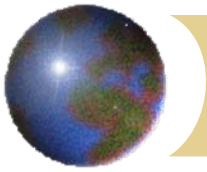


Going Abroad



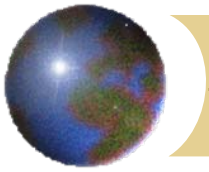
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Session Goals

- Clarify your choices
- Awareness of key factors to consider
- Information on options and resources
- Planning Next Steps



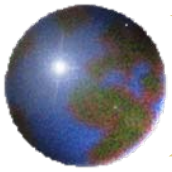


Agenda

Part I – Steps to Going Abroad

Part II – Teaching Abroad

Part III – Researching Go Abroad Options

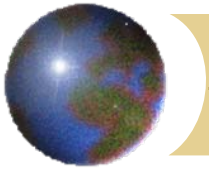


How Prepared Are You Right Now?

Going Abroad

In order to find the right opportunities abroad, you need to understand your options and then break your search into manageable tasks or the process may become overwhelming.



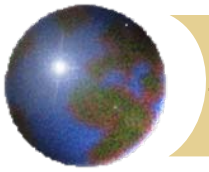


Part I

Steps to Going Abroad

Step 1 – Determine your Focus

Step 2 – Getting Prepared

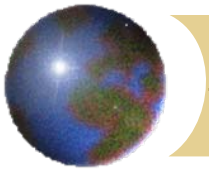


Determine Your Focus

Step 1 Determine your focus

Do you know yourself and your goals for going abroad?

What are the key questions you should be asking?

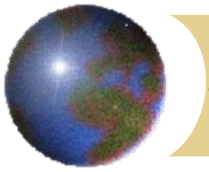


Determine Your Focus

Why are you going abroad?

- To gain relevant experience
- To earn money
- To make new friends
- To have an adventure/fun
- To begin a career
- To build cultural diversity
- To make a contribution

Consider the skills, knowledge and experience you have when making these decisions.



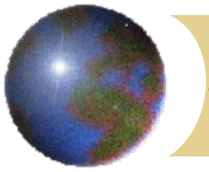
Determine Your Focus

Where are you going?

- Anywhere (do you really mean anywhere?)
- To a 'developed' nation
- To a country in turmoil
- A developing county
- A country at peace
- A remote location

What are your material needs (are you prepared to live in a remote, rural location without plumbing?)

Answering these questions is the first step in your plan.



Determine Your Focus

Additional Considerations

What type of opportunity/position do you want?

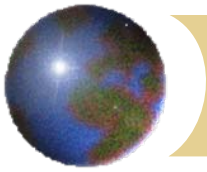
Do you have language skills?

Are you aware of and prepared for cultural differences and expectations?

How long can you afford to go away?

Who will you be going with?

Who do you plan on going with?



Getting Prepared

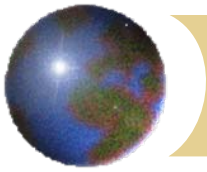
Step 2 Getting Prepared

Identify opportunities and organizations that fit your interests and needs

Be aware of all required documentation and other issues

Research opportunities, then speak to people

- Documentation
- Health and Security



Getting Prepared

A Passport

A passport is a document issued by a country to a citizen allowing that person to travel abroad and return home.

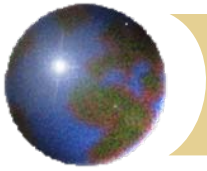
To obtain a Canadian passport, you can

- a) visit a Regional Passport Office
- b) pick up an application from the Post Office
- c) apply online at: www.servicecanada.gc.ca

Passport Expiration?

A passport will have a fixed period of validity of 5 years.

Some countries will not allow you to enter their country if your passport expires within 6 months of either the departure or return dates.



Getting Prepared

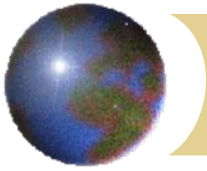
Visas (Work, Travel, Student)

A visa is a document and often a stamp in your passport. This document allows you to present yourself to the immigration office in the country of your choice.

A visa does NOT mean that you have guaranteed admission to that foreign country. If you are planning on travelling or working abroad, check first with the embassy or consulate in each country to determine the appropriate visa requirements.

****Remember:**

Give yourself plenty of time for this visa process!



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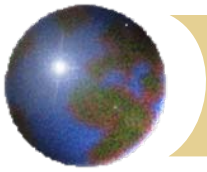
Work Permits

A work permit is a document issued by the country where you intend to work. This allows you to work in a specific job for an established period of time and in a set location (abridged from www.swap.ca).

Getting a work permit

First you must have an offer of employment from the organization in the country where you will be travelling. Your potential employer will apply for the visa on your behalf.

Check with the embassy/consulate for current info!!



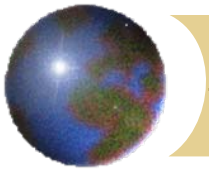
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International Driver's Licence

The IDP or International Driving Permit is a special licence for tourists that allows them to drive in another country without further testing or applications. The permit proves the bearer has an official licence in their country of origin.

Applications are available at CAA offices across Canada or at www.caa.ca

Many car rental companies will ask for an International Driver's Permit even though it may not be required, simply as another form of identification.



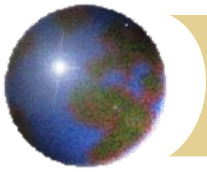
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Emergency Funds

For many internship & teaching abroad opportunities, the applicant is required to send a bank statement showing sufficient funds for rent, return flights, food, health care and accommodation.

The Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP) requires emergency funds for participation in their programs as well.

It is always a good idea to have back-up funds easily available in case your work experience does not work out, or you find that you need to leave the country or search for other work.

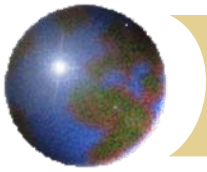


Getting Prepared

Security Concerns

- Whenever you are going to be staying longer than three months, register with the Canadian consulate or embassy
- Ensure people you know have copies of your travel itinerary
- Make copies of key documents such as passport, health insurance information
- Take a list of contact information with you (phone number of the Consulate)
- Foreign Affairs have issued security warnings for many countries. Do your homework

Check out the following Canadian website: www.voyage.gc.ca



Getting Prepared

Health and Environment Issues

Insurance and Immunizations

Be sure to read the information outlining Ontario provincial health care for travellers going abroad

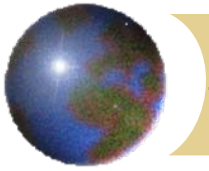
(www.health.gov.on.ca)

Consider purchasing additional health care coverage

****Buyer beware!****

Be sure to research the type of immunizations that you will require well in advance of your trip

Some countries will request that the immunizations begin 3 - 6 months prior to your departure



Getting Prepared

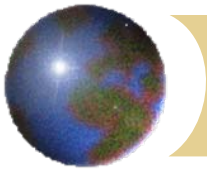
For information on health issues, check out:

Consular Affairs Canada - www.voyage.gc.ca

Public Health Agency of Canada

Traveller's Health Warnings – www.phac-aspc.gc.ca

International Association for Medical Assistance to Travellers –
www.iamat.org



International Resumes

Preparing For Work

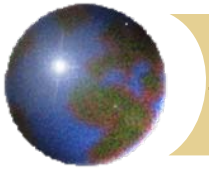
Writing an International Résumé

You may have to customize your résumé for different countries. For example, in Europe and Asia, you may see requests for photographs, languages, marital status, etc.

Do you know in what language your résumé should be?

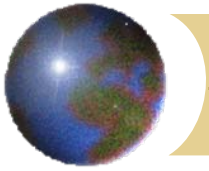
Transferable Skills

- Experience working with the public/customers
- Administrative (office) experience
- Project management
- Research and writing skills
- Diversity of Experiences
- Teaching/training experience
- Experience working in teams
- Cross-cultural experience



Part II

Teaching Abroad



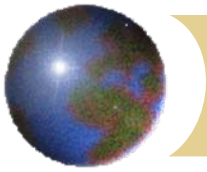
Teaching English Abroad

The idea of teaching English around the world is exciting and offers a wonderful opportunity to interact with and learn from people of different cultures.

What is the difference between ESL and EFL?

English as a Foreign Language (EFL) is taught to non-native speakers who live in a non-English speaking country.

English as a Second Language (ESL) is taught to non-native speakers who live in an English speaking country.



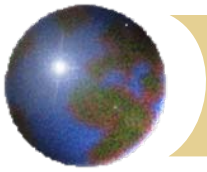
Teaching English Abroad

Internationally Recognized Teacher Preparation Certificates

CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults) - A standardized teacher preparation program designed by the University of Cambridge.

TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) - Onsite and online TEFL programs are not standardized. Do your research.

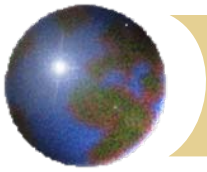
TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) and TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) - Courses are not standardized and are usually offered through colleges and universities.



Teaching English Abroad

Research Guide: TESL/TEFL Certification Courses

- Is the school accredited?
- Is the organization an established institution in the language business?
- Does the school have a physical location where you can contact program administrators?
- Are the tutors professionals with experience in the field?
- How much online interaction do you get with the tutors?
- What kind of supervised practical teaching experience is offered?
- Are there testimonials or recommendations from program graduates?
- Does the institution offer help in finding a good job overseas?



Teaching English Abroad

Certification: Is it Necessary?

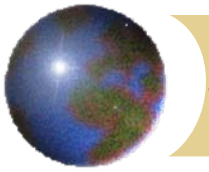
IS CERTIFICATION REALLY NEEDED TO TEACH ENGLISH ABROAD?

- Not always, but certification can often result in higher salaries, more opportunities and better teaching quality.
- Many institutions prefer to hire teachers with some training and it is a requirement at some schools. Certification may increase your level of competition at better schools.

IS IT REALLY NECESSARY TO ATTEND AN ACCREDITED INSTITUTION?

- YES! TESL/TEFL courses differ in content and quality because they are not regulated. Check that the institution is externally validated by a reputable accrediting agency.

Source: <http://tflonline.com/faqs.htm>



Teaching English Abroad

Where in the World?

Current markets for ESL/EFL Teachers: Eastern Europe, Turkey, Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Indonesia, China and Japan.

ASIA:

- Offers the most opportunities for teachers of English, with or without qualifications
- Best option for uncertified teachers who do not want a strict contract
- China, Japan and Korea usually require a university degree and certification is an asset

EASTERN EUROPE: High demand in Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic

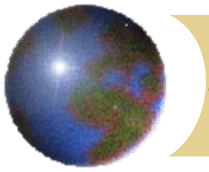
- Low salaries, poor accommodations

WESTERN EUROPE: Greece, Portugal, Spain and Turkey

- Strict work visa laws; salaries vary
- Private schools will hire unqualified teachers, private tutoring is in demand

LATIN AMERICA: Mexico, Costa Rica, Chile, Peru and Venezuela.

Expect to work in private schools or in rural areas.



Teaching English Abroad

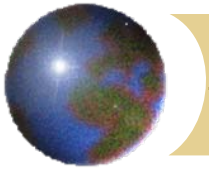
Factors to Consider When Choosing a Contract

EXAMINE YOUR NEEDS AND GOALS CAREFULLY!

- What is the cost of living?
- What costs will the organization cover? e.g., airfare, food
- How long is the contract?
- Do you have a choice of the location of your work?
- How many hours per day are you expected to work?
- What costs are you responsible for? e.g., work, visa, vaccinations
- What is the salary? Is there a bonus for completing duration of the contract?
- What are some cultural differences in the country?
- What are the accommodation amenities?
- What are personal amenities like?
- What is the weather like at that time of year?
- Does the organization provide health care coverage?

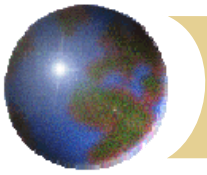
Remember:

Be sure to research companies thoroughly ****Buyer Beware!****



Part III

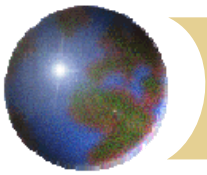
Researching Go Abroad Options



Traditional Go Abroad Search

Applying to Postings - search engines like **indeed** and international job boards on www.workingoverseas.com, newspapers and company websites

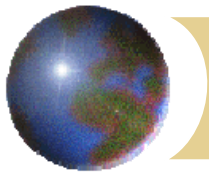
Prospecting – sending resume and cover letter to organizations/companies, inquiring about opportunities



Active Go Abroad Search

Informational Interviews - to gather information and establish a strong network

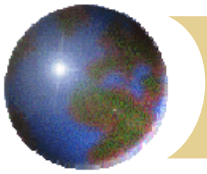
- Use the following contacts for informational interviews :
 - Warm Contacts (contacts you already have)
 - Cold Contacts (new contacts you will generate)
 - Attend events
 - Work/volunteer in relevant fields
 - Social Media: LinkedIn and Twitter
 - Associations



Competitive Go Abroad Search

Generating Cold Contacts Continued...

- Newspapers and websites (www.voyage.gc.ca)
- Journals and magazines (e.g. AgriMarketing)
- Local organizations with international projects/locations (e.g. P & G, Ernest & Young)
- International companies (e.g. Research Firms, CIGI)
- ASK



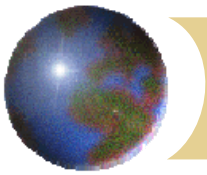
Go Abroad Options

Paid

- International Jobs for the 'Backpacker'
- Working holidays
- Professional Work
- Internships (often unpaid or minimum compensation)
- Teaching English

Volunteer Options

- NGO's
- Government



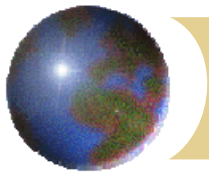
International Jobs for the 'Backpacker'

Tips:

- Target specific geographic regions
- Be prepared to take initiative and have an in-person sales pitch ready
- Understand the domestic job market
- If you are hoping to travel to more than one country, make sure you find out if you need separate visas

Considerations:

- Recognize that these jobs tend to be in retail and service
- Legal work permits may be a challenge
- If you want to apply for a work visa from a tourist visa, you
 - may need to travel back to Canada



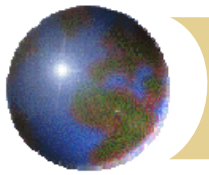
Working Holiday Programs

What are they?

- Gov Programs that allows Canadians (students and non-students) to travel abroad for a specified period of time while supplementing the cost of the holiday through employment

Considerations:

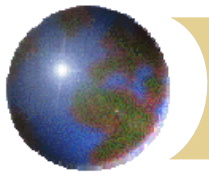
- Countries offering this type of program will have their own restrictions, eligibility requirements, fees and application process
- Restrictions can include age, length of stay, type of work undertaken and for how long, and the amount of money you are required to have at the outset
- Some countries also have quotas so it is best to get in quick!



Working Holiday Programs

Considerations Continued...

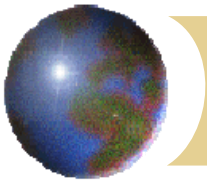
- Know what your goals are when making decisions about this experience.
- Do you want to venture out independently or will you use an organization to assist you?
- Make sure you research organizations so you know exactly what they do and do not do. Do not leave this research to be surprised when you arrive in a strange country!



Working Holiday Programs

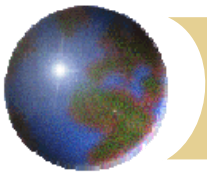
Working Holiday Resources

- Student Work Abroad Program (SWAP)/ Working Holiday Program www.swap.ca .Helps you with the task of organizing a work and travel experience (job search, visa, accommodations, etc)
- Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade/International Experience Canada (DFAIT) www.international.gc.ca. For Canadian student and non-students who want to travel in a variety of countries while supplementing their travel costs



Professional Work

- Search for work with Canadian companies that send employees to international locations
- Find opportunities with organizations that are located outside of Canada, including those that advertise in Canada . Browse by international location on sites such as international.monster.ca and www.charityvillage.com
- Targeted job search
- Find career advice from international experts in your field
- Employers like to see international experience, involve yourself in international activities, participate in experiences like SWAP
- Become an 'expert' on the industry you would like to work in.

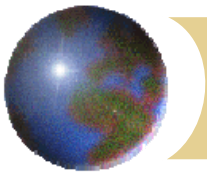


International Internships

- Generally, they are temporary positions with an emphasis on on-the-job training and often pay little or no money

Internship Resources:

- International Youth Internship Program www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/internships provides opportunity for post-secondary graduates to gain international development work experience
- Intrax Internships Abroad www.intraxinternshipsabroad.com is a professional development program that will help you launch a global career
- University of Dreams www.summerinternships.com Internship Program Provider
- Global Vision International www.gviusa.com/internships-abroad Provides info on a range of available internships



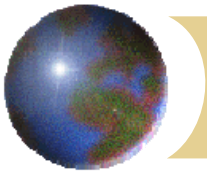
International Internships

Internship Resources Continued...

World University Service of Canada(WUSC)/Students without Borders www.wusc.ca/en/volunteer/swb Program that offers students exciting volunteer learning opportunities in Africa, Asia or South America during an academic term

AIESEC Laurier/Canadian Global Internship Program
www.aiesec.ca/laurier International training exchange program for students in business fields

Canadian Switzerland Exchange Program
www.experience.ca/frame-e.htm Helping Canadians gain professional and personal experience in Switzerland



International Internships

Internship Resources Continued...

- United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Internship Program

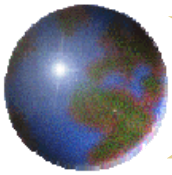
www.unece.org/oes/internships/internship_prog.htm

Opportunities provided to graduate or post-graduate students

- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific Internship Program

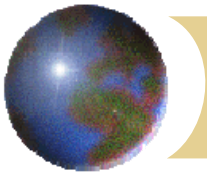
www.unescap.org/jobs/internships/

Opportunities provided to graduate students



Additional Go Abroad Resources

- Transitions Abroad
www.transitionsabroad.com Portal for work, internships and study abroad, cultural travel and living overseas
- Backdoorjobs.com
www.backdoorjobs.com Provides information on short-term opportunities to work and travel (e.g. wilderness adventure, resort and hospitality)
- Working Abroad and Unravelling the Maze” – Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada www.voyage.gc.ca/publications/work-abroad_travail-etranger-eng.asp A guide offering practical info to maximize chances of a successful adventure



Additional Go Abroad Resources

- Laurier International Exchange Programs

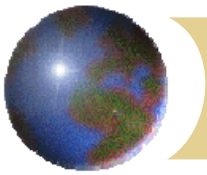
www.wlu.ca/laurierinternational

Programs are available in more than 25 countries. New programs are being developed

- Service Canada Youth Employment Resources

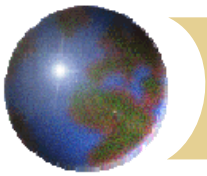
www.youth.gc.ca

Provides links to various volunteer opportunities and job abroad, and to other international resources



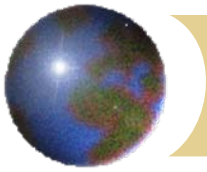
Volunteer Options

- Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)
Organizations with the overall mission of common social good. You can find NGOs through the following:
 - CIDA - <http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/index-e.htm>
 - Charity Village
- Government



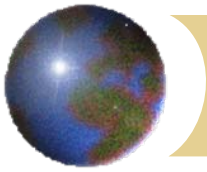
Volunteer Abroad Resources Continued...

- **Projects Abroad** www.projects-abroad.org Volunteer organization offering a diverse range of international service projects (e.g. medicine and healthcare, law, human rights, etc)
- **Volunteer Abroad** www.volunteerabroad.ca Owned by Canadian Federation of Students and connects motivated people with not-for-profit organizations, communities and government agencies in need of assistance around the world
- **Youth Challenge International (YCI)** www.yci.org
Supported by CIDA, the program combines community development, health work and environmental research projects conducted by international teams of volunteers



Next Steps

- Consider attending Career Development sessions – CD101 and CD102
- Research potential organizations (see handouts)
- Meet with a Career Consultant to assist with decision making
- Attend Employment Preparation workshops (Résumé and Job Search)
- Begin acquiring documentation and other requirements
- Continue your research and prepare to contact potential organizations and employers



Enjoy Your Adventure

Any Questions?

If you have any further questions or would like assistance with planning your international job search adventure, come into the Career Centre to make an appointment today.

Enjoy your adventure!!