

Postgraduate Alternatives to College, Work, or the Military

Occasionally a student reaches the end of high school education and is searching for an alternative experience to further his or her education before going to college. There are many possible programs which cater to students looking for such an experience outside a standard classroom, either between high school and college, or at other times of life. Listed below are just a few options and their websites. Some programs are quite expensive, while others are more in the line of volunteer opportunities that cost little to the participant.

Adventures Cross Country

www.arccgap.com

Africa & Asia Venture,Ltd.

www.aventure.co.uk

AFDS-USA

www.afsusa.org

Amigos de las Americas

www.amigoslink.org

AmeriCorps

www.americorps.org

Aspire by API

www.aspirebyapi.com

Carpe Diem International Education

www.interimprograms.com

CIEE

www.ciee.org/hsabroad

The Center for Interim Programs, LLC

www.interimprograms.com

This program has one headquarters in Cambridge, MA and it's possible to go meet with them to discuss the possibilities. In this case, the cost greatly varies, depending on what a student wants to do.

City Year- volunteer opportunity

www.cityyear.org

Dragons Summer and Semester Abroad Programs

www.wheretherebedragons.com

Dynamy Internship

www.dynamy.org

Global Citizen Year

www.globalcitizenyear.org

International Studies Abroad ISA & Learning Programs International

www.studiesabroad.com/gapyear

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KIVU Gap Year

www.kivugapyear.com

Kroka Expeditions

www.kroka.org

LEAPNOW:Transforming Education

www.leapnow.org

Lexia Gap Year

www.lexiagapyear.org

Maximo Nivel

www.maximonivel.com

Minds Abroad

www.mindsabroad.com

National Outdoor Leadership School- NOLS

www.nols.edu

Outward Bound

www.outwardbound.org

Oxford Advanced Studies Program

www.oasp.ac.uk

Rustic Pathways

www.rusticpathways.com/gap

Sage Program

www.sageprogram.org

Sea Semester

www.seamester.com

Student Conservation Association

www.sca-inc.org

Thinking Beyond Borders

www.thinkingbeyondborders.org

Travellers Worldwide

www.travellersworldwide.com

This group based in the United Kingdom coordinates volunteer and internship projects abroad for varying lengths of time.

USA Gap Year Fairs

www.usagapyearfairs.org

In addition, here is an article regarding Gap Year Programs which has many more helpful links:

<http://www.admissionsquest.com/~Resources/ShowArticle.cfm/ArticleID/74/ArticleTypeID/5/Topic/gap-year-programs>