

# Thinking Outside The Cubicle

Interesting short-term post-grad opportunities

Taking a break or gap year to just have fun or give more thought into your next step in life can be a smart move in your career path. Making that time off *count* for yourself and your future is important. This guide will help you choose an experience that will help you relax, reflect, rejuvenate, and maybe even broaden your career horizons in ways you never expected. Below are some sample post-graduate service and professional work fellowships that might be of interest to you. These resources are broken down and organized by interest.

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## SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES

### Amate House

<http://www.amatehouse.org/>

Year-long volunteer program that supports and develops people rooted in faith, dedicated to service, and committed to building a more just and loving society. Volunteers are placed in schools, parishes, and social service agencies throughout **Chicago** and live in intentional communities of 6-12.

### AmeriCorps\*VISTA

<https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameri-corps/ameri-corps-programs/ameri-corps-vista>

Full-time opportunities within nonprofits, public agencies, faith-based and other community organizations to create and expand programs that ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty. Members who successfully complete a one-year term of service are eligible to receive a *Segal AmeriCorps Education Award* of up to \$6,095 to help pay undergrad student loans or graduate school expenses. Benefits include training, a living allowance, limited health care benefits, relocation expenses, student-loan forbearance or deferment. Opportunities available **nationwide**.

### AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps

<http://www.avodah.net/>

Year-long, full-time program that combines Jewish learning with social activism and community building in low-income neighborhoods in Chicago, New Orleans, New York City and Washington, DC.

### Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellowship

<https://www.hungercenter.org/what-we-do/emerson-fellowship/>

11-month fellowship for students interested in fighting hunger and poverty in the United States. For five months, fellows work with urban and rural community-based organizations and for six months they work with national organizations.

### Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)

<http://www.christianapp.org/volunteering-with-cap>

9-12 month volunteers for interdenominational, nonprofit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual, and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. Room & board, monthly stipend, health insurance, potential loan deferment and potential AmeriCorps educational award.

### **City Hall Fellows**

<http://www.cityhallfellows.org/apply/>

If you are a college senior or recent college graduate, here's your chance to try your hand at running your city. Spend a year inside the highest levels of city government and see how it works from the inside out. Be part of the policy decisions, from creation to design to evaluation to implementation. Each Fellow will be placed in a single city office working directly for a senior-level city official during the course of their Fellowship year. Fellows serve as full-time staffers and perform work critical to the mission of their host agencies. Fellowships have been in the cities of Houston, TX; Baton Rouge, LA; and San Francisco, CA. City Hall Fellows will announce what city or cities will be hosting Fellows in future cycles when applications open for those cycles.

### **City Year**

<http://www.cityyear.org/>

National service program uniting young adults, ages 17 to 24, from diverse racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds for a year of full-time community service, leadership development, and civic engagement. As tutors, mentors and role models, these diverse young leaders help children stay in school and on track, and transform schools and communities across the United States, as well as through international affiliates in South Africa and London.

### **CoaHCORPS**

<https://www.cityonahill.org/urban-teaching-fellowship/>

Based in Massachusetts, City on a Hill Corps is a paid year of service program for college graduates interested in teaching and helping inner city students thrive in their education.

### **Eisenhower Global Scholars Program**

<https://www.efworld.org/our-programs/global-scholars>

Four Eisenhower Scholars will spend a full academic year of postgraduate study leading to a Master's Degree at either the University of Oxford or IE University in Madrid. All courses are offered in English. During their academic year of study, or after the school year is completed, the Scholars will travel for two weeks to a few cities in Europe to meet with Eisenhower Fellows. Eisenhower Scholars will experience the lifelong connection to a network of like-minded leaders. The Scholars will be offered optional summer internships in collaboration with the EF Global Network.

### **Health Corps**

<http://www.healthcorps.org/>

In this public health position, coordinators works with each individual school site to develop a tailored edition of Health Corps to meet the needs of that school community. Health Corps Coordinators make a two-year commitment to work full-time in a Health Corps high school. Health Corps provides a salary-based position, health insurance and other fringe benefits. Health Corps also provides continuing professional development and activism opportunities to help Coordinators best serve their school communities.

### **PHENND Fellows**

<http://phennd.org/grant/phennd-fellows/>

PHENND Fellows places passionate and talented college graduates with local Philadelphia nonprofits as AmeriCorps VISTA members to support local nonprofits fighting poverty across a wide range of issues, train and retain local talent to stay and work in Philadelphia and develop the next generation of nonprofit leaders.

### **Philadelphia VISTA Corps**

<https://serviceyear.org/servephiladelphiavista/serve-philadelphia-vista-corps/>

Serve Philadelphia VISTAs are AmeriCorps members who fight the injustices and causes of poverty facing individuals and communities in Philadelphia by serving in City departments full-time for one year. Each VISTA

position is unique, but all Serve Philadelphia VISTAs focus on building capacity. Benefits include: childcare assistance (if eligible), education award upon successful completion of service, health coverage, living allowance, non-competitive eligibility (federal jobs), relocation allowance (if applicable), stipend, student loan forbearance, training and monthly public transportation pass.

#### **Public Allies**

<https://publicallies.org/be-an-ally/>

Ten-month professional apprenticeship and leadership training program at nonprofit organizations nationwide. As an Ally, you work four days each week at a local nonprofit organization where you strengthen your community by working in areas such as youth development, community development, public health, and economic development. One afternoon every week, you also collaborate with a team of Allies to design and implement a project that benefits your community and participate in ongoing leadership training.

#### **Volunteer Maryland**

<http://volunteer.maryland.gov>

Each year, Volunteer Maryland places AmeriCorps members in nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies throughout the state of **MD** to serve as Volunteer Coordinators developing volunteer and service-learning programs that meet critical needs in the areas of education, human welfare, public safety, homeland security, and the environment.

#### **Westmoreland Volunteer Corps**

<https://www.westmorelandvolunteercorps.org/>

One-year service opportunity in disadvantaged communities of Bethesda, Maryland, in areas including AIDS ministry, disadvantaged youth, elderly support & outreach, employment counseling & job search, health clinics & maternal/child health care, homeless service agencies & shelters, refugee support, and social justice & advocacy.

### **PUBLIC POLICY**

#### **Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs**

<http://www.coro.org/>

Nine-month, full-time, post-graduate experiential leadership training program which introduces diverse, intelligent and driven young public servants to all aspects of the public affairs arena. Field assignments, site visits, interviews and special individual and group projects and consultancies prepare Coro Fellows to translate their ideals into action for improving their own communities. Fellows work at a Coro Center in Kansas City, Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, or St. Louis.

#### **Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship**

<http://scoville.org/>

College graduates may apply for full-time, six- to nine-month Fellowships in **Washington, DC**. Outstanding individuals will be selected to work with nonprofit, public-interest organizations addressing peace and security issues.

#### **New York City Urban Fellows Program**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/urban-fellows.page>

Nine-month program combines full-time employment in City government with a comprehensive seminar series exploring the mechanics of local government, as well as important issues facing New York City. Urban Fellows tackle some of the most challenging jobs in city government. They work in virtually every area, from the budget process to agency operations, low income housing to affordable health care, and education to economic development.

### **Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Fellowship**

<http://www.ppiaprogram.org/>

Designed to prepare college juniors or rising seniors from diverse backgrounds for graduate studies in public and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service. There is an array of opportunities under the Fellowship, which span a period of development from the junior year of college to beyond the completion of a graduate degree.

### **Capital Fellows Programs**

<https://www.csus.edu/center/center-california-studies/capital-fellows.html>

Rooted in experiential learning and public service, Capital Fellows spend 10-11 months as part of a cohort working in a Legislative, Executive or Judicial Branch office. Benefits include a monthly stipend of \$2,794, medical, dental, and vision benefits, and fully paid enrollment. Fellows can earn six graduate units, student loan deferment, and a Graduate Certificate in Applied Policy & Government upon successful completion of the fellowship.

### **Google Policy Fellowship**

<http://www.google.com/policyfellowship/>

The Google Policy Fellowship program offers undergraduate, graduate, and law students interested in Internet and technology policy the opportunity to spend the summer contributing to the public dialogue on issues fundamental to the future of the Internet and its users. Fellows will have the opportunity to work at public interest organizations at the forefront of debates on broadband and access policy, content regulation, copyright and trademark reform, consumer privacy, open government, and more. Work is domestic and abroad.

## **JUST FOR FUN**

### **Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures**

<http://www.backdoorjobs.com>

Adventure jobs in the US and abroad – includes jobs in camps, ranches, resorts, the outdoors, environmental, artistic, sustainable living and agricultural employment.

### **Cool Works 6**

<http://www.coolworks.com>

Seasonal jobs in the national and state parks, ski resorts, ranches, etc.

### **WorldWide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)**

<https://www.woof.net/>

Join a WWOOF organization in your country of interest and access host farms that welcome volunteer help.

## **BUSINESS/ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

### **Echoing Green Fellowship**

<https://echoinggreen.org/fellowship/>

Two-year fellowships at \$80,000 per two year award to emerging social innovators who create new models for tackling seemingly unsolvable social challenges. Fellows do not develop their ideas in an academic setting – they work within the community to launch, manage and grow organizations that implement and expand their ideas for creating lasting social change.

### **New Sector Residency in Social Enterprise (RISE)**

<http://newsector.org/rise-fellowships/>

New Sector Alliance is a nonprofit strategy consulting firm. RISE gives recent college graduates the opportunity to lead a strategic initiative for a nonprofit organization over the course of one year. People who join the Residency

develop leadership and management skills that cut across sectors and that support a career focused on positive social impact.

#### **Venture for America**

<https://ventureforamerica.org/become-a-fellow/>

Venture for America will recruit the best and brightest college graduates to become Fellows and work for two years at emerging start-ups and early-stage companies in lower-cost cities (e.g., **Detroit, Providence, New Orleans**). Modeled after Teach for America, Venture for America will provide a path for entrepreneurship to college graduates who want to learn how to build companies and create jobs.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

#### **Green Corps Environmental Leadership Training Program**

<http://www.greencorps.org/>

One-year, full-time, paid program gives you instruction and experience to launch an organizing and advocacy career. Program includes intensive classroom training, hands-on field experience running urgent environmental & public health campaigns, and placement in permanent leadership positions with leading environmental groups.

#### **Student Conservation Association Conservation Corps**

<http://www.thesca.org/serve/conservation-corps>

Corps members spend 3-10 months devoted to critical environmental issues such as wildfire management and education, trail restoration and maintenance, environmental education, and invasive species eradication. SCA sponsors several conservation and environmental programs, mainly in national parks, forests and wildlife refuges. Undergraduates and recent alumni are eligible for the program.

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Atlas Corps 7**

<http://www.atlascorps.org/>

A multinational, two-way, year-long volunteer program that sends U.S. volunteers overseas and also brings nonprofit leaders from around the world to volunteer in the United States. Volunteers tend to be between the ages of 22 and 35, have a college degree, and either professional or volunteer experience in the nonprofit sector. Atlas Corps starts classes twice a year and accepts applications year-round.

#### **BUNAC**

<http://www.bunac.org/>

For a fee, the organization arranges work permits for short-term employment in France, Britain, UK/Ireland, Canada, Australia and New Zealand and arranges volunteer placements across Africa, Asia and the Americas.

#### **Mickey Leland International Hunger Fellows Program**

<https://www.hungercenter.org/what-we-do/leland-fellowship/>

Two-year fellowship for those interested in the global fight against hunger. For the first year, fellows will be placed in countries throughout **Asia, Africa, and Latin America**. For the second year, fellows will work in a policy setting with the headquarters of the organizations in which they served during their first year.

#### **Peace Corps**

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Volunteers receive a living allowance, housing, full medical benefits, and deferment of student loans while they live in another country for two years, working at the grass-roots level to help solve some of the most important challenges facing the developing world. They serve in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America,

Europe, and the Middle East. Collaborating with eight local community members, volunteers work in areas like education, youth outreach, health, community development, agriculture, business, the environment, and information technology.

### **Volunteers for Peace**

<http://www.vfp.org/>

International work camps, offering over 3400 different 2-3 week service opportunities in 100 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, South & Central America. Small placement fee subsidizes living expenses. Projects include: construction & restoration of low income housing or community buildings; environmental projects such as trail building, park maintenance, organic farming; social services such as working with children, the elderly, physically or mentally handicapped, refugees, relief work, minority groups, drug/alcohol recovery, AIDS education and arts projects; historic preservation and archaeology.

<b>FAITH-BASED</b>
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### **JDC Jewish Service Corps**

<http://jdcentwine.org/jsc/>

One-year volunteer opportunity for individuals with a strong Jewish background and a passion for transmitting it to others to serve and take part in the life of a Jewish community overseas.

### **Jesuit Volunteer Corps**

<http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/>

Largest Catholic volunteer program in the country. Offers one-year or longer commitments to work for and with people who are homeless, unemployed, refugees, people with AIDS, the elderly, street youth, abused women & children, the mentally ill & developmentally disabled. Positions in the US and internationally at hundreds of grassroots organizations.

### **Jewish Organizing Institute and Network**

<https://www.joinforjustice.org/programs-projects/>

A one-year service program working with Boston area community and labor organizations. The year includes a commitment to regular sessions in community building among the ten or more "fellows" of the JOIN, mostly young adults in their twenties. The sessions include training in community organizing, Jewish identity and tradition, and group projects in the community.

### **Lutheran Volunteer Corps**

<http://lutheranvolunteercorps.org/volunteer/>

Yearlong service program for people seeking to unite faith, social justice, community living, and simplicity. Volunteers are matched with non-profit organizations in 14 metropolitan areas across the **United States**. They work full-time in positions ranging from direct social services to political advocacy, community organizing, education, and activism while living in intentional community.

### **Quaker Information Center**

<http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply/>

Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Volunteer service opportunities and fellowships offered nationwide.

### Vincentian Service Corps

<http://www.vscorps.org/volunteer/>

Faith-based service organization providing one-year service opportunities in impoverished areas within California. Work with marginalized people in our society with a focus on healthcare, social services, schools and educational programs to improve the lives of those in need.

## EDUCATION/TEACHING

### MATCH Corps

<http://www.matcheschool.org/learn-to-teach-at-match/>

One-year urban education fellowship in Boston. Corps members are typically matched with two students, tutoring them and providing support to master AP coursework. Corps members also serve as teaching assistants providing additional academic support in particular subject areas and providing unique out of school activities for students.

### New York City Teaching Fellows

<http://nycteachingfellows.org/overview>

Fellows teach in NYC classrooms as they pursue their own education through a subsidized Master's degree program. They also benefit from a regular teacher's salary and benefits.

### Teach for America

<http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

Recent college graduates of all academic majors, who commit to teach for two years in under-resourced urban and rural public schools **nationwide** with the overall aim of eliminating educational inequity. Corps 9 members are paid directly by the school districts where they work and receive the same salaries and health benefits as other beginning teachers.

### Blue Engine

<http://blueengine.org/fellowship/experience>

A one-year urban education fellowship program in New York City. Blue Engine Teaching Assistants (BETAs) are placed in school-based teams and work alongside classroom teachers to provide academic instruction with a dramatically reduced instructor-to-student ratio (1:5) in core skills including algebra, geometry, English Language Arts (E/LA), and writing. If you are contemplating a career in the fields of education, public policy, or the nonprofit sector and are seeking a professional bridge that combines leadership development and direct service in education, get involved in Blue Engine from the ground up.

### Great Oaks Charter School Tutor Corps

<https://greatoakscharter.org/join/great-oaks-tutor-corps/>

The Great Oaks Tutor Corps is an intense, one-year Urban Education Fellowship designed to close the achievement gap one student at a time. A highly selective full-time service year for recent college graduates, the Corps members work in a startup charter school on the front lines of education reform in **Newark, NJ**. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

### Phillips Academy Andover Teaching Fellowship

<http://www.andover.edu/About/CareersAtAndover/Pages/Teaching-Fellowship-Program.aspx>

With Andover's one-year teaching fellowship, the recent college graduate (or graduate school degree recipient) is introduced to teaching in a program of guided work in the classroom, professional seminars, and exposure to theories and methods of experienced faculty.