Student Perspectives:
Teaching, Interning and Volunteering Abroad

and Resources to Help You Get There

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DO SOMETHING MEANINGFUL

Paige Balcom
Mechanical Engineering, 2016

Engineers Without Borders: Uganda & Peru
What is EWB?

- Student organization

- Mission: Encourage, support, and **implement** environmentally and economically **sustainable** technical **projects** in local and international communities, while **developing** globally responsible and knowledgeable **students**.

  - Students in all majors welcome!
Why join EWB?

- World in need
  - Help less fortunate
  - Make a difference
- Travel
- Professional development
  - Reports, presentations
  - Working in group

- **1 billion** lack clean water
- **2.6 billion** lack adequate sanitation
- **1.4 billion** have no access to electricity
- **2.7 billion** rely on biomass energy for cooking
Projects

- Lukodi, Uganda
  - Disinfect wells
  - Teach repair
  - Education
  - New project???

- San Pedro de Casta, Peru
  - Slow sand filter
  - Repair pipeline
  - Education
Want to learn more?

- Weekly meetings: Thursdays 6-7 pm
  - Kingsbury N129

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FOLLOW YOUR WILL

Nolan Russell

German & International Affairs, Dec. 2013

Berlitz, Kids and Teens // Germany & Ireland
What

- Teach English language to German children
  - Age range: 9-18
  - Grammatical and cultural lessons
- Work in Germany and Ireland
  - Youth hostels
  - Various locations
  - Free travel time
Why

- Wanted new summer job
- Improve German
- Travel
- Teach others where I'm from

How

- Cold research
- Many attempts
- interview
How

- Cold research/email
- Many attempts
- Interview
- Saved $$$
Where Exactly
Now

- Continued work with Berlitz
- Job offer in Budapest/Vienna

Experience
- Grad school
- Job applications
Palazzi High School Program, Florence, Italy

Residential Assistant

Linda Hoang
International Tourism Major & Hospitality Minor
Ola Smolen, ISA Academic Coordinator notified students by e-mail

- Requirements: 1 semester of Italian
  - Lived in Florence previously
  - Academics, Permits, Record
  - No other positions
- Application: Résumé & cover letter
  - Letter of Recommendations
• Trained for 1 month with various duties
  • Lived with other students & interns from America
  • Supervised 14 international high school students for 4 weeks
    • 1st Week: Travelled through Rome & the Tuscan Seaside
    • 3 Weeks After: Live in apartment with students
      • Orient & guide them to the city, campus, lifestyle & on trips
      • Act as a 24/7 on-site assistant counselor & role model
Why?

• I wanted to extend my time abroad
• Needed summer job
• Free housing & 50 units to Ganzo
• Improve Italian
• Meet more people from different cultures
• Gain leadership experience internationally
• Travel
Know More. Do More.

Allison Ginwala ‘14
English/Journalism and International Affairs, Asian Studies
Time Out Shanghai, Fall 2012
What

• 4 month internship with Time Out Shanghai
• Venue and event reviews, feature article research, regular online content update, general editorial assistance
• International workplace
• Provider: CET Academic Programs
• Chinese Studies and Internship in Shanghai
  • On-site, staff-organized internship opportunities
    • Placement based on individual’s experience and interest
• Interviews took place via Skype or in person
• My Selection Process
  • Wanted to study language, take electives and network while abroad
  • Looked at CIE’s list of approved programs in China
  • Met with CET representative at UNH
• Worked with CIE, Registrar, CET contacts
  • Approved internship credit, secured visa
• Cost was equivalent to semester at UNH
Where

- Shanghai, China
  - Donghua University
    - Lived on-campus with grad student at Donghua
- Time Out Shanghai
  - Pudong business district
  - 45 minute metro commute
  - 4 days a week
  - Worked 1pm-7pm
    - After morning classes
  - Earned elective credit
Reflection

• A busy and rewarding four months
• Now part of the CET job board
• Plan to return to China
  • Further language study
  • Graduate study at a Chinese university
Eliot Jones
Community Development Policy and Practice- 2014
Peace Corps Peru- 2010-2012
Paul D. Coverdell Fellow- University of New Hampshire
IMARPE- Huanchaco- My Community
Community Trash Pick-up
MADPP Microfinance Class
Marketability
Why employers love international experience:

Self-Aware  Proactive
Embraces Diversity
Dependable  Mature
Marketability

*Don’t forget to sell it!*

• Don’t forget to mention your international experience on your resume... *and talk about it!*

• International experience makes you stand out and can give you a leg up on the competition

• It can provide for excellent conversation in an interview and make you memorable

• Employers will not only like that you’ve explored other countries, but give examples of skills you gained that might make you a strong fit for the job you’re applying for.
Resources and Networking
LinkedIn & Going Global

LinkedIn
• 198 million users in 200 countries!
• Allows you to search companies, see who works there, and contact them
• Includes groups like the UNH Alumni Association Group (10K+ members)
• Connect with alumni who work in other countries and possibly in your field

Going Global
• Access it via Wildcat Careers (GG button is right on your home page)
• Can be used to look for jobs internationally (or domestically)
• Search by country and find out about visa requirements
• Gain insight into cultural norms and employment trends
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http://www.peacecorps.gov/
http://www.unh.edu/madpp/
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General Links
www.aiesec.org/cms/aiesec/Al/students/International_Internship.html
www.goingglobal.com
http://idealst.org/if/as/Internship
www.rileyguide.com/internat.html
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