



GAP YEAR PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

This is a broad list of gap year programs, consultants and guidebooks. Please note, these are not recommendations, this is merely a list of resources to help you start your research.

African Leadership Academy. <http://catalyst.africanleadershipacademy.org/> A 10-month pre-university program in which students engage in deep study of the African continent, and design and implement a community service project that will have a lasting impact on a community in need.

American Field Service (AFS Next). <https://www.afsusa.org/afs-next/> Live abroad with a host family and take classes at a university.

AmeriCorps. <https://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/ameriCorps/ameriCorps-programs> Full-time national service projects; earn a \$4,725 voucher to pay college tuition. Opportunities include tutoring disabled or disadvantaged youth, building affordable housing, cleaning parks and streams, and many more.

AMIGOS De Las Americas. <https://amigosinternational.org/> Combining field volunteer work, exposure to partner agencies working in international development, family home-stays and excursions around the country, AMIGOS offers hands-on experiential learning that prepares young people for college and beyond.

City Year. <http://www.cityyear.org/> A demanding year of full-time community service.

CIEE. <https://www.ciee.org/go-abroad/high-school-study-abroad> CIEE has been in pursuit of its mission, “to help people gain understanding, acquire knowledge, and develop skills for living in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world.”

Cross-Cultural Solutions. <http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/> Cross-Cultural Solutions is widely known as the leading organization in the field of international volunteering. They mobilize volunteers to serve abroad and help address critical global issues in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America.

Dynamy Internship Year. <http://www.dynamy.org/> Choose from a series of residential internships.

Earthwatch. <http://www.earthwatch.org/> Participate in scientific expeditions that confront critical, current issues.

Flying Fish. www.flyingfishonline.com Offers challenging training in watersports instructor certifications in Australia and Greece.

Global Citizen Year. <http://globalcitizenyear.org/> Service learning abroad through immersive homestays and apprenticeships. Affordable for any student: last year 80% received partial financial aid to participate and 30% of those students received a full tuition scholarship.

GlobalQuest. <https://www.globalquestgap.com/> An international, interdisciplinary semester of learning, adventure, and personal growth for high school seniors and recent graduates.

Global Volunteers. <http://www.globalvolunteers.org/> Short-term volunteers engaging in microeconomic and human development programs in close partnership with local people worldwide. Live and work with local people on life-affirming service programs for one to two weeks.

Habitat for Humanity. <http://www.habitat.org/> A nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing organization building simple, decent, affordable housing in partnership with people in need.

NOLS (National Outdoor Leadership School). <http://www.nols.edu/> Wilderness trips to teach minimum-impact camping skills and techniques.

Outward Bound. <http://www.outwardbound.com/> Wilderness trips designed to teach survival and leadership.

Projects Abroad. www.projects-abroad.org The leading GAP Year provider in the U.K. with 25 years of Global Service and projects in over 50 countries. Global Gap is an innovative 27-week volunteer program for gap year students who want a far-ranging international experience that spans three continents, five countries, and six different service opportunities.

Sea Semester at Woods Hole, MA. www.sea.edu Students sail on 134- ft tall ships containing state-of-the-art scientific laboratories. Learn traditional sailing techniques, such as celestial navigation. Design and carry out a marine biology research project.

School for International Training. <https://studyabroad.sit.edu/> Experiential, field-based study abroad, SIT offers semester, summer, and academic year programs for undergraduate students in Africa, Asia and the Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East, as well as comparative programs in multiple locations.

Thinking Beyond Borders. <http://www.thinkingbeyondborders.org/> TBB offers a year-long and semester-long program immersing students in communities around the globe through fieldwork, homestays, and academic study in developing communities.

Where There Be Dragons. www.wheretherebedragons.com Education and adventure semester programs in India, China, Southeast Asia, Africa, Latin America, and more.

World-Learning/The Experiment in International Living. <https://www.experiment.org/> For 80 years, the Experiment in International Living (EIL) has been a pioneer in cross-cultural education.

Worldwide Opportunities in Organic Farming (WWOOF). <http://www.wwooof.org/> Organic farms around the world receive volunteers and offer training and lodging in exchange for work.

GAP YEAR CONSULTANTS

Center for Interim Programs. <http://www.interimprograms.com/> A for-fee consultant.

Gapyear.com. www.gapyear.com An extensive listing of possibilities – this is a great place to begin your research.

Gilpin and Associates Educational Consulting. <http://www.whereyouheaded.com/> A for-fee consultant.

Taking Off. <http://takingoff.net/costs/> A for-fee consultant.

BOOKS ON TAKING A GAP YEAR

College Can Wait!: The reluctant student's guide to gap years, resume-building, travel, internships, and figuring out what you really want. By R.J. Vickers (2015).

Gap Year: How Delaying College Changes People in Ways the World Needs. By Joseph O'Shea (2013).

Gap to Great: A Parent's Guide to the Gap Year. By Andrea Wein (2015).

The Complete Guide to the Gap Year: The Best Things to Do Between High School and College. By Kristin M. White (2009).

The Gap-Year Guidebook 2018. By Meena Ameen (2017).