

# Gap Year and Short-Term Options for Seniors

# **Career Planning & Resources**

A Gap Year, also termed a year off or a deferred year, is about taking an extended break (not necessarily a year) from the path you're currently on to travel, volunteer, study, or work. It is about the experience itself rather than a paycheck or degree. This list, compiled as a joint effort among The Claremont Colleges, provides some websites with resources and information about options after graduation. Keep in mind that the list is limited. To learn more about opportunities in your area of interest, schedule an appointment with Career Planning & Resources.

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#### **ARTS**

#### **Julliard Professional Intern Program**

www.juilliard.edu/about/profintern.html

The Juilliard School sponsors a Professional Intern Program in technical theater and arts administration. It is a practical "hands-on" experience working directly with technicians and administrators in their respective fields. Technical Theater internships are offered in Costumes, Electrics, Props, Scene Painting, Stage Management, and Wigs and Makeup. Administrative internships are offered in the Drama Division, Orchestral Management, Special Projects and Vocal Arts

#### **Kennedy Center Arts Management Internship Program**

http://www.kennedy-center.org/education/artsmanagement/internships

The Kennedy Center Internship Program provides valuable on-the-job instruction for individuals considering a profession in arts management. Internships in departments throughout the Kennedy Center are full-time, and last three to four months depending on the program semester.

#### Museum of Modern Art Internships in New York

www.moma.org/about/internships

Interns work with MoMA curators and educators and gain experience in the museum field. Learn about our mission, collections, and organizational systems, gain practical and theoretical training in museum work, contemplate the role of museums in contemporary society, work closely with a member of the MoMA staff, and attend curator talks and a weekly lecture series.

#### Hedgebrook

www.hedgebrook.org

Hedgebrook is a publicly funded, not-for-profit retreat for women writers of all ages and from all cultural backgrounds. Writers are each given a private cabin complete with kitchen and work area and then are left alone to create. Well, almost alone. Every night they share dinner with the other writers to compare ideas and create friendships

#### **BUSINESS/LAW**

# Sonoma County Public Policy Management Internship at the Economic Development Board

edb@ sonoma-county.org/edb or contact Ms. Colette Thomas at (707.565.7170) The Sonoma County Economic Development Board Program Development Internship provides recent college graduates with a remarkable opportunity to gain practical experience and make substantive contributions in program development, policy analysis, project management, and research in the field of economic development. Each intern will be assigned to an area or program of focus: Tourism Research, Green Business Program, Workforce and Youth Development, Business Environmental Alliance, and Economic Research, based on qualifications and interest. Students with backgrounds in economics, political science, public policy, or liberal arts who have research and reporting experience are particularly encouraged to apply.

#### Stanford University Law School—Research Fellow

http://www.law.stanford.edu/program/courses/lrw/#fellowships

These one-year positions are ideal for graduating seniors or recent college graduates and provide an excellent opportunity for those considering graduate school, law school, or business school in the future. Prior Research Fellows have matriculated to Ph.D. programs at Harvard, Stanford, and MIT, and law school at Harvard, Yale, Stanford, and Columbia. They have been drawn from a variety of undergraduate fields, including economics, political science, finance, public policy, statistics, and computer science. Successful applicants will be matched with a specific professor based on background and interests.

#### **New Sector Alliance**

#### http://www.newsector.org

New Sector Alliance brings together talented emerging leaders who are pursuing careers in the social sector, business professionals, and nonprofits looking to build their capacity and better serve their beneficiaries. Fellows work full-time with nonprofit organizations, helping them to build organizational capacity. Throughout the program, fellow receive intensive professional development, mentorship, and coaching from business, nonprofit and management consulting professionals.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### **Teach for America**

#### www.teachamerica.org

Teach for America recruits and trains recent college graduates to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools. TFA seeks individuals from all backgrounds, majors, and professional

experiences who have what it takes to excel as teachers and improve the quality of education for children growing up in low-income communities.

#### **Match Corps**

#### www.matchschool.org/matchcorps/matchcorps.htm

Match Corps is an 11 month (August through June) residential fellowship program. It pairs Corps members with 6-7 MATCH High or Middle School students. Corps members run small group or 1-on-1 tutorials every day, run extra-curriculars, coach sports, and serve as a Teaching Assistant to one of our classroom teachers or as an Administrative Assistant in each of the school departments. After their service year, Corps members will go on to a variety of grad school programs (law, medicine, public policy, etc.); others will transition into social advocacy and non-profit work; still others will begin work in the private sector. Match Teacher Residents will continue on to teach in an urban school following their fellowship year.

#### **Inner City Teaching Corps**

#### www.alainlocke.org/programs/ictc/inner-city-teaching-corps-ictc

Top recent college grads join an elite two-year program that combines intensive alternative teaching certification program with in-classroom experience and personalized support coaching from master teachers.

#### **National Center for Alternative Certification**

#### www.teach-now.org

The National Center for Alternative Certification is a one-stop, comprehensive clearinghouse for information about alternative routes to certification in the United States. The Center provides immediate answers to questions and guidance for individuals interested in becoming teachers, as well as for policymakers, legislators, educators, researchers, and members of the public.

#### **Teach California**

#### www.teachcalifornia.org

This website is designed to recruit teachers to the profession, explain the teacher preparation process, assist prospective teachers in creating their plan to become credentialed, provide relevant content, partner with related non-profit and public entities, and offer links to important resources.

#### **Teach for China**

#### http://www.tfchina.org

Teach For China recruits and trains talented and dedicated young leaders from China and the US. They work with government partners to identify schools in need of teachers and then place Fellows in low-income schools as full-time educators for two years.

#### **Teach English in Asia**

# www.teachenglishinasia.net/teaching-english-in-korea

This website helps English-speaking college graduates find teaching jobs in Korea.

#### JET Program—Japan Exchange and Teaching Program

#### www.jetprogramme.org

Each year the JET Programme, with the aid of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, recruits thousands of new participants to come to Japan and experience a new and unique way of life through language instruction.

#### **Teaching Assistants in Spain**

http://www.educacion.gob.es/aux1/eeuu/convocatorias-programas/ministerio.html Selected US and Canadian citizens are paid by the Spanish government to teach English in various parts of Spain.

#### **Princeton-in-Asia Teaching Internships**

#### www.princeton.edu/~pia

Princeton-in-Asia (PiA) offers yearlong, service-oriented fellowships in 18 Asian countries in the fields of education, international development (NGOs), environmental advocacy, journalism, law and business, with a majority of fellows working as English teachers at universities and high schools. PiA fellowships are open to graduates or graduating seniors from all accredited colleges and universities.

#### **World Teach**

#### www.worldteach.org

World Teach Volunteers offers TEFL certification to volunteers participating in most of their programs. Their programs offer teaching assignments in a variety of developing countries in South America, Asia, and Africa.

#### **Azusa Pacific University**

#### http://www.apu.edu

As a part of the National Association for Alternative Certification, APU offers alternative education credentials.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL**

#### **Earth Day Network**

earthday.net/node/62

Earth Day Network (EDN) is a driving force steering environmental awareness around the world. EDN's network reaches over 22,000 organizations in 192 countries, while the domestic program engages 10,000 groups and over 40,000 educators coordinating millions of community development and environmental protection activities throughout the year. Their mission is to grow and diversify the environmental movement worldwide, and to mobilize it as the most effective vehicle for promoting a healthy, sustainable planet. They pursue our mission through education, politics, events, and consumer activism.

#### **Student Conservation Association**

www.thesca.org

SCA provides college and high school aged members with hands-on conservation service opportunities in virtually every field imaginable, from tracking grizzlies through the Tetons to restoring desert ecosystems and teaching environmental education at Washington D.C.'s Urban Tree House.

#### Sierra Club Environmental Career Apprenticeship Program

www.campusaccess.com/internships/environmental.html

The Sierra Club is an environmental conservation organization with the mission to develop a diverse, well-trained grassroots network working to protect the integrity of the global ecosystems. The organization offers several internships at its national headquarters in San Francisco and its legislative office in Washington. The Sierra Club especially seeks interns who have been directly involved in conservation work and have good communication and writing skills. The internships are generally on a volunteer basis (a stipend may be available).

#### Ocean Alliance

#### www.oceanalliance.org/internships.html

Interns in the Ocean Alliance Primary Education Internship (PEI) program work from our main office in Lincoln, MA. PEI interns are responsible for communicating with schools and participating in the Ocean Alliance WHALE Education Program. Our PEI program internships are expanding to explore new contacts and to prepare further offerings for education associations, as well as assisting in school presentations.

#### **Marine Conservation Biology Institute**

http://www.mcbi.org/who/internships.html

MCBI offers interns the opportunity to work closely with our science and policy staff and to gain important skills in conservation advocacy and exposure to the scientific, legal and political arenas that are involved in marine conservation. Most of the internship opportunities are geared towards graduate students or students who have recently completed graduate degrees, although we have on occasion developed opportunities for undergraduates to work on pressing marine conservation issues. While most internships coincide with the academic calendar, we can be flexible about start and end dates.

#### **Climate Institute**

#### www.climate.org/internships/index.html

Over the past 20 years, the Climate Institute has offered internships in its Washington, DC-based headquarters, providing interns with first-hand experience of the workings of a non-profit organization. Interns are given substantial project responsibility and are directly involved in Climate Institute projects.

#### Alaska Sealife Center

www.alaskasealife.org/New/about-ASLC/index.php?page=internship-program.php

The Alaska SeaLife Center is sponsoring an internship program for college students or recent graduates who are interested in gaining an educational experience in a world-class marine facility. ASLC internships offer a well-rounded, educational experience working in a variety of

areas within the Center. Depending on the type of internship, duties may include assisting aquarium, avian or marine mammal staff with animal husbandry tasks; helping with marine-related research projects as well as teaching and/or preparing lessons in our education department. Interns will be required to participate in a variety of areas and all interns are required to participate to some extent in the interpretive aspects of our operation.

#### **Alaska State Parks**

#### www.dnr.state.ak.us/parks/vip

Depends on volunteers to help manage and maintain parks. Volunteers provide services that would not otherwise be offered. In turn, volunteers receive valuable training and experience for their service. There are several facets to the VIP program. Perhaps one of them is for you!

#### **Green Corps**

#### www.greencorps.org

Green Corps is the non-profit Field School for Environmental Organizing, founded by leading environmentalists in 1992 to train environmental organizers. In Green Corps' year-long paid program you'll get intensive training in skills you'll need to make a difference in the world. You'll get hands on experience fighting to solve urgent environmental problems—global warming, deforestation, water pollution and many others—with groups such as Sierra Club and Greenpeace.

#### **Chicago Botanic Garden**

#### www.chicagobotanic.org/internship/index.php

Interns gain hands-on experience in the areas of education, horticulture, or research. In addition, as part of their training, interns are required to attend educational programming to broaden their general exposure to public horticulture and research. The educational component consists of lectures, field trips, and workshops offered through the Joseph Regenstein, Jr. School of the Chicago Botanic Garden.

Most interns work between 37.5 and 40 hours per week at \$9 per hour. Housing is not provided. However, assistance in finding local accommodations is given. Interns are ultimately responsible for finding housing. International students are accepted.

#### **HEALTH**

### **Therapeutic Youth Alternatives**

#### www.eckerd.org

Eckerd offers a full continuum of life-changing behavioral health and child welfare services to around 11,000 children and their families annually through privately and publicly funded services and helping states manage and transform public systems of care.

#### **National Women's Health Network**

#### www.nwhn.org/about

The National Women's Health Network seeks to develop the next generation of women's health activists by providing hands on experience in the field of women's health policy and advocacy.

Becoming a Network intern allows you to develop health research skills while exploring the worlds of public policy, health education, and feminist organizing.

### U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services

www.hhs.gov/careers/internships/index.html

Opportunities for College Graduates are intended to provide individuals who have graduated from an undergraduate or graduate program with an opportunity to integrate their education and experience into full-time employment with the Federal government. The Presidential Management Fellows Program (PMF), the HHS Emerging Leaders Program (PMF), and the Federal Career Intern Program (FCIP) are a few programs for graduates.

#### **National Institutes of Health**

#### http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/CareersAndTraining/Fellowships/RecentCollegeGraduates

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Academy is intended for recent college graduates to spend a year engaged in health disparities research at the NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. Health disparities are differences in the incidence, prevalence, mortality, and burden of disease and other adverse health conditions that exist among specific population groups in the United States. Salary and housing are provided. Applicants must apply within one year of graduation from college.

#### **American Red Cross**

#### www.redcross.org

Chapters provide locally relevant humanitarian services that help people within the community be safer, healthier and more self-reliant. Programs are wide-ranging, touching the lives of young and old throughout neighborhoods across the country.

#### **HealthFitness**

#### www.hfit.com/internships.asp

HealthFitness sets the bar high for interns. We're looking for bright, motivated, conscientious team players who are eager to learn from our experienced managers – and who want to grow with our dynamic organization. We offer internship programs with health management and fitness client locations for individuals pursuing a degree in health promotion, exercise science, kinesiology, public health, recreation or related disciplines. Internship opportunities are available at most HealthFitness locations, including corporate work-site, hospital, university, and community locations.

#### **Alzheimer's Association**

#### www.alz.org

A national network of chapters, is the largest national voluntary health organization dedicated to advancing Alzheimer's research and helping those affected by the disease.

#### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **Transitions Abroad**

#### www.transitionsabroad.com

Transition Abroad is a search engine that allows you to search multiple fields for short-term opportunities abroad.

## InterExchange

#### www.interexchange.org

InterExchange is a non-profit organization that helps create cross-cultural awareness through their following programs: Au Pair (family exchange program), Teach English (teach English abroad), Volunteer (volunteer in industries such as social work, education, cultural work, tourism, and hospitality), and Work and Travel program.

#### **BUNAC**

#### www.bunac.org/usa

BUNAC's overseas work/travel and volunteer programs offer students an enriching and affordable alternative to package tourism in which participants can combine every day, working life of a country with exciting travel possibilities.

#### **Council on International Exchange**

#### www.ciee.org

Council on International Exchange is a non-profit, non-government organization that provides students with the opportunity to both study and teach in countries, like Chile, China, Dominican Republic, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, and Vietnam.

#### **AIESEC**

#### www.aiesec.org

AIESEC is an international internship program that gives students the opportunity to work abroad (anywhere from 6-18 months) in industries such as education, management, technology, and development. Partnering companies include Nike, PriceWaterhouseCoopers, UBS, Vale, Potencia Ventures, Microsoft, and many more.

#### **Go Abroad**

#### www.goabroad.com

Go Abroad consolidates multiple resources to help you find the ideal program in studying, volunteering, internships, teaching, and traveling abroad.

#### **International Business Directory**

#### www.internationalbusinessdirectory.com

International Business Directory provides industry specific resources for opportunities within multiple countries.

#### **International Jobs Center**

www.internationaljobs.org/hotjobs.html

International Jobs Center is a comprehensive source of international jobs for governments, government contractors, private oversees organizations, and more.

#### **International Au Pair Association**

#### www.iapa.org

IAPA is a not-for-profit organization that supports au pair and cultural exchange opportunities for young people.

#### Dave's ESL Cafe

#### www.eslcafe.com

This website offers students professional, recognized, and convenient TESOL/TESL/TEFL Certification Courses in over 130 locations throughout the US and Canada. Graduates receive an internationally recognized certificate and 6 months of free job placement services.

#### The American-Scandinavian Foundation

#### www.amscan.org/jobs/index.html

The American-Scandinavian Foundation (ASF) is the leading cultural and educational link between the U.S. and Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. An American non-profit organization, the ASF works to build international understanding with an extensive program of fellowships, grants, intern/trainee sponsorship, publishing and membership offerings.

#### The Global Volunteer Network

#### www.volunteer.org.nz

The Global Volunteer Network (GVN) offers volunteer service opportunities in community projects in 21 countries throughout South America, Africa and Asia. Their vision is to support the work of local community organizations in developing countries through the placement of international volunteers. They believe that local communities are in the best position to determine their needs, and they provide volunteers to help them achieve their goals.

#### **Peace Corps**

#### www.peacecorps.gov

Peace Corps service is a life-defining leadership experience. Since 1961, the Peace Corps has shared with the world America's most precious resource- its people. The type of work a Volunteer does is ultimately determined by the needs of a host country and the potential of a Volunteer to contribute to those needs and to the Peace Corps' mission. There are a wide variety of Volunteer positions to fill throughout the world. Peace Corps provides Volunteers with language, cross-cultural, and technical training.

#### **United Planet**

#### www.unitedplanet.org

Over the past decade, United Planet has brought together thousands of people all over the world in the effort to build cross-cultural understanding and provide vital services to communities in need. Our guiding principle is that relationships are the building blocks of a more united planet. As an international nonprofit organization, we have earned a reputation for caring,

excellence, and respect for everyone who works with us: our volunteers, our local projects, our families and team members.

#### **Global Routes**

#### www.globalroutes.org

Opportunity for volunteers to teach students in a rural village while living with a host family in Costa Rica, Ecuador, Ghana, Kenya, India, Thailand, or the Navajo Nation.

#### **Volunteers in Asia**

#### www.sister-cities.org

A non-profit, non-sectarian organization dedicated to increasing understanding between the United States and Asia. Its volunteer programs in Asia have provided young Americans with an opportunity to work and live within an Asia culture while meeting the needs of Asian host institutions.

#### **Projects Abroad**

#### www.projects-abroad.org

Projects Abroad is one of the largest volunteer abroad organizations in the world. Founded in 1992, we send over 8,000 people abroad each year on a variety of service projects and internships overseas. All participants receive unparalleled in-country support from our full-time, professional staff to ensure that the experience is safe, worthwhile and fun.

#### **Club Med**

#### www.clubmed.com

Offers worldwide job opportunities working with tourists. You must speak either French or Spanish to be considered.

#### **JOURNALISM**

#### The Chronicle of Higher Education Editorial Internship

chronicle.com/section/Editorial-Internships/158

The Chronicle of Higher Education offers three internship sessions each year: winter/spring, summer, and fall. All the interns will have the same primary responsibilities: reporting and writing daily news articles for *The Chronicle's* Web site (which often appear subsequently in print), writing news articles for other sections of the newspaper, blogging, and doing research for special projects. There is very little grunt work. Interns who prove themselves as reporters and writers are often asked to write full-length features.

#### **NPR Kroc Fellowship**

#### http://www.npr.org/about/careers/fellowships/kroc.html

The NPR Kroc Fellowship was established to identify and develop a new generation of extraordinary journalists for the public radio system. Fellows will get rigorous, hands-on training in every aspect of public radio journalism—writing, reporting, producing and editing, for both

radio and the Web. Kroc Fellows will work primarily at NPR headquarters in Washington D.C., though each Fellowship will include an assignment to an NPR member station.

# Remapping Debate-Journalism Internship (post-grad year long paid, with health insurance)

http://remappingdebate.org

Remapping Debate is a recently launched online domestic public policy NEWS journal. The heart of their work is original reporting. They take seriously the idea that the job of journalists is to question and to illuminate. Their Journalism Interns must be people who want to use this "apprenticeship" year to hone serious, high-quality, non-partisan, long-form journalism.

#### **NONPROFIT**

#### **Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training**

www.grassrootsfundraising.org/article.php/learnmoreandapply

Our fellowship program is a response to our movements' need to develop more activist-fundraisers of color. Through our 6-month fellowship, we train and pay community organizers of color to strengthen the grassroots fundraising programs of the social justice groups they love. Each GIFT fellow gets extensive training, mentorship from seasoned fundraisers, peer support, and special access to all of GIFT's resources.

#### **Break the Cycle**

www.break-the-cycle.org

A non-profit organization whose mission is to end domestic violence by working proactively with youth.

#### **Five Acres**

www.5acres.org

Five Acres is the oldest child abuse and neglect prevention, treatment and education center in the San Gabriel Valley and one of the few in Los Angeles County accredited by the internationally recognized Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA). Volunteers are needed as a tutor, a homework helper, a storyteller or a child's special friend.

#### The LeRoy Haines Center

www.leroyhaines.org

The LeRoy Haynes Center for Children and Family Services mends the body, mind and spirit of the emotionally troubled or abused child by providing the specialized treatment and educational services the entire family needs to form and maintain healthy productive relationships.

#### **MADRE**

www.madre.org

MADRE is an international women's human rights organization that works in partnership with women's community-based groups in conflict areas worldwide and human rights education.

#### **OUTDOOR**

#### The Gap Year

www.gapyear.com

Gapyear.com is a social networking and travel advice website committed to providing you with everything you need to know about taking a gap year. It was created by backpackers, for backpackers, and offer expert advice on travelling, volunteering and working abroad, all tied together with inspirational ideas, opportunities and products.

#### **Back Door Jobs**

www.backdoorjobs.com

Back Door Jobs connects short-term job adventurers to unique opportunities through explanations of opportunities organized by location or type.

#### **Cool Works**

www.coolworks.com

Cool Works posts job opportunities in places like national parks, resorts, ranches, camps, ski resorts, jobs on the water, and in volunteer and conservation corps.

#### **Outdoor Adventure Jobs**

www.oapn.net

OAPN posts outdoor-related jobs organized by date, industry, and location.

#### PUBLIC POLICY/PUBLIC SERVICE

#### **Greenling Institute**

greenlining.org/academy/index.php

The Greenlining Academy works to empower and develop the next generation of multi-ethnic leaders to advance racial and economic equity and create positive social change. The Academy offers advocacy training and hands on public policy experience to students and young people seeking to acquire these skills and build vital social networks that will enhance their ability to be effective advocates. The Fellowship Program is a year-long training program for young leaders that have completed, at minimum, their undergraduate degrees by the start of the program. Fellows are assigned to specific program areas and develop expertise with the direction of a Program Manager and the Academy Director.

#### **Capital Fellows Program**

www.csus.edu/calst/capital\_fellows\_programs\_overview.html

The Capital Fellows Programs are four nationally recognized fellowships with the California government. The 18 Assembly Fellows, 18 Senate Fellows, 18 Executive Fellows and 10 Judicial Administration Fellows receive an outstanding opportunity to engage in public service and prepare for future careers, while actively contributing to the development and implementation of public policy in California. Fellows in each program work for 10 - 11 months, receive health benefits and a monthly stipend of \$1972 and are employees of Sacramento State.

#### **CORO Fellows Program**

www.coro.org

The Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs is a full-time, nine month, graduate-level experiential leadership training program that prepares diverse, talented and committed individuals for effective and ethical leadership in the public affairs arena. Unconventional by traditional academic standards, the Fellows Program is rigorous and demanding, an unparalleled opportunity for personal and professional growth. The Fellows Program is offered in Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and St. Louis.

#### **Corporation for National & Community Service**

http://www.nationalservice.gov/

The Corporation for National & Community Service is a federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through a wide array of opportunities. CNCS's program has projects in education, the environment, public safety, homeland security, and more.

### **New York City Fellowship Program**

www.nyc.gov/internships

The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) administers internship programs to introduce college students and recent graduates to public service. Through the Urban Fellows Program, and the Public Service Corps, college students/recent graduates receive valuable work experience in exchange for academic credit or stipends, depending on the program.

#### The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship

www.clw.org/scoville

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship, established in 1987, is a highly-competitive national fellowship program that provides college graduates with the opportunity to gain a Washington perspective on key issues of peace and security. Twice yearly, the Fellowship's Board of Directors selects a group of outstanding individuals to spend six to nine months in Washington. Many former Scoville Fellows have gone on to pursue graduate degrees in international relations and related fields and taken prominent positions in the field of peace and security with public interest organizations, the Federal government, and in academia.

#### The William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purposes

www.isi.org/programs/fellowships/simon.html

The William E. Simon Fellowship for Noble Purpose was designed to recognize graduating college seniors who are pursuing lives dedicated to and distinguished by honor, generosity, service, and respect. The Simon Fellowship is a \$40,000 unrestricted grant awarded to those graduating college seniors who have demonstrated passion, dedication, a high capacity for self-direction, and originality in pursuit of a goal that will strengthen civil society. In addition, awards of \$20,000 and \$10,000 are made to two other outstanding students.

#### **Congressional Hunger Center**

www.hungercenter.org

Congressional Hunger Center (CHC) is invested in developing a movement of anti-hunger leaders who are creating the political will necessary to end hunger. CHC leaders—creative,

flexible, inspiring and courageous—mobilize their values to foster the skills, knowledge, and experience necessary to create a just, food secure world. CHC leaders collaborate in the shared responsibility of creating a progressive anti-hunger movement, ensuring the right to nutritious, affordable and culturally appropriate food for all people.

#### **The Washington Center**

www.twc.edu/internships/all-programs/postgraduate

The Postgraduate Professional Development Program (PPDP) is a special program for recent graduates (within the past 18 months) and graduate students from all majors and backgrounds. It is designed specifically to help these individuals explore career options, gain valuable skills and make professional contacts. The PPDP is an investment in the future. It helps postgraduate interns decide on a career direction and acquire the skills and experience needed to pursue it.

#### **Progressive Policy Institute**

http://progressivepolicy.org/about-us/jobs

The Progressive Policy Institute works to modernize progressive politics through lively political commentary informed by rigorous analysis and evidence, a constant stream of bold ideas for solving big public problems, and a distinctly progressive point of view grounded in a spirit of radical pragmatism.

#### **The Carter Center**

www.cartercenter.org

Carter Center interns come from around the world and make vital contributions to the Center's work. In turn, the Center provides a substantive learning experience that serves as a basis for interns to explore their career options and to attain professional skills. The goal of the Internship Program is to develop an informed and skilled work force committed to advancing peace and health worldwide.

#### **Families USA**

www.familiesusa.org/fellowships

Families USA sponsors two one-year fellowships- The Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice and The Villers Fellowship for Health Care Justice. Each year, one person is chosen for each of these fellowships through a competitive process, and the selected fellows work in Families USA' Washington, DC office for one year, beginning in late summer or fall.

#### **Public Allies**

www.publicallies.org

Public Allies works to advance new leadership to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation. They offer the Public Allies' AmeriCorps program, a 10-month-long full-time paid apprenticeship to a local nonprofit organization combined with intensive skill training and leadership development led by community leaders and educators.

#### **Feminist Majority Foundation**

www.feminist.org

The FMF utilizes research and action to empower women economically, socially, and politically. Believes that feminists - both women and men, girls and boys - are the majority, but this majority must be empowered.

#### **City Year**

www.cityyear.org

City Year is a non-profit organization that unites young adults ages 17-25 of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service in 20 major U.S. cities, giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. At city Year's locations across the United States young people called corps members serve full-time for 10 months, each providing more than 1,700 hours of service. Corps members serve in schools as tutors, mentors, role models and leaders of after-school programs

#### L.A. County District Attorney's Office

http://da.co.la.ca.us

The District Attorney's Office protects our communities by taking dangerous criminals off the street. The best way to combat crime, however, is to prevent it from happening in the first place. To that end, the District Attorney's Office is firmly committed to working with the community.

#### **Corporation for National and Community Service**

www.cns.gov/Default.asp

Get involved in the AmeriCorps State and National program and work to address community needs in education, public safety, health and the environment. The program can be full- or part-time for up to a year. Other program options include AmeriCorps VISTA, a national service program to fight poverty at a local level or AmeriCorps NCCC, a full-time team based residential program for individuals age 18-24 that works with nonprofits on a variety of service projects.

#### **Corps Network**

www.corpsnetwork.org

Corps Network offers a list of national corps programs like AmeriCorps or search by state to find service opportunities in your area.

#### **SPW**

www.spw.org

Restless Development is a development agency that works full time in Asia and Africa. Talented, energetic and passionate young people drive the efforts of Restless Development across the globe.

#### Farmworker Institute of Education & Leadership Development

http://www.farmworkerinstitute.org/

The FIELD organization provides basic education and skills upgrade training to immigrants, farm works, & low-skilled workers in rural communities. They work with education, employers, colleges and community-based organizations to provide services that improve the basic skills and confidence of community members.