DEFINITION OF A BRIDGE YEAR: a temporary position (1 –3 years) between college and graduate school or a full time job. Many students are interested in “taking a year off” before buckling down to a “serious” job or graduate school. These temporary “in-the-meantime” jobs can provide experience, direction, emotional and cognitive growth, and satisfy curiosity about the real world.

GENERAL RESOURCES

- **Gapyear.com** is a community for backpackers and gap year travelers. Search for trip advice, travel inspiration, jobs and volunteering ideas. [http://www.gapyear.com/](http://www.gapyear.com/)
- The **Center for Interim Programs** is the first and longest-running independent gap-year counseling organization in the United States. [http://www.interimprograms.com/](http://www.interimprograms.com/)
- The **Leap** is a leading gap year company. Volunteering, internships, summer gaps and equine placements from 6 to 10 weeks across Africa, Asia and South America. All programs include a mix of projects, in a mix of locations, challenging both mind + muscle. Travel as part of a Leap team for an instant social life and great camaraderie. [http://www.theleap.co.uk/](http://www.theleap.co.uk/)
- **One Small Planet** - General Information on Work, Study, Volunteer and Travel Opportunities Abroad. [http://www.onesmallplanet.com/geninfo.htm](http://www.onesmallplanet.com/geninfo.htm)
- **GapGuru** is a gap travel specialist offering a wide range of exciting gap year volunteering, teaching, travel and internship opportunities across Asia, Africa, South America and Europe. [http://www.gapguru.com/](http://www.gapguru.com/)
- **Gapwork.com** is your one-stop website for gap year and backpacking information, including the latest news on gap year jobs, travel destinations and volunteering ideas as well as a comprehensive section to help you plan your gap year. [http://www.gapwork.com/](http://www.gapwork.com/)
- **GoAbroad.com** is committed to providing the most comprehensive international education and alternative travel databases. [http://www.goabroad.com/](http://www.goabroad.com/)
- **BUNAC** offers a range of exciting work abroad and volunteer abroad programs. BUNAC is the work and travel expert and has been helping young people work and volunteer abroad since 1962. [http://www.bunac.org/](http://www.bunac.org/)
- **GO Overseas** - Search for Gap Year Programs Abroad. [http://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year](http://www.gooverseas.com/gap-year)

SERVICE/VOLUNTEER

- **Idealist** - The world's best place to find volunteer opportunities, nonprofit jobs, internships, and organizations working to change the world since 1995. [http://www.idealist.org/](http://www.idealist.org/)
- **serveNET** is Youth Service America's premier volunteer opportunity database, with thousands of organizations and volunteering opportunities. [http://www.servenet.org/](http://www.servenet.org/)
- Each year, **AmeriCorps** offers 75,000 opportunities for adults of all ages and backgrounds to serve through a network of partnerships with local and national nonprofit groups. Whether your service makes a community safer, gives a child a second chance, or helps protect the environment, you’ll be getting things done through AmeriCorps! [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)
- **Peace Corps** Volunteers travel overseas to make real differences in the lives of real people. [http://www.peacecorps.gov/](http://www.peacecorps.gov/)
• **Public Allies** advances new leadership to strengthen communities, nonprofits, and civic participation. Since 1992, we have been developing a new generation of diverse leaders and promoting innovative leadership practices that meet the demands of changing times. [www.publicallies.org](http://www.publicallies.org)

• The **United Nations Volunteers** (UNV) program is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. [http://www.unv.org/](http://www.unv.org/)

• The **American Red Cross** exists to provide compassionate care to those in need. Our network of generous donors, volunteers and employees share a mission of preventing and relieving suffering, here at home and around the world, through five key service areas: Disaster Relief, Supporting America’s Military Families, Lifesaving Blood, Health and Safety Services, and International Services. [http://www.redcross.org/](http://www.redcross.org/)

• The **Camphill** movement is an initiative for social change with over a hundred affiliates worldwide. Camphill communities seek to enhance the lives of people in need of services and supports for daily living, as well as people committed to service, by building intentional “life-sharing” communities where the spiritual integrity of every human being is upheld. [http://www.camphill.org/](http://www.camphill.org/)

• **Innisfree** is an assisted living community for those with mental disabilities. Innisfree is looking for full-time residential volunteers to lead the community. [http://www.innisfreevillage.org/](http://www.innisfreevillage.org/)

• **Peace Brigades International** is an international NGO that has been promoting nonviolence and protecting human rights since 1981. [www.peacebrigades.org](http://www.peacebrigades.org)

• **The International Volunteer Programs Association (IVPA)** is an association of non-governmental organizations involved in international volunteer work and internship exchanges. IVPA is an association of volunteer sending organizations but does not organize or run its own volunteer programs. [www.volunteerinternational.org](http://www.volunteerinternational.org)

• **uVolunteer** Volunteer Abroad organization specializing in three countries: Costa Rica, Ghana and Thailand. [https://www.uvolunteer.net/](https://www.uvolunteer.net/)

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**TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES**

**Domestic**

• **Teach For America** is developing a movement of leaders who will help drive change at every level of our education system toward the goal of closing the achievement gap. [http://www.teachforamerica.org/](http://www.teachforamerica.org/)

• **Chicago Teaching Fellows** is a highly selective program that trains accomplished professionals and recent college graduates to become high-impact teachers in schools serving disadvantaged students in Chicago Public Schools. [http://chicagoteachingfellows.ttrack.org/](http://chicagoteachingfellows.ttrack.org/)

• The **NYC Teaching Fellows** program recruits and prepares high-quality, dedicated individuals to become teachers who raise student achievement in NYC. [https://www.nycfellowships.org](https://www.nycfellowships.org)

• **Boston Teacher Residency** (BTR) recruits talented college graduates, career changers and community members of all ages and gives them the tools to make an immediate impact in the classrooms of the Boston Public Schools. [http://www.bostonteacherresidency.org](http://www.bostonteacherresidency.org)

• **DC Teaching Fellows** is a highly selective program that trains accomplished professionals and recent college graduates to become high-impact teachers in schools serving high-need students throughout the D.C. area. [http://dcfellowships.ttrack.org/](http://dcfellowships.ttrack.org/)

• **Inner-City Teaching Corps** - Chicago’s leading new teacher development program for future urban education leaders. [http://www.alainlocke.org/programs/ictc/inner-city-teaching-corps-ictc](http://www.alainlocke.org/programs/ictc/inner-city-teaching-corps-ictc)

• At **City Year**’s 24 locations across the United States, teams of diverse young people called corps members serve full-time in schools for 10 months working to improve student attendance, behavior and course performance in English and math. [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)
The **Inspired Teacher Certification Program** is a state-accredited, 24-month teacher preparation program that prepares, supports, and certifies highly-qualified individuals to become early childhood and elementary teachers in the District of Columbia. [http://www.inspiredteaching.org/](http://www.inspiredteaching.org/)

The **Knowles Science Teaching Foundation** awards Teaching Fellowships to exceptional young men and women committed to teaching science and mathematics in United States high schools. [http://www.kstf.org/programs/teaching/scope.html](http://www.kstf.org/programs/teaching/scope.html)

The **Match Corps** is a one-year, full-time professional tutoring fellowship, where elite college graduates work intensively with students in small groups (1:1 or 2:1). Corps members not only provide academic support, but also build strong, meaningful relationships with students and families. [http://matcheducation.org/match-corps](http://matcheducation.org/match-corps)

**Math for America** is a nonprofit organization with a mission to improve mathematics and science education in U.S. public secondary schools by building a corps of outstanding STEM teachers and leaders. [www.mathforamerica.org](http://www.mathforamerica.org)

The **Mississippi Teacher Corps** selects college graduates to teach in high-poverty schools in Mississippi and provides training, certification, full pay, benefits, and a master’s degree in education from the University of Mississippi. [http://mtc.olemiss.edu/](http://mtc.olemiss.edu/)

**TNTP** grows great teachers. TNTP’s rigorous Teaching Fellows and TNTP Academy programs prepare people without formal education backgrounds to be effective in challenging school environments. At every step, TNTP helps teachers continuously improve and ensures that only teachers who prove their ability to raise student achievement enter and remain in the classroom. [http://tntp.org/what-we-do/training/teaching-fellows](http://tntp.org/what-we-do/training/teaching-fellows)


**University Child Development School** designs a culture of inquiry essential to meaningful learning. The Resident Teacher Program offers a year-long, intensive, hands-on teaching experience. The Program allows professionals who enter the field to engage in teaching and school-wide responsibilities with the guidance and support of experienced teachers. [http://www.ucds.org/residentprogram/index.html](http://www.ucds.org/residentprogram/index.html)

**The Urban Teacher Education Program** is a five-year experience that integrates rigorous academic and methods coursework with ongoing teaching experiences that broaden in scope as candidates progress through the two-year MAT program. Learning continues for alumni working in Chicago Public Schools with an array of post-graduation supports. [http://utep.uchicago.edu/](http://utep.uchicago.edu/)

**The Urban Catholic Teachers Corps** of Boston College and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (UCTC) is a two-year service program for teachers who wish to gain experience teaching in urban Catholic schools in the Boston area and who want to live in a community with other teachers. [http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/cce/uctc.html](http://www.bc.edu/schools/lsoe/cce/uctc.html)

**The Urban Prep Fellows Program** brings exceptional recent college graduates to serve full-time in a unique role as in-school mentors, tutors, and advocates for students at Urban Prep Academies. UP Fellows teach, but not in the traditional sense; rather than controlling a classroom and multiple classes of students, Urban Prep Fellows focus on the total academic achievement of just twenty-five students. [http://www.urbanprep.org/fellows-program](http://www.urbanprep.org/fellows-program)

**The Baltimore City Teaching Residency** is a highly selective program that trains accomplished professionals and recent college graduates to become effective teachers in traditionally underserved Baltimore schools. [http://bcteachingresidency.ttrack.org/](http://bcteachingresidency.ttrack.org/)

**Philadelphia Teaching Fellows** is a highly selective program that trains accomplished professionals and recent college graduates to become high-impact teachers in high-need schools throughout the Philadelphia area. [http://philadelphiateachingfellows.ttrack.org/Home.aspx](http://philadelphiateachingfellows.ttrack.org/Home.aspx)
Phoenix Teaching Fellows - Make a difference in the lives of students who need you. Outstanding professionals and recent college graduates who wish to build a career can make a difference in the lives of Phoenix’s children. [http://phoenixteachingfellows.org/](http://phoenixteachingfellows.org/)

Rhode Island Teaching Fellows is a highly selective program that trains accomplished professionals and recent college graduates to become high-impact teachers in schools serving disadvantaged students throughout the state. [http://rhodeislandteachingfellows.ttrack.org/Home.aspx](http://rhodeislandteachingfellows.ttrack.org/Home.aspx)

teachNOLA Teaching Fellows - Our Teaching Fellows program offers an accelerated pathway into the teaching profession for accomplished mid-career professionals and recent college graduates who believe all students can succeed in school and who are prepared to do what it takes to achieve that vision. [http://teachnola.ttrack.org/Home.aspx](http://teachnola.ttrack.org/Home.aspx)

Abroad

- For over 55 years, **International Schools Services** has been dedicated to supplying international schools with everything they need to provide their students with a world-class education. [https://www.iss.edu/](https://www.iss.edu/)
- **International Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language** - Linking, developing and supporting English Language Teaching professionals worldwide. [http://www.iatefl.org/](http://www.iatefl.org/)
- As a **WorldTeach** volunteer, you will witness firsthand the challenges and rewards of education in a developing country. You will share the skills and knowledge gained through your education and life experience with your students, and you will make a lasting difference in their lives, opening their eyes to a world beyond their classrooms. [www.worldteach.org](http://www.worldteach.org)
- Established in 2008, **Teach For China** is inspired by the vision that one day, all Chinese children will have access to a quality education. Teach For China takes a unique approach to eliminating educational inequity by enlisting the US and China’s most promising future leaders in the effort. [http://www.tfchina.org/](http://www.tfchina.org/)
- **Teach Thailand Corps (TTC)**, established by the American-Thai Foundation in collaboration with Yonok Foundation, focuses on strengthening the primary and secondary school education systems in Thailand, particularly in high-need areas. TTC places American graduates in underserved Thai schools as English language teachers. [https://sites.google.com/a/americanthaifoundation.org/www/teach-thailand-corp](https://sites.google.com/a/americanthaifoundation.org/www/teach-thailand-corp)
- **The EDGE Educational Academy** is a premier after-school enrichment center in Taiwan, catering to international students needing assistance in English, math, science, SATs and more. [http://www.staysharptaiwan.com/](http://www.staysharptaiwan.com/)
- The **Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme** is sponsored by the Japanese government. JET places native English speakers in classrooms across Japan. The workers live in Japan for up to a year and serve as a language assistant to Japanese students. [www.jetprogramme.org](http://www.jetprogramme.org)
- The **English Program in Korea** (EPIK), affiliated to the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology, was established in 1995 to improve the English speaking abilities of students and teachers in Korea, to develop cultural exchanges and reform English teaching methodologies in Korea. [http://www.epik.kr/](http://www.epik.kr/)
- Teach English in Georgia, a beautiful country that borders the Black Sea, Russia, Turkey, Armenia and Azerbaijan. **Footprints Recruiting** has been officially selected as the primary provider of teachers to the Ministry of Education in Georgia. [http://www.footprintsrecruiting.com/teaching-in-georgia/864-georgia-teaching-opportunities](http://www.footprintsrecruiting.com/teaching-in-georgia/864-georgia-teaching-opportunities)
- **Teach and Learn with Georgia (TLG)**, a progressive education movement initiated by the Georgian government, recruits native English speakers to co-teach English alongside local English teachers in public schools throughout the country of Georgia. TLG aims to improve Georgia’s nationwide English language proficiency in an effort towards further globalization. [http://tlg.gov.ge/](http://tlg.gov.ge/)
• **CIEE** offers paid teaching positions in seven countries (Chile, China, Dominican Republic, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, and Vietnam) for university graduates looking to teach English abroad and immerse themselves in a foreign community. [http://www.ciee.org/teach/](http://www.ciee.org/teach/)

• **Interac** is committed to providing excellence in the fields of school, business, language, and cross-cultural training. With a proven ability to attract talented people from around the world, Interac constantly strives to enhance its position as Japan’s foremost language training organization. [https://www.interacnetwork.com/recruit/](https://www.interacnetwork.com/recruit/)

• **teflSearch** is the top job site for TEFL/ESL jobs. [http://teflsearch.com/](http://teflsearch.com/)

**INTERNATIONAL/TRAVEL**

• **Passport Career** – Login through Blue Hen Careers. The first-ever, comprehensive, online global job search support system for globally-minded organizations and institutions that support people moving to or living in unique and challenging destinations around the world. [http://www.udel.edu/CSC/](http://www.udel.edu/CSC/)

• **OverseasJobs.com** has been working for well over a decade to provide employers easy access to a wide, targeted audience of job seekers. [http://www.overseasjobs.com/](http://www.overseasjobs.com/)


• **Transitions Abroad** is the guide to paid and volunteer work abroad, living abroad, study abroad and cultural travel overseas. [http://www.transitionsabroad.com/](http://www.transitionsabroad.com/)

• **International Jobs Center** - A comprehensive source of international careers for professionals, including international development jobs. [http://www.internationaljobs.org/](http://www.internationaljobs.org/)

• **Projects Abroad** is proud to offer volunteer opportunities, internships, and language courses of the highest quality. Since founding in 1992, more than 50,000 volunteers have contributed to thousands of service initiatives throughout the world. [http://www.projectsabroad.org/](http://www.projectsabroad.org/)

• **InterExchange** is a nonprofit organization devoted to promoting cross-cultural awareness through work and volunteer exchange programs. For more than 40 years, InterExchange has been connecting young people from all over the world with life-changing international cultural exchange opportunities. [http://www.interexchange.org/](http://www.interexchange.org/)

• The aim of all **Art History Abroad**’s courses is to enjoy Italy, see a wealth of beautiful art while having fun. Our courses will truly expand your horizons. We draw connections between art history, philosophy, music, literature and history making our courses about European Civilization. [http://www.arthistoryabroad.com/](http://www.arthistoryabroad.com/)

• **Carpe Diem International Education** offers 3-month and yearlong Gap Year and Study Abroad programs with college credit. [http://www.carpediemeducation.org/home.php](http://www.carpediemeducation.org/home.php)

• **Gap Year South Africa** offers values-driven Volunteer projects and Gap Year experiences in South Africa. Discover new cultures, meet new people, serve others, explore new places, make a difference and get involved with Gap Year South Africa. [http://gapyearsouthafrica.com/](http://gapyearsouthafrica.com/)

• **Maximo Nivel** offers its International Volunteer and Internship Program, Native Spanish Immersion Program, TEFL/TESOL course and Adventure and Culture Program in Guatemala, Peru and Costa Rica. Programs appeal to all ages and interests, as we provide the unique opportunity to live and work internationally while experiencing the countries’ rich cultural diversity and building Spanish proficiency. Programs can range from 1 week to 6 months and focus on career-building, fun or social service. [http://www.maximonivel.com/](http://www.maximonivel.com/)

• Paid jobs are guaranteed in rural and Outback areas on farms, ranches, and in hospitality, childcare, and teaching. **VisitOz** students are offered an initial nine-day farm training and safety course before work. [http://www.visitoz.org/](http://www.visitoz.org/)
• Africa & Asia Venture (AV) is a not-for-profit social enterprise. Based in the UK and established in 1993, AV specializes in gap year and summer volunteer projects in the developing world for 18 - 25 year olds. [http://www.aventure.co.uk/]

• Founded in 1965, Amigos de las Américas (AMIGOS) is an international, non-profit organization that empowers high school and college students to develop leadership skills and increase multi-cultural understanding through training and community service in Latin America. [http://www.amigoslink.org/]

• Thinkimpact is a global social enterprise based in Denver, Colorado with offices in Ghana, Kenya, Rwanda and South Africa. Through our programs we will challenge one billion people to answer the question, “How do I start?” by 2020. Our Institute is a life-changing summer experience for college students, graduate students and young professionals in rural Africa. [http://www.thinkimpact.com/institute/]

ADVENTURE/ENVIRONMENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

• Over one million students in the U.S. have benefited from Outward Bound's unparalleled approach to "learning by doing." Today, Outward Bound offers courses in some of the most spectacular and inspiring settings in the United States and in Central and South America, successfully preparing students to confront the challenges they face today with self-confidence, tenacity and compassion. From 30 days to 85 days, from mountaineering to dog sledding to swimming with dolphins to service projects in remote villages, student emerge from Outward Bound with new insights about themselves, about teamwork and compassion and about how to make a difference in the world. [http://www.outwardbound.org/]

• The International School for Earth Studies is a nature education center that rescues indigenous wildlife, engages in domestic animal husbandry, promotes environmental awareness, and connects people with the Land. [www.earth-studies.ca]

• The National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) takes people of all ages on real wilderness expeditions, teaching outdoors skills, environmental ethics, and leadership in some of the most wild classrooms in the world. With courses ranging from the 10 days to a full academic year, students can earn up to 19 credits a semester while learning the skills to be competent, responsible wilderness travelers and leaders long after their course is over. [http://www.nols.edu/]

• Looking for Adventure.com - Entertain your Brain with Adventure, Knowledge, Information, 1,000's of Images, Videos, Gear, Jobs, Schools, Travel and 1,000's of Hand Picked Categorized Websites. [http://www.lookingforadventure.com/]

• Adventure, Outdoor, & Fun Jobs – listings of a wide range of non-traditional jobs. [www.funjobs.com]

• Are you looking for opportunities to work, travel, play, live, learn, help, create, experience and grow? Come explore, dream, discover, do and thrive with Backdoorjobs.com: Short-Term Job Adventures! [http://www.backdoorjobs.com/]

• The mission of Green Corps is to train organizers, provide field support for today’s critical environmental campaigns, and graduate activists who possess the skills, temperament, and commitment to fight and win tomorrow’s environmental battles. [www.greencorps.org]

• Each year, Student Conservation Association places over 2,000 interns in a diverse array of businesses, public land agencies and nonprofit organizations throughout the U.S. With a staggering array of conservation, environmental and sustainability-based internships available, find the one that allows you to do the type of work you dream of doing. [http://www.thesca.org/]

• World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms is a worldwide network of organizations. We link volunteers with organic farmers, and help people share more sustainable ways of living. [www.wwoof.org]
• **Rocky Mountain Youth Corps** engages youth in the outdoors, inspiring them to use their strengths and potential to lead healthy, productive lives. We teach responsibility for self, community and environment through teamwork, service and experiential education. [http://www.rockymountainyouthcorps.org/]

• **Cuyahoga Valley Environmental Education Center Field Instructor Interns** serve a 10-month appointment as teachers in the resident environmental education program at the EEC. [http://www.conservancyforcvnp.org/]

**Faith-Based**

• **Young Adult Service Communities (YASC)** is a one-year volunteer program of the United Church of Christ (UCC) for young adults ages 21-30. Volunteers live in intentional community with others who share commitments of service and social justice. [http://www.ucc.org/volunteer/yasc/]

• **Lutheran Volunteer Corps** (LVC) unites full-time stipended Volunteers with financial supporters, non-profit organizations and ministries to work for peace with justice across the nation. In addition to working for justice, LVC Volunteers live together in intentional household communities of 4-7 people to encourage simple, sustainable living. [www.lutheranvolunteer.org]

• **Catholic Volunteer Network**, established in 1963, is a non-profit membership organization of 200 domestic and international volunteer and lay mission programs. [https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/]

• **Jesuit Volunteer Corps** supports organizations that provide direct service to people who are poor and marginalized by placing volunteers at schools, non-profits, and other sites around the world. [http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/]

• **The American Friends Service Committee** is a Quaker organization that promotes lasting peace with justice, as a practical expression of faith in action. Drawing on continuing spiritual insights and working with people of many backgrounds, we nurture the seeds of change and respect for human life that transform social relations and systems. [http://www.afsc.org/about]

• **AVODAH**: The Jewish Service Corps strengthens the Jewish community's fight against the causes and effects of poverty in the United States. Participants in our service Corps program live out and deepen their commitments to social change and Jewish life through a year of full-time work at anti-poverty organizations in Chicago, New Orleans, New York, and Washington, DC. [http://www.avodah.net/]

• **The Christian Appalachian Project** is an interdenominational, non-profit 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. [http://www.christianapp.org/]

• **Christian Peacemaker Team** workers make up what we call the "Peacemaker Corps." Teams of trained Corps members enter emergency situations of conflict and areas of militarization in partnership with local peacemakers. Responding to Christ's radical call, they attempt to bring God's redemptive love to violent situations. [http://www.cpt.org/]

• **Faith Community** offers a unique yearlong opportunity for college graduates to serve homeless youth full time at Covenant House, live with other program volunteers, and share in daily prayer and reflection. [http://www.covenanthouse.org/help-homeless-youth/faith-community]

• **The MercyWorks** program offers a diverse group of highly motivated women and men – who are inspired by the Gospel call to faith and justice and desire to make a difference in the lives of hurting children – a unique opportunity to gain professional experience while growing spiritually, personally and professionally. [www.mercyhome.org]
• **The Jewish Organizing Fellowship** is a professional development opportunity for Jewish young adults (21-30) to become a full-time community organizer for a social justice organization, explore their Jewish identity together, and grow as leaders in pursuit of social justice. [http://www.joinforjustice.org/](http://www.joinforjustice.org/)

• The **Westmoreland Volunteer Corps (WVC)** offers five adults, typically recent college graduates, the opportunity to work in direct social service through placements with Washington-area service agencies. [http://www.westmorelanducc.org/boards/Volunteer_Corps/](http://www.westmorelanducc.org/boards/Volunteer_Corps/)

• **Urban Adamah** is an educational farm and community center in Berkeley, California, that integrates the practices of Jewish tradition, sustainable agriculture, mindfulness and social action to build loving, just and sustainable communities. **The Urban Farming Fellowship** is a three-month residential program for young adults that integrates: Organic farming, Direct social justice work, Progressive Jewish living and learning. [http://urbanadamah.org/](http://urbanadamah.org/)