series of established study abroad programs, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. As a part of its Office of International Education, the university puts on numerous international-related events open to all students in addition to its areas of International Student & Scholar Services, Multi-Cultural Programming, and Campus & Community Relations. “The Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion seeks to empower Emporia State University students from ALL communities to improve their college experience by increasing access to academic, civic leadership, and cultural diversity training opportunities.” ESU Mission Statement

List of Majors  ●  Study Abroad Opportunities  ●  Clubs and Organizations

Johnson County Community College
Located in Overland Park, Kansas, Johnson County Community College offers over 35 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in various countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university also has an International Club which seeks to create and support engagement opportunities for
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international and non-international students at JCCC. “JCCC inspires learning to transform lives and strengthen communities.” -JCCC Mission

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Kansas State University
Located in Manhattan, Kansas, Kansas State University offers over 40 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university’s International Coordinating Council hosts an annual International Week which showcases different international cultures and fosters student relations. “The mission of Kansas State University is to foster excellent teaching, research, and service that develop a highly skilled and educated citizenry necessary to advancing the well-being of Kansas, the nation, and the international community.” -K-State University Mission

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Kansas City Kansas Community College
Located in Kansas City, Kansas, KC Kansas Community College offers over 15 different majors within the international career field. The college offers study abroad programs in many different countries to allow students the possibility to establish a greater international understanding. The college has an Intercultural Center which acts as a place for students from various international backgrounds to come together and foster “International and Multicultural Education,” while also putting on various international-related events. The college seeks to offer a “Multicultural environment that reflects and respects diversity and seeks to increase understanding and appreciation of differences.”- KCKCC Purpose

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University of Kansas
Located in Lawrence, Kansas, the University of Kansas offers over 40 different majors within the international career field. Within its International Affairs program, the college offers International Support Services, Study Abroad & Global Engagement, International Admissions, the Applied English Center, International Short Programs, and an Academic Accelerator Program. The university’s study abroad office offers study abroad programs in many countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. “The university is dedicated to preparing its students for lives of learning and for the challenges educated citizens will encounter
in an increasingly complex and diverse global community.” -KU’s Mission for International Dimension

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**University of Saint Mary**  ●  ![IIRC]

Located in Leavenworth, Kansas, the University of Saint Mary offers over 25 different majors within the international career field. The university's study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university is “a welcoming community with an appreciation for international perspectives and diverse cultures.” On top of that, the university's mission impacts lives in Korea, Syria, Germany, Samoa, and many other countries. “The University of Saint Mary educates students of diverse backgrounds to realize their God-given potential and prepares them for value-centered lives and careers that contribute to the well-being of our global society.” - University of Saint Mary’s Mission

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**Washburn University**  ●  ![IIRC]

Located in Topeka, Kansas, Washburn University offers over 35 different majors within the international career field. The university's study abroad office has study abroad programs in multiple countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university's Office of International Programs offers resources to promote global understanding within the university. “Washburn University enriches the lives of students by providing opportunities for them to develop and to realize their intellectual, academic, and professional potential, leading to becoming productive and responsible citizens.” -Washburn University Mission Statement

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**Wichita State University**  ●  ![IIRC]

Located in Wichita, Kansas, Wichita State University offers over 40 different majors within the international career field. The university's study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university has an established Office of International Education which offers a Global Mentors program where students assist incoming international students and form relationships with people of various backgrounds. “This is the place where anything is possible. Where collaboration and
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innovative ideas shape the future, and entrepreneurship is in our bones. If you have the creativity, passion and insight to help us build a brighter future for our city, state and world—this is the place where you belong." -WSU

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Missouri School Descriptions

Avila University  

Located in Kansas City, Missouri, Avila University offers over 20 different majors within the international career field. The university's study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university also has an International Student Organization that aims to “foster awareness, appreciation, and understanding of different cultures” through various programs and events. Avila University's mission is to “provide undergraduate and graduate education in the liberal arts and professional studies, preparing lifelong learners who make meaningful contributions to the global community.”- Avila University Mission

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Missouri Southern State University  

Located in Joplin, Missouri, Missouri Southern State University offers over 25 different majors within the international career field. The university's study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university has many student organizations relating to international topics, including an International Club, so students can interact with others who enjoy establishing global relationships. “Missouri Southern State University will educate and graduate knowledgeable, responsible, successful global citizens.”- Missouri Southern State University Mission Statement

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Missouri State University  

Located in Springfield, Missouri, Missouri State University offers over 35 different majors within the international career field. The university's study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university offers an Office of
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International Programs which include various opportunities to teach students and faculty the benefits of international education and exchange. “The university educates students to be global citizen scholars committed to public affairs.” - Missouri State University Mission

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Missouri Western State University

Located in Saint Joseph, Missouri, Missouri Western State University offers over 35 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university has an established Center for Multicultural Education which has frequent celebrations of different cultures and peoples. “We seek the challenge and adventure of shaping the future with an increasingly global perspective.” - Missouri Western State University Courage Value

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Northwestern Missouri State University

Located in Maryville, Missouri, Northwestern Missouri State University offers over 30 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university offers a Friends of International Students program, which matches an international student with someone in the community to promote “friendship and understanding between people of different nationalities”. “Student success, Scholarship and life-long learning, Intercultural competence, Collaboration, Respect and integrity, Strategic thinking, and Excellence.” - Northwestern Missouri State University Values

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Park University

Located in Parkville, Missouri, Park University offers over 25 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university's International Center for Music invites foreign musicians and showcases various foreign styles of music to students. “We celebrate GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP through our connected learning and working environment, liberal arts education and community stewardship.” - Park University Core Values

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University of Central Missouri
Located in Warrensburg, Missouri, the University of Central Missouri offers over 35 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. With international students representing over 45 countries, students have ample opportunity to interact from people from different countries and cultures. “Central Missouri encourages acceptance and respect of individuals with differing values, ideas, beliefs, abilities and life experiences. The university promotes good citizenship, a sense of civic responsibility, global awareness and an appreciation for human diversity at all levels.”- University of Central Missouri Diversity Core Value

University of Missouri
Located in Columbia, Missouri, the University of Missouri offers over 50 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university offers many international events that seek to educate students about other countries and their peoples while also establishing relations between international and non-international students. “Scholarship and teaching are daily driven by a commitment to public service — the obligation to produce and disseminate knowledge that will improve the quality of life in the state, the nation and the world.”- University of Missouri Mission Statement

University of Missouri Kansas City
Located in Kansas City, Missouri, the University of Missouri Kansas City offers over 30 different majors within the international career field. The university’s study abroad office has study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university offers many events to bring international students and non-international students closer and to foster global education. “UMKC celebrates the individual and embodies diversity and inclusion by intertwining these goals with innovation to enable transformational societal impact aimed at bringing cultural, social, health and economic prosperity to the metropolitan, regional and global communities it serves.”- UMKC Mission

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William Jewell College

Located in Liberty, Missouri, William Jewell College offers over 20 different majors within the international career field. The university’s Center for Global Studies helps students personalize study abroad programs in numerous countries, which allow students to experience other cultures, languages, and peoples. The university also has an entire list of courses under the International Relations category, so students are guaranteed to have plenty of options to expand their knowledge of the world.

“We educate our community to ask reflective questions, apply critical thought and act with purpose.”- William Jewell College’s Mission

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For the purpose of this guide, an “international career” is a career that requires interactions with people of different countries and cultures. Based on this definition, an international career does not necessarily have to be located overseas, and, in turn, a job overseas is not necessarily an international career. With this in mind, this section presents career resources, much broader in scope than those in the “Majors” section, and considering that most international careers do not have pipeline connections with specific majors, having exposure to a wider range of careers is crucial for discovering possible careers of interest, no matter your desired major.

Sample International Career Paths

Academia
Various academic fields have both direct and indirect ties to international affairs, as noted above in the “Majors” section. An academic career in one of these fields is composed of performing research, teaching classes, and publishing written works on topics relating to global issues.

Foreign Service
The Foreign Service, the United States’ diplomacy service backed by the U.S. Department of State, aims “to promote peace, support prosperity, and protect American citizens while advancing the interests of the U.S. abroad.” U.S. diplomats in the Foreign Service “serve at one of any of the more than 270 embassies, consulates and other diplomatic missions” around the world, which allows for cultural immersion and public service.

International Law
International law and its various subfields, such as international human rights law, international environmental law, and international criminal law, are all popular career choices for those interested in global opportunities, especially those who are passionate about specific international disputes and have a desire to shape policy. Students pursuing this career path will complete both a Bachelor’s degree, sometimes in a subject relating to international relations, and a law degree, often with an international law concentration.
Non-Governmental Organizations
Non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are organizations that exist in civil society, distinct from both government and business. Careers with such organizations are popular for those interested in international relations as many NGOs address international issues such as public policy, human rights, democracy, international business, peace issues, political advocacy, and humanitarian aid.

Political Consulting
Political consultants advise political actors by presenting reports, setting agendas, and implementing strategies. In the case of international relations, political consulting depends on the consultant’s area of expertise, whether it be a global region or field of international policy. Most political consultants focus on either campaign or policy consulting.

Public Relations
The Public Relations Society of America defines public relations as “a strategic communication process that builds mutually beneficial relationships between organizations and their publics.” The organizations referred to in this definition can be from any sector, as businesses, NGOs, and governments all want positive public engagement. People with public relations careers often work closely with the media through press releases.

Service
Many individuals interested in international affairs are drawn to service, whether it be volunteering in the Peace Corp to tackle major international and community issues facing the world today, or serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. There are many service organizations with an international focus.

Translation and Interpretation
Careers in translation and interpretation are popular for many with a foreign language background, as jobs appear across all sectors and allow for critical cultural exchange. Not only do translators and interpreters need to be fluent in more than one language, but they must also be knowledgeable of cultural differences and relevant subject matter. For example, a healthcare interpreter must have a grasp on medical ethics and terminology on top of advanced language skills.
United Nations
The United Nations, an international organization comprised of 193 member states, has a multitude of entities, bodies, and subsidiary specialized agencies. Due to its size and complexity, many careers exist in the UN network, and such careers are very popular because the UN deals with the most urgent and significant issues around the world.

Writing
Many writers focus on international relations and related issues, whether they work for the government, an NGO, or the press. They may write policy recommendations, research papers, speeches, and columns in attempt to influence both decision making and public opinion.

Careers Exploration

Career Quizzes  
Princeton Review Career Quiz  
Myers Briggs Personality Test  
Australian Government’s Career Quiz  
O*NET Interest Profiler  
Prospects Career Planner

Occupational Guides

Occupational Outlook Handbook  
Developed by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, a part of the U.S. Department of Labor, the Occupational Outlook Handbook lists careers by sector and provides a brief job summary for each occupation as well as the required entry-level education and the median pay.
CareerOneStop
CareerOneStop’s “Occupational Profiles” section provides an expansive list of over 900 occupations, each with specific job descriptions, employment projections, wage averages, education and experience requirements, daily activity explanations, and skill requirements. CareerOneStop also has other resources, such as their “Compare Occupations” tool, that can take career exploration even further.

Graduate Prospects
Graduate Prospects is a British organization focusing on graduate career opportunities. The job profiles section of their website showcases more than 400 careers, each with a general explanation and detailed sections on job responsibilities, salary, working hours, qualifications, key skills, necessary work experience, possible employers in the UK, professional development, career outlook, and related jobs and courses. GraduateProspects also has resources on specific majors, interview tips, application processes, and more.

Intercultural Communication Institute
Unlike the other occupation guides listed in this section, the Intercultural Communication Institute’s “Intercultural Career Planning” specifically focuses on intercultural and international careers. This guide not only provides sample career paths, but also gives tips for navigating through the role of personal experience in the intercultural job market.

Transitions Abroad
Transitions Abroad presents a compilation of articles, programs, and other resources focusing on resume-building, application preparation, short-term work, long-term careers, and international career tips.
Eurograduate
Eurograduate is a European jobs database that allows you to search for opportunities by industry, degree, occupation, organization, and country.

Devex
This website allows you to search for jobs by location, job level, position type, organization name, and keywords. Devex is great for both prospective and immediate opportunities, and it also has a career center that shows international applications and lists the top international employers in major cities.

Global Professional Search
Global Professional Search is a service that matches job candidates with prospective employers based on global and industry experience.

Devnet
Devnet is a job search website specific to those interested in international development. Featuring more than 20,000 recruiters from UN agencies, NGOs, and companies, Devnet showcases available jobs in the aid, healthcare, environmental, human rights, consulting, and economic sectors.
When most people think of international travel, their heads fill with images of short, week long getaways to far-away cities and sun-kissed beaches, but for the purpose of this guide, this section will focus on resources for meaningful travel, travel that also serves as an opportunity to pursue something of deep interest and investment. While meaningful travel looks different for each person, it always requires cultural immersion, something short vacations generally fail to foster. This meaningful travel can be divided into three categories: service opportunities, internship and short-term work opportunities, and opportunities for teaching English abroad. While these are in no way the only types of meaningful travel, they represent a good portion of available international travel opportunities.

**Service Opportunities**

- African Impact
- Amigos
- Cross-Cultural Solutions
- Global Brigades
- Global Vision International
- Global Volunteers
- Good Hope Volunteers
- Go Abroad
- Go Eco
- Habitat for Humanity
- International Volunteer HQ
- Love Volunteers
- Peace Corps
- Projects Abroad
- Rustic Volunteers
- United Nations Volunteers
- United Planet
- Volunteers for Peace
- World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms
Internships and Short-Term Work

- AIESEC
- BUNAC
- Center for International Studies
- Council on International Educational Exchange
- Cross-Cultural Solutions
- Cultural Vistas
- Global Experiences
- Go Overseas
- IES Abroad
- InterExchange
- Intern Jobs
- Projects Abroad
- Prospects
- ReliefWeb
- Transitions Abroad
- World Endeavors

Teaching English Abroad

- ACLE
- EF English First
- Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant
- InterExchange
- JET Program
- Language Corps
- Teach Away
- Teach for China
- Teaching Assistantship Program in France
- Transitions Abroad
- US-China Education and Culture Exchange Center
- US Department of State English Language Programs
- Working Abroad
- World Teach
The resources in this guide are intended to help students discover where their true international interests and goals lie, but it is important to note that as people age and change, often their interests do as well. Very few people have their life completely figured out in high school, and that’s okay! Finding a personally rewarding educational and professional path is a long process – so be patient, take advantage of opportunities for growth, and be true to your interests and skill sets. The IRC wishes you the best of luck on your global quest!

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