Short-Term Post-Graduation Job Options

Many short-term opportunities (anywhere from six months to two years) exist for new graduates 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)*
www.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)
http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ Americorps/ americorps-nccc
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. Deadline vary throughout the year, so make sure to check the website.

Peace Corps
https://www.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 Glenmoore, PA.

Volunteers For Peace
https://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*
www.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
www.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*
www.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*
www.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
www.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.

Public Administration and Government

Capital Fellows Programs
http://www.csus.edu/calst/programs/
Fellows in each program work for 11 months as full-time members of a legislative, executive, or judicial branch office, and are typically given assignments with a significant amount of responsibility and challenges. Applications due in February.

Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs*
www.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.
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/

honors-scholars.osu.edu/fellowship-office (for OSU specific info)

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.

Teaching

Teach for America

https://www.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 salaries. 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

www.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

www.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

www.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

https://www.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

https://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.

The North American Language and Culture Assistants Program in Spain


Assist a classroom English teacher in an elementary, secondary, or language school. Initiative of the Ministry of Education, Culture, and Sport of Spain. Some knowledge of Spanish required. Application period open from January to April each year.
U.S. English Language teaching Assistantship Program in Austria
https://www.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 Careers Organization (ECO)*
www.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*
www.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*
www.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.

Environmental

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)
http://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*
www.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
http://www.joinforjustice.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
www.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
www.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 mutuality, 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
www.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.