Many study abroad during their college career and are impacted in such a way that they are left wanting more. Perhaps this means studying abroad again, working, or researching abroad. If you have studied abroad before and are looking to find more opportunities abroad, or if you are a first-timer looking for opportunities abroad after graduation, this is the guide for you!

Abroad Again?

Picking a country to immerse yourself in can be a daunting task. These are a few things to consider before choosing your country:

- Cost of Living
- Language
- Currency Rates
- Housing
- Healthcare
- Transportation
- Environment

It is important to research these things to help narrow down your country selection.

Considering graduate studies?

Perhaps you are considering medical school, law school, or other graduate programs, but still want to have some experience abroad. Keep in mind that this is not a conflict of interest. Explore opportunities in the summer time or other short-term options such as service trips. Many graduate programs are starting to incorporate study abroad as an option, so be sure to research the schools that interest you!

Start your search

After you have done a little research, you should explore the resources available here at Vanderbilt. There are various opportunities posted by the Office of Active Citizenship & Service (OACS) website, the Office of Honor Scholarships (OHS) website, and the Center for Student Professional Development. Keep in mind that many scholarship and fellowship opportunities have early deadlines starting in the beginning of the fall. It is important to begin your research at the end of the spring semester so that you can work on applications, which can be very lengthy, over the summer.

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Teaching Abroad

One of the quickest jobs to find abroad is teaching English. There are several countries that have an extremely high demand for native English speakers. These positions may include teaching at an institute, public or private schools, or even universities. In particular, Asia has a very high demand for native English speakers looking to teach. The top 5 countries to make the most money teaching English overseas are South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, the Gulf Arab States (Saudi Arabia, U.A.E., Qatar, Oman, Kuwait, and Bahrain), and Vietnam. However, there are also other countries, such as Brazil and the Dominican Republic where there is also a high demand for native English speakers. Having certifications such as TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language), TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages), and CELTA (Certificate in English Language Teaching to Adults’) certificates, prove useful as they can guarantee higher pay and higher job security. The course content among these certifications does not vary much.

Teaching Opportunities:

Below is a list of programs, scholarships, and opportunities that allow you to teach English abroad:

1. Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) (http://us.fulbrightonline.org/) An ETA places a Fulbrighter in a classroom abroad to provide assistance to teachers of English to non-native English-speakers. ETAs help teach English language while serving as a cultural ambassador for U.S. Culture. The age and academic level of classroom students varies by country, ranging from kindergarten to university level.

2. CIEE Teach (www.ciee.org/teach/) 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.

3. American Farm School Fellowship (http://www.afs.edu.gr/page/default.asp?id=13&la=2) This program allows fellows to act as US cultural ambassadors, facilitating, and encouraging meaningful interaction with students in English in Thessaloniki, Greece.

4. Austrian-American Educational Commission (https://www.usta-austria.at/). This program allows graduates to work as teaching assistants in secondary schools in communities all over Austria.

5. French Government Teaching Assistantship (http://frenchculture.org/spip.php) The TA Program in France offers you the opportunity to work in France for 7 months.

6. Japan Exchange and Teaching Program (http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/) The JET Program seeks to offer students the opportunity to serve in public and private elementary schools as well as junior and senior high schools in Japan.

The Vanderbilt OHS page has a full list of more opportunities to teach abroad all around the world: http://ohs.vanderbilt.edu/scholarships/details/?get=186
Other Resources for Life Abroad:

If teaching abroad is not something that interests you, there are many other opportunities still available to you, including internships, volunteer opportunities, fellowships, and other jobs. If you have already been abroad and are seeking to return to the same country in which you studied abroad, it is important to maintain contact with your host family and study abroad program staff. Oftentimes these are the people that have the inside information on the types of jobs and opportunities available to students in the host country. Below is a list of websites that are search engines for international jobs as well as other non-teaching opportunities:

- Idealist.org
- Goinglobal.com
- Peacecorps.gov
- Goabroad.com
- Clscholarship.org
- Rotary.org

Additional Resources:

**Expatfocus.com**
An expat community site for expatriates living overseas. This website includes country guides, information on moving abroad, and personal expat experiences in certain countries.

**Travel.state.gov**
U.S. Department of State’s website that includes tips for living abroad, tips for traveling abroad, international travel information, as well as travel warnings for specific countries. Be sure to sign up for the free *Smart Traveler Enrollment Program* to automatically receive the most current information compiled about the country where you will be traveling or living. It also keeps you connected in case of an emergency.

**Lonelyplanet.com**
Travel information including maps, transport, activities, and culture.

**Xe.com/currencycoverter/**
A currency conversion website for all currencies.

**Office of Honors Scholarships**
vanderbilt.edu/ohs

**OACS Office**
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