



# Thinking Outside the Cubicle:

## short-term post-grad opportunities

Taking a break after graduation can be a wise move before you take that next step in your career path. Making that time off count for yourself and your future is important. Choose an experience that will help you relax, reflect, rejuvenate and maybe even broaden your horizons in ways you never expected. Below are some sample post-graduate service and professional work fellowships that might be of interest to you. Additionally, we recommend that you search Handshake and also explore the following resources:

### Swarthmore College's Office of Fellowships and Prizes

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/fellowships-and-prizes/fellowship-opportunities-seniors-and-alumni>

Whether you are interested in spending time overseas, doing independent research, or going to graduate school, the Office of Fellowships and Prizes can help you apply for nationally and internationally competitive grants to help you realize your goals.

### Idealist [www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)

For fellowships in public service (US, international and nonprofit), one year service opportunities (primarily in the US), organizations placing people in international volunteer positions, and international NGOs seeking volunteers.

### Service in the U.S., including faith-based

#### Amate House

<http://www.amatehouse.org/>

Year-long volunteer program that supports and develops men and women rooted in faith, dedicated to service, and committed to building a more just and loving society. Volunteers are placed in schools, parishes, and social service agencies throughout **Chicago** and live in intentional communities of 6-12.

#### AmeriCorps\*VISTA

[http://www.americorps.gov/for\\_individuals/choose/vista.asp](http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/choose/vista.asp)

Full-time opportunities within nonprofits, public agencies, faith-based and other community organizations to create and expand programs that ultimately bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty. Members who successfully complete a one-year term of service are eligible to receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award to help pay undergrad student loans or graduate school expenses. Benefits include training, a living allowance, limited health care benefits, relocation expenses, student-loan forbearance or deferment. Opportunities available **nationwide**.

#### AVODAH: The Jewish Service Corps

<http://www.avodah.net/>

Year-long, full-time program that combines Jewish learning with social activism and community building in low-income neighborhoods in **Chicago**, **New Orleans**, **New York City** and **Washington, DC**.

#### Catholic Volunteer Network

<https://catholicvolunteernetwork.org/choose-service/search-program/>

Catholic Volunteer Network fosters and promotes full-time domestic and international faith-based volunteer service opportunities for people of all ages, backgrounds, and skills.

### **City Year**

<http://www.cityyear.org/>

National service program uniting young adults, ages 17 to 24, from diverse racial, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds for a year of full-time community service, leadership development, and civic engagement. As tutors, mentors and role models, these diverse young leaders help children stay in school and on track, and transform schools and communities across the US.

### **CoaHCORPS**

<http://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.

### **Emerson National Hunger Fellows**

<https://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/emerson/>

Fellows gain field experience fighting hunger and poverty through placements in community based organizations across the country, and policy experience through placements in Washington, D.C. The program bridges community-based efforts and national public policy, and fellows develop as effective leaders in the movement to end hunger and poverty. The Emerson Program supports a diversity of local and national approaches to eliminate hunger, poverty and social inequality, particularly racism. Fellows support partner organizations with program development, research, evaluation, outreach, organizing, and advocacy projects.

### **Health Corps**

<http://www.healthcorps.org/>

In this public health position, coordinators works with each individual school site to develop a tailored edition of HealthCorps to meet the needs of that school community. HealthCorps Coordinators make a two-year commitment to work full-time in a HealthCorps high school. HealthCorps provides a salary-based position, health insurance and other fringe benefits. HealthCorps also provides continuing professional development and activism opportunities to help Coordinators best serve their school communities.

### **Jewish Organizing Institute and Network**

<http://www.jewishorganizing.org/>

JOIN for Justice's **Jewish Organizing Fellowship** is a year-long, paid community organizing training program in Boston. The Fellowship trains Jewish young adults (ages 21-30) to organize communities to effectively fight against structural injustice and inequality. We seek Fellows who are eager to explore the connections between their unique Jewish identities and working for social change. We also seek to build a community in which all Jews, including Jews of Color, Jews with disabilities, Jews from working-class backgrounds, and transgender and gender non-conforming Jews find a supportive environment that is focused on their leadership. JOIN actively recruits and supports Jews with these identities as part of our commitment to work against oppression and center the leadership of people with marginalized identities both within and beyond our organization. In partnership with Combined Jewish Philanthropies, JOIN is thrilled to announce the **Empower Fellowship**, launching in the 2019-2020 Jewish Organizing

Fellowship year. The Empower Fellowship is a track within the Jewish Organizing Fellowship for Jews who self-identify as people with disabilities, disabled, or differently-abled.

### **Lutheran Volunteer Corps**

<http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org/>

Spend a year living in intentional community, serving at a social justice non-profit, and practicing simple & sustainable living, while exploring spirituality. Volunteers must be interested in social justice work; want to grow and engage with their housemates in intentional community, living simply/sustainability, exploring spirituality, and social justice; and want to expand their anti-racism/oppression and intercultural/global citizen skillset by participating in leadership learning experiences throughout the year. LVC is open to persons from all spiritual traditions.

### **Mercy Volunteer Corps**

<http://www.mercyvolunteers.org/>

Mercy Volunteer Corps promotes social change by placing and supporting volunteers for one year of service with people who are poor and marginalized in the United States and South America. Mercy Volunteers work in education, healthcare, and social services while living together in community and growing spiritually.

### **Public Allies**

<http://www.publicallies.org/>

Ten month professional apprenticeship and leadership training program at nonprofit organizations **nationwide**. As an Ally, you work four days each week at a local nonprofit organization where you strengthen your community by working in areas such as youth development, community development, public health, and economic development. One afternoon every week, you also collaborate with a team of Allies to design and implement a project that benefits your community and participate in ongoing leadership training.

### **Quaker Voluntary Service**

[http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply./](http://www.quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply/)

Quaker organization which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Volunteer service opportunities and fellowships offered **nationwide**.

### **Vincentian Service Corps**

<http://www.vscorps.org/>

Faith-based service organization providing one-year service opportunities in impoverished areas within **California**, working with marginalized people in our society with a focus on healthcare, social services, schools and educational programs to improve the lives of those in need.

### **Volunteer Maryland**

<http://volunteer.maryland.gov>

Each year, Volunteer Maryland places AmeriCorps members in nonprofit organizations, schools, and government agencies throughout the state of MD to serve as Volunteer Coordinators developing volunteer and service-learning programs that meet critical needs in the areas of education, human welfare, public safety, homeland security, and the environment.

### **Westmoreland Service Corps**

<http://www.westmorelanducc.org/volunteer-corps/>

Year-long service program offering the opportunity to work in direct social service and social justice advocacy through placements with Washington-area organizations and service agencies providing employment counseling to incarcerated individuals, case workers for at-risk youth, maternal/child health care and other health programs, social and legal services and shelters for the homeless, and refugee support. Advocacy opportunities include community organizing in low-income communities and social justice issue organizing. The positions at the agencies provide opportunities for fellows to explore possible career paths in advocacy, social service, health care, law, housing, religion, education, and international aid, among others. All persons, regardless of faith, are welcome to participate.

## Public Policy

### **Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs**

<http://www.coro.org/>

Nine-month, full-time, post-graduate experiential leadership training program which introduces diverse, intelligent and driven young public servants to all aspects of the public affairs arena. Field assignments, site visits, interviews and special individual and group projects and consultancies prepare Coro Fellows to translate their ideals into action for improving their own communities. Fellows work at a Coro Center in **Los Angeles, New York, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, or St. Louis.**

### **Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellows**

<http://scoville.org/>

Full-time, six to nine month fellowships in Washington DC working with nonprofit, public-interest organizations addressing peace and security issues. Applications are especially encouraged from candidates with a strong interest in these issues who have prior experience with public-interest activism or advocacy.

### **New York City Urban Fellows**

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/urban-fellows.page>

Nine-month program combines full-time employment in City government with a comprehensive seminar series exploring the mechanics of local government, as well as important issues facing the City. Urban Fellows tackle some of the most challenging jobs in city government. They work in virtually every area, from the budget process to agency operations, low income housing to affordable health care, and education to economic development.

### **Public Policy & International Affairs (PPIA) Fellows**

<http://www.ppiaprogram.org/>

The Public Policy and International Affairs Program (PPIA) works to promote the inclusion and full participation of underrepresented groups in public service and to advance their leadership roles throughout our civic institutions serving domestic and international affairs. Designed to prepare *college juniors or rising seniors* from diverse backgrounds for graduate studies in public and/or international affairs and groom them for professional roles in public service.

### **Capitol Fellows**

<https://www.csus.edu/center/center-california-studies/capital-fellows.html>

The Capital Fellows Programs are nationally recognized public policy fellowships which offer unique experiences in policy-making and development in each branch of government. Capital Fellows are placed at some of the highest levels of California state government and assist state legislators, senior-level executive staff, and court administrators with a broad range of public policy issues and projects and are typically given assignments with a significant amount of responsibility and challenges. Rooted in experiential learning and public service, Capital Fellows spend 10-11 months as part of a cohort working in a Legislative, Executive or Judicial Branch office.

### **Google Policy Fellows**

<http://www.google.com/policyfellowship/>

The Google Policy Fellowship program offers undergraduate, graduate, and law students interested in Internet and technology policy the opportunity to spend the summer contributing to the public dialogue on issues fundamental to the future of the Internet and its users. Fellows will have the opportunity to work at public interest organizations at the forefront of debates on broadband and access policy, content regulation, copyright and trademark reform, consumer privacy, open government, and more. Work is both domestic and abroad.

### **San Francisco Fellows**

<https://sfdhr.org/sffellows>

The mission of the San Francisco Fellows program is to foster community stewardship by preparing recent college graduates for roles in public service and administration. The Fellows program is a unique opportunity to learn about public administration in local government while working full time as a City employee. Competitively selected applicants will join a cohort of up to 18 Fellows for an 11.5-month full-time work experience as City employees. Fellows earn an annualized salary of approximately \$55,000, plus health, dental, retirement and other benefits. Fellows are placed in various departments and work on programs and projects that have a direct impact on City operations across a broad range of City functions and departments, involving analysis, planning, and program development.

## **Just for Fun**

### **Back Door Guide to Short-Term Job Adventures**

<http://www.backdoorjobs.com/>

Adventure jobs in the US and abroad – includes jobs in camps, ranches, resorts, the outdoors, environmental, artistic, sustainable living and agricultural employment.

### **Cool Works**

<http://www.coolworks.com/>

Seasonal jobs in the outdoors, including national and state parks, ski resorts and ranches.

## **Business/Entrepreneurship**

### **Echoing Green Fellows**

[www.echoinggreen.org/](http://www.echoinggreen.org/)

Fellowships for emerging social innovators who create new models for tackling seemingly unsolvable social challenges. Fellows do not develop their ideas in an academic setting – they work within the community to launch, manage and grow organizations that implement and expand their ideas for creating

lasting social change. Our signature **Global Fellowship** is open to any social entrepreneur, from anywhere in the world, with an innovative solution for any issue. Our **Black Male Achievement Fellowship** supports leaders dedicated to improving the life outcomes of black men and boys in the United States. Our **Climate Fellowship**, built in partnership with the ZOOM Foundation, was launched for leaders committed to mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

### **New Sector Residency in Social Enterprise (RISE)**

<http://newsector.org/rise-fellowships/>

New Sector Alliance is a nonprofit strategy consulting firm. RISE gives recent college graduates the opportunity to lead a strategic initiative for a nonprofit organization over the course of one year. People who join the Residency develop leadership and management skills that cut across sectors and that support a career focused on positive social impact.

### **Venture for America**

<http://ventureforamerica.org/>

Fellows work for two years at emerging start-ups and early-stage companies in lower-cost cities (e.g., Detroit, Providence, New Orleans). Modeled after Teach for America, Venture for America will provide a path for entrepreneurship to college grads who want to learn how to build companies and create jobs.

## **Environmental**

### **Green Corps**

<http://www.greencorps.org/>

One-year, full-time, paid program gives you instruction and experience to launch an organizing and advocacy career. Program includes intensive classroom training and hands-on field experience running urgent environmental campaigns.

### **Student Conservation Association (SCA) Corps**

<https://www.thesca.org/serve/team-projects-corps>

Corps members spend 3-12 months devoted to critical environmental issues such as wildfire management and education, trail restoration and maintenance, environmental education, and invasive species eradication. SCA sponsors several conservation and environmental programs, mainly in national parks, forests and wildlife refuges.

## **International**

### **Atlas Corps**

<http://www.atlascorps.org/>

Atlas Corps engages leaders committed to the nonprofit sector in 12 to 18 month, professional fellowships at organizations to learn best practices, build organizational capacity, and return home to create a network of global changemakers. A multinational program that sends U.S. volunteers **overseas** and also brings nonprofit leaders from around the world to volunteer in the United States. Volunteers tend to be between the ages of 23 and 33, have a college degree, and either professional or volunteer experience in the nonprofit sector.

### **BUNAC**

<http://www.bunac.org/>

For a fee, the organization arranges work permits and placements for short-term employment:

- Flexible work and travel programs in Canada, Australia, Ireland and New Zealand
- Volunteer and teaching placements in Africa, South and North America and Asia
- Internships in Great Britain, South Africa, Australia, Spain, Asia, and Central America.

### **JDC Jewish Service Corps**

<http://jdcentwine.org/jsc/>

The JDC Entwine Global Jewish Service Corps Fellowship (JSC Fellowship) places recent college graduates and young professionals in year-long service opportunities in global communities.

### **Jesuit Volunteer Corps**

<http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/>

Largest Catholic volunteer program in the country, offering one-year or longer commitments to work for and with people who are homeless, unemployed, refugees, people with AIDS, the elderly, street youth, abused women and children, the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled. Positions in the **US** and **internationally** at hundreds of grassroots organizations.

### **Leland International Hunger Fellows**

<https://www.hungercenter.org/fellowships/leland/>

Two-year fellowship for those interested in the global fight against hunger. For the first year, fellows will be placed in countries throughout **Asia, Africa, and Latin America**. For the second year, fellows will work in a policy setting with the headquarters of the organizations in which they served during their first year.

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### **Peace Corps**

<http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

Volunteers receive a living allowance, housing, full medical benefits, and deferment of student loans while they live in another country for two years, working at the grass-roots level to help solve some of the most important challenges facing the developing world. They serve in **Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Eastern Europe, Mexico, Pacific Islands and the Middle East**. Collaborating with local community members, volunteers work in areas like education, youth in development, health, community economic development, agriculture, and the environment.

### **Watson Fellows**

<http://watson.foundation/>

Fellows conceive original projects, execute them outside of the United States for one year and embrace the ensuing journey. They decide where to go, who to meet and when to change course. They do not



affiliate with academic institutions and may not hold formal employment. The one year stipend is \$36,000. In addition, the foundation provides health insurance and the equivalent of 12-months of payments on outstanding institutional and federally guaranteed (Perkins, Stafford) loans. Requires nomination by the College; see the Office of Fellowships & Prizes, whose website lists many additional fellowships: <https://www.swarthmore.edu/fellowships-and-prizes/opportunities-seniors-and-alumni>

### **World-Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)**

<https://wwoof.net/>

WWOOF is a worldwide movement linking volunteers with organic farmers and growers to promote cultural and educational experiences based on trust and non-monetary exchange, thereby helping to build a sustainable, global community. As a volunteer (or WWOOFer as we call them) you will live alongside your host helping with daily tasks and experiencing life as a farmer. Join a WWOOF organization in your country of interest and access host farms that welcome volunteer help.

## **Education/Teaching**

### **MATCH Corps**

<http://www.matcheducation.org/join/match-corps/>

Match Corps, an AmeriCorps program, is a one-year urban education fellowship. Recent college graduates from top universities across the country commit a year to closing the achievement gap in Boston, one student at a time. Match Corps Members tutor small groups of students in grades 6-12 and partner closely with families. Tutors are integral members of high-performing school teams in some of the best schools in America and discover what it takes to change the lives of kids.

### **New York City Teaching Fellows**

<http://nycteachingfellows.org/overview>

Fellows teach in NYC classrooms as they pursue their own education through a subsidized Master's degree program. They also benefit from a regular teacher's salary and benefits.

### **Teach for America**

<http://www.teachforamerica.org/>

Recent college graduates of all academic majors, who commit to teach for two years in under-resourced urban and rural public schools **nationwide** with the overall aim of eliminating educational inequity. Corps members are paid directly by the school districts where they work and receive the same salaries and health benefits as other beginning teachers.

### **Blue Engine**

<http://blueengine.org/fellowship/experience>

Through its AmeriCorps model, Blue Engine partners with NYC school leaders, teachers, and Blue Engine Teaching Apprentices (BETAs) to create dramatic academic gains in English Language Arts (ELA) or Math. Blue Engine recruits, trains, and matches a team of BETAs with a certified teacher and Blue Engine coach in ELA or Math in middle and high school classroom. More adults in the classroom reduces the student to teacher ratio from about 30:1 to 6:1, providing significantly more instructional hours during class and before/after school and allowing for individualized instruction for students. Blue Engine's model helps a diverse, local wave of educators enter the teaching profession through an



apprenticeship as a BETA, teaching alongside a team for one or two years with the opportunity to earn their teaching credentials in their second year through Relay Graduate School of Education.

### **Great Oaks Charter School Fellows**

<https://greatoakscharter.org/join/great-oaks-tutor-corps/>

One-year urban education fellowship providing small group instruction to middle or high school students in math and/or in English. Projects may include providing in-class or curriculum support, organizing or leading after-school clubs. Roles are decided by matching Fellows' skills, strengths, preferences and career goals with the needs of schools in NYC; Newark, NJ; Bridgeport, CT and Wilmington, DE.

### **Andover Teaching Fellows**

<https://www.andover.edu/about/employment/teaching-fellowship-program>

Offering guided classroom work, professional seminars, and exposure to the theories and methods of experienced teaching faculty. Reappointment for a second year is available. Teaching Fellows receive a stipend of \$30,000 plus insurance benefits and campus housing.

### **Additional Teaching Programs:**

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/career-services/education-resources>

<http://www.swarthmore.edu/career-services/international-resources>



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