Short-Term Post-Graduation Job Options

Many short-term opportunities (anywhere from six months to two years) exist for new grads to earn valuable experience, help build resumes, and earn a paycheck at the same time. Opportunities with the Peace Corps or Teach For America are widely advertised programs but the competition for both is intense. Consider the additional opportunities below.

Nonprofit Sector

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America)*
americorps.gov

Sponsored by the U.S. government, offers 1-2 full-time community service programs providing a subsistence allowance, health insurance, loan deferment, and an educational voucher. Participants work in nonprofit or government organizations. Applications accepted based on availability of positions.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)
americorps.gov/about/programs/nccc.asp

A ten-month, full-time residential services program for ages 18-24. Members address education, public safety, and other issues; however, their first priority is improving the environment. Deadlines vary throughout the year, so make sure to check the website.

Peace Corps
peacecorps.gov

Volunteers receive a living allowance, housing, full medical, and deferment of student loans while living in another country for 2 years, working at the grass-roots level to solve some of the challenges (education, health, etc.) facing the developing world. Applications accepted throughout the year (no deadline).

City Year Youth Service Corps*
http://www.cityyear.org

For people ages 17 to 24 from diverse economic, racial, and geographical backgrounds. A year of full-time service to communities, engaging in a variety of activities to meet critical needs (primarily focused on education and the development of youth). Four application cycles: Early Application, by November 30; Winter Application, by February 15; Spring Application, by April 15; Summer Application, by May 31.

Camphill Soltane
www.camphillsoltane.org

Year-long, full time program aimed at creating a supportive environment for adolescents and adults with disabilities. Affiliated with AmeriCorps, the camp is located in Glenmore, PA.

Volunteers For Peace
vfp.org

International work camps, offering over 3400 different 2-3 week service opportunities (construction, park maintenance, organic farming, etc.) in 100 countries throughout Western and Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, and North, Central, and South America. Applicants can apply year-round.

Congressional Hunger Center*
http://www.hungercenter.org/

A 12-month paid service and learning opportunity developing public policy related to hunger and poverty issues. Fellows work 6 months with urban and rural organizations, and 6 months in Washington, D.C. Applications due in January each year.

Good Works Appalachian Immersion Program*
good-works.net

Appalachian Immersion is a 9-12 month post-grad internship with Good Works, Inc., in Athens Ohio. Interns live in the Good Works Hannah House and serve in several different outreach ministries of Good Works. Applications accepted year-round, but program typically starts in September.

Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
wilpf.org

WILPF works to achieve, through peaceful means, world disarmament, full rights for women, racial and economic justice, and an end to all forms of violence. WILPF offers a paid 12-month internship with the UN in Geneva and in New York. Winter application deadline is November 15. Summer application deadline is April 1. Fall application deadline is July 15.

Public Allies*
publicallies.org

Identifies talented young adults from diverse backgrounds and advances their leadership through a 10-month program of full-time paid apprenticeships in nonprofit organizations, weekly leadership trainings, and team service projects. Deadlines vary for different sites.
Public Interest Research Group*
pirg.org
2-year fellowships for recent grads interested in public interest advocacy and administration. Designed to develop leaders for the public interest movement and offering a unique combination of mentorship, training, and hands-on advocacy experiences. Applications accepted year-round.

Echoing Green Public Service Fellowship
echoinggreen.org
Sponsored by a private foundation; offers a 1-2 year, $30,000 stipend to graduating students who are emerging social innovators. Fellowships are awarded to individuals with innovative ideas for creating new models to solve social challenges. Applications due in December each year.

The Greenlining Institute Academy Fellowship Program
http://greenlining.org/leadership-academy/programs/fellowship-program/
Prepares multi-ethnic individuals who want an experience working on low-income and minority economic development. Applications due in February each year.

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
carnegieendowment.org; honors-scholars.osu.edu/fellowship-office (for OSU specific info)
A 12-month paid Junior Fellowship for graduating seniors. Substantive experience in foreign affairs. Must be nominated by your university. Application deadline for OSU nominations is early December each year.

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship
http://scoville.org/
Provides 4-6 month paid fellowships on arms control research and/or advocacy at one of 20+ organizations in Washington, D.C. Application deadline for the Fall Fellowship is January of each year. Application deadline for the Spring Fellowship is October of each year.

Fulbright U.S. Student Program
http://us.fulbrightonline.org/
Sponsored by the U.S. government, designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. Campus application deadline is early September each year.

City Hall Fellows
www.cityhallfellows.org
Spend a year inside the highest levels of city government and see how it works from the inside out. 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 are in the cities of Houston, TX; Baton Rouge, LA; and San Francisco, CA.

Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs*
coro.org
A nine-month, full-time, post-graduate experiential leadership-training program that introduces recent grads to all aspects of the public affairs arena. Applications due in January each year.

The New York Urban Fellows Program
Provides a paid, nine-month fellowship working in the mayoral office and city agencies with seminars on policy issues. Applications due in January each year.

Ohio Legislative Service Commission*
http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/fellowship/
The LSC offers paid 13-month legislative internships designed to provide college graduates with practical experience in the legislative process. This experience often leads to permanent employment. Application deadline is April 1 each year.

Teach for America
teachforamerica.org
A national corps of recent graduates who commit two years to teach in under-resourced urban and rural public schools and earn entry-level teacher's saleries. Numerous application deadlines between August and February of each school year.

Teach KENTUCKY
www.teachkentucky.com
The mission of Teach Kentucky is to recruit and attract highly-motivated young people to teach in Kentucky public schools. Applications accepted year round.

MATCH Corps
matchschool.org
Members provide academic support with a scientifically based curriculum to students. Also includes an ambitious, intensive, one-on-one tutoring program designed to fully close the Achievement Gap between minority and non-minority students, and between economically disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers. Begin accepting applications September 1 of each year.
New York City Teacher Fellowship Program
https://www.nycteachingfellows.org/
Fellows pursue teaching education through a subsidized master’s degree program and are placed in teaching positions with New York City Schools. Applications due in December each year (for the following June’s program).

Inner City Teaching Corps
ictc-chicago.org
Places recent grads as paid classroom teachers in Catholic schools in Chicago’s inner city. Applications due in January each year.

Aclipse
aclipse.net/
Aclipse is dedicated to connecting enthusiastic college grads with the best teaching jobs in Asia. Applicants can apply year-round.

Central European Teaching Program
cetp.info
CETP exists to benefit young people in the formerly socialist countries of Central Europe by providing public schools in the region with native-speaking English teachers. Applications accepted year-round, until all teaching positions are filled.

Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Programme
jetprogramme.org
The JET Programme invites university graduates from overseas to participate in international exchange and foreign language education throughout Japan, serving in local government as well as public and private schools. Applications due in November.

CoaHCORPS
www.cityonahill.org
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. Applicants can apply year-round.

French Culture
www.frenchculture.org
The Teaching Assistant Program in France offers you the opportunity to work in France for 7 months, teaching English to French students of all ages. Each year, over 1,100 American citizens and permanent residents teach in public schools across all regions of metropolitan France and in the overseas departments of French Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Réunion. Applications accepted year-round based on availability of positions.

U.S. English Language teaching Assistantship Program in Austria
usta-austria.at
Teach English as a second language in Austria. Program managed by Austrian-American Educational Commission (which also manages the Fulbright program). Applications due early January each year. Working knowledge of German required.

Environmental
Environmental Careers Organization (ECO)*
eco.org
Offers paid, short-term environmental positions nationwide for seniors, graduate students, and entry-level environmental job seekers. Applications accepted year-round based on availability.

Green Corps Environmental Leadership Training Program*
greencorps.org
Grass roots organizing for recent grads. A paid, 13-month, full-time field school for environmental organizing and activism. Applications due in January each year.

Student Conservation Assoc. Resource Assistant Program*
thesca.org
Provides room, board and travel allowance for 3-month environmental projects, primarily in national parks. Applications accepted throughout the year based on scheduled programs.

Willing Workers On Organic Farms (WWOOF)*
www.wwoof.org
Connects volunteers with organic famers both domestically and internationally. Volunteers learn organic farming techniques from organic farmers by working and living with a host family (and learning about life and culture) in another country. Applications accepted throughout the year based on volunteer opportunities.

National Assoc. of Service & Conservation Groups*
nascc.org
Serves as an advocate and reference point, and provider of training and technical assistance, for youth service and conservation corps programs around the country. Applications accepted year-round based on state-to-state opportunities.

Religious Based Organizations
AVODAH
http://avodah.net/apply/
Jewish service corps that combines front-line, anti-poverty work, Jewish learning, and community building into a one-year program. Corps members work on issues across the board: immigration, education, public health, homelessness, and more. Applications due in February each year.
Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)
christianapp.org
An 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. Various programs available. Applications accepted throughout the year.

JDC Jewish Service Corps
http://www.jdc.org/get-involved/serve-abroad/
The JDC Jewish Service Corps offers qualified individuals the chance to serve a Jewish community abroad in Jewish outreach, community development, health, and social welfare. Applications accepted throughout the year.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps*
jesuitvolunteers.org
Provides room/board, stipend, loan deferment, and health insurance for recent graduates to live in community and work in community service for one year. International opportunities, requiring a three-year commitment, also available. Round one applications due in January; round two applications due in March.

Jewish Organizing Initiative
jewishorganizing.org
A one-year service program in community building, working with Boston area community and labor organizations. Regular sessions include training in community organizing, Jewish identity and tradition, and group projects in the community.

Lutheran Volunteer Corps
lutheranvolunteercorps.org
Open to individuals 21 and over who are willing to commit to at least one year of full-time service in urban social justice organizations in ten cities across the United States. Applications accepted on a rolling basis with three deadlines: January 15, March 15, and April 30.

Mercy Volunteer Corps
mercyvolunteers.org/about/
A year-long service program in both urban and rural regions. Mercy volunteers work with those who are economically poor or marginalized in a spirit of solidarity and mutual respect, live simply in community, and commit to personal and spiritual growth. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but final application deadline is June 1 of each year.

Vincentian Service Corps
vscorps.org
The Vincentian Service Corps is for men and women who want to give one year of their lives to serve the poor, live in community with other Corps members, and experience a simple lifestyle. Applications accepted throughout the year.

Amate House
https://www.catholicvolunteernetwork.org/program/amate-house
Year-long program that supports and develops individuals rooted in faith and dedicated to service. Volunteers are placed in schools, parishes, and social service agencies throughout Chicago.

American Friends Service Committee*
quakerinfo.org/service/friendsopportunities.html
Quaker organization which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Volunteer service opportunities and fellowships offered throughout the country. Applications accepted throughout the year based on state-to-state volunteer opportunities.

MASA Israel Journey
masaisrael.org
MASA enables thousands of Jewish youth to spend a semester or a year in Israel in any of over 160 programs, helping them build a life-long relationship with Israel and a firm commitment to Jewish life. Applications accept throughout the year based on availability of opportunities.

Additional Resources

Idealist Careers
http://idealisticareers.org/
Idealist Careers is a hub of informative and inspirational content that focuses on how people can find, land, and love their social-impact careers.

Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures
backdoorjobs.com
Adventure jobs in the US and abroad. Includes opportunities at camps, ranches, and resorts. Other employment areas include environmental, artistic, sustainable living, and agriculture.

Cool Works
coolworks.com
Seasonal jobs in the national parks, ski resorts, ranches, etc.

Search Associates
http://www.searchassociates.com/
Each year Search Associates places teachers, administrators, and interns in international schools throughout the world, making them one of the largest international school placement organizations.

Dave’s ESL Café
eslcafe.com
Job posting site with hundreds of positions around the world. Also includes links and information about ESL certification programs.

Notes:
• Asterisk (*) used to designate organizations that “hire” for Ohio locations
• Check organization’s website for specific application dates and instructions