



Learning Abroad Center

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**Biological
 Sciences**
 UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

“Biology is at the heart of many of the most pressing global concerns of our time from the environment to public health. Students return from abroad with a new appreciation of cultural and international diversity and a better foundation for making their positive mark on the world.”

— Dean Robert Elde

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Study Abroad in Biological Sciences

Do biological science students study abroad? Yes, they do! An international experience will provide you with the necessary skills to work effectively in health care, academia, industry or the public sector.

Study Abroad can help you...

- Gain field experience in different ecosystems
- Learn international perspectives in biology and healthcare
- Expand your cross-cultural communication and problem-solving skills
- Prepare to work in an increasingly diverse and international workplace
- Globalize your world view
- Improve your language skills

Study abroad is an exciting way to discover new approaches to the study of biology and build your professional skills.

Set goals and plan for results

Consider your academic interests and goals. Talk with your academic adviser, and work with the Learning Abroad Center (LAC) to help find a program that fits your goals.

- It is never too early to start planning. Give yourself time to research programs, meet with advisers, and talk to students who have studied abroad.
- Set goals. There are many good study abroad programs for biology students, and the best one for you depends on what you want.
- Prioritize your goals. Consider your long-term academic and professional goals, as well as your on-campus degree requirements.
- Prepare academically. You may need to take prerequisite courses for your chosen program.

Can I afford to study abroad?

YES! Early planning for study abroad helps you make cost-effective program decisions, and it also helps you prepare your finances through savings, scholarships, and financial aid. The University of Minnesota offers more than \$500,000 in scholarships for study abroad. Stop by the Learning Abroad Center and go to: UMabroad.umn.edu/financial/scholarships/index.html to research all your options. You may be able to use funds from the UROP program to do research abroad. Go to: www.urop.umn.edu for more information.

CBS Study Abroad Scholarships:

www.cbs.umn.edu/student-services/studyabroad/

- The Norwegian Centennial Travel Scholarship offers up to \$3,000 for study at the University of the Life Sciences in Norway.
- The Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship provides funding for students engaged in research or humanitarian service in socio-economically depressed areas of the world.

What are my next steps?

Attend a First-Step Meeting

Learn about study abroad resources and advising by attending a First Step Meeting. The Learning Abroad Center offers several meetings each week. In addition, CBS partners with the Learning Abroad Center to offer CBS First Steps Meetings that highlight programs of particular interest to CBS students. See www.cbs.umn.edu/student-services/studyabroad/ for the latest schedule.

Investigate Programs

Use the Learning Abroad Center catalog, resource center, website, and advisers to find a program that fits your goals. Consider what you want to study, where you want to go and for how long. It is also important to consider the learning environment (field study, classroom, internship, etc.), language of instruction, housing options, and level of integration with the host culture.

Consult with CBS and LAC Advisers

The process of choosing a program may involve multiple visits with a LAC adviser and CBS adviser. LAC advisers can help you find the most up-to-date information on programs and courses. Your CBS adviser can help fit study abroad into your graduation plan and determine if course evaluations will be needed before you go.

Once you have selected a program, complete the Academic Planning for Study Abroad (APSA) form and schedule a meeting with your CBS adviser to get preliminary approval of your study plan.

Academic Considerations

How will the study abroad program fulfill my requirements?

All CBS majors

Foundations of Biology I and II:

CBS students should consider the timing of the two-semester Foundations of Biology sequence when planning study abroad. Unless students can complete a pre-approved yearlong biology sequence at another school they should plan to take Biol 2002 and Biol 2003/2004 on campus.

Courses in the Major:

With careful planning it is possible to take many CBS major and core courses abroad (e.g. ecology, animal biology, major elective lab). Your advisor can help you determine if the courses you plan to take could fit into your major. If the courses have not previously been evaluated, your adviser can also explain the course evaluation process.

Liberal Education:

Many students fulfill liberal education requirements through study abroad. Advance planning can help you identify which requirements you can fulfill on your study abroad program and which you should fulfill on campus. Visit the online Study Abroad Liberal Education Database to find courses that have been pre-approved for University of Minnesota liberal education requirements: www.UMabroad.umn.edu/academic/libEd.html

Engage in Fieldwork, Directed Research, or Internships:

Study Abroad opportunities are not limited to formal instruction. Consider taking advantage of the unique research, internship, and fieldwork opportunities available in different regions of the world. Consult with your CBS advisor about how to gain credit for these experiences.

Biochemistry majors:

Biochemistry majors can study abroad at any point during their undergraduate career provided they are prepared to take BioC 4331 by spring of junior year.

Biology majors:

The biology major has a flexible curriculum making it possible to study abroad at any time.

Ecology, Evolution and Behavior majors:

The EEB major has a flexible curriculum making it possible to study abroad at any time.

Look for programs that offer field experiences. With prior approval, study abroad can fulfill the field experience requirement for the EEB major.

Genetics, Cell Biology and Development majors:

GCD majors can study abroad at any point during their undergraduate career provided they are prepared to take Biol 4003 by spring of junior year.

Microbiology majors:

Microbiology majors can study abroad at any point during their undergraduate career provided they are prepared to take MicB 3301 by spring of junior year. In addition, students should plan to take all or most of their upper division major electives on campus.

Neuroscience majors:

Neuroscience majors should consider planning a study abroad experience early in their program or during the summer since it may be difficult to find courses equivalent to NSci 3101, 3102W, and 4105 abroad.

Plant Biology majors:

The plant biology major has a flexible curriculum making it possible to study abroad at any time.

Pre-Health Science Students:

Consider the timing of professional school entrance exams, applications, and interviews in choosing when to study abroad. You may also want to consider consulting the professional school programs to which you are applying regarding their policies on prerequisites taken abroad.

Sample Study Abroad Programs

Programs vary in their level of integration and the level of independence required. Some offer transfer credit rather than University of Minnesota resident credit. Consider your own level of interest and preparation when reviewing the programs below, and consult with your undergraduate advisor or the Learning Abroad Center to determine which program is the best fit.

Africa & the Middle East

South Africa University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg and Durban

The University of KwaZulu-Natal is situated in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, and consists of two centers: one in the coastal city of Durban, and one in Pietermaritzburg some 45 miles inland. The Durban campus offers life and environmental sciences, mathematical and statistical sciences, pure and applied chemistry, pure and applied physics, as well as business, engineering and liberal arts. The Pietermaritzburg campus offers the Faculty of Science and Agriculture including agricultural sciences and agribusiness, applied environmental sciences, botany and zoology, chemical and physical sciences, mathematics, statistics and information technology as well as the molecular and cellular biosciences. Courses are taught in English. **This program is available through University Study in South Africa: University of KwaZulu-Natal sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

CIEE South Africa—Cape Town Service Learning in South Africa

Participants in this program, based in and around Cape Town, engage in community service while taking part in a rigorous academic program of language study, social research methodology, African studies, and independent research. CBS students can be placed in health or environmental projects and gain first-hand experience related to their planned careers.

Americas

Argentina University of Buenos Aires

Attend this prestigious Latin American university to take regular course work along side Argentinean students for a semester or academic year. Course work is available in biochemistry, ecology, genetics, physiology, botany, and molecular biology. All courses are in Spanish; at least 2 years of college-level Spanish required. **This program is available through Butler Argentina or CIEE Argentina.**

Bonaire CIEE Bonaire Tropical Marine Ecology & Conservation

This program combines classroom-based learning and field study in the tropical ecosystems of the southern Caribbean. Students enroll in *Coral Reef Ecology*, *Human Ecology*, *Marine Resource Management*, *Independent Research Project*, and *Fundamentals of Scientific Diving Research Methods*. Participants must have scuba certification but may complete the open water scuba skills portion of the certification in-country before the program begins. One year of biology or environmental science required. Courses are taught in English.

Costa Rica CIEE Costa Rica Ecology of the Rain Forest in Costa Rica

This summer or semester program offers courses in tropical biology and conservation taught by biologists from Costa Rica, the US, and Europe. Based at the Monteverde Cloud Forest Reserve, students spend considerable time on field trips to other regions and ecosystems throughout the country. Courses, all taught in English, include *Tropical Diversity*, *Tropical Community Ecology*, and *Humans in the Tropics*.

Universidad de Costa Rica

This program allows students to directly enroll in classes at the University of Costa Rica for a semester or academic year, while providing a well-structured introduction to the country, its culture, and history. You will get to know Costa Rica by living with local families and participating in numerous orientation activities and field trips. Courses are available in biology and other sciences, along with liberal arts, social work, business, and engineering. All courses are taught in Spanish; at least 2 years prior language study required. **This program is available through Butler Costa Rica.**

Americas, cont.

Chile

IES Chile

Health Studies in Santiago

This program offers internships and coursework well-suited for students with an interest in Spanish and health care. In addition to a clinical internship, students enroll in courses such as *Spanish for Healthcare Practitioners*, *Comparative Health Care Policy*, and *Anthropology and Native Medicine*. Participants also may choose from area studies courses offered by IES and a wide range of university courses at Universidad de Chile and Pontificia Universidad Católica. Areas of study include biology, chemistry, environmental studies, forestry, geography, history, philosophy, and psychology. Four semesters of college-level Spanish is required. Instruction is in Spanish.

Dominican Republic

Latin American Health, Nutrition, & Environmental Issues in the Dominican Republic (CIC & U-IA)

This summer program is an interdisciplinary study of Latin America and Caribbean health and nutrition problems in the context of Dominican culture and society. The fall semester program combines special classes for international students with regular courses at Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra (PUCMM) is available as a stand-alone option or as a continuation for summer students. Courses at PUCMM are taken alongside Dominican students and involve considerable community field experience. One year college-level Spanish is required for Summer Session, 3 years college-level Spanish is required for fall semester (or 2 years plus successful participation in the summer program). Instruction is in Spanish.

CIEE Dominican Republic—Santiago Summer Community Health Program

This seven-week summer program is designed for students with an interest in Spanish language, medicine, and the allied health professions in the context of underdevelopment and public health. Students enroll in three required courses: *Pre-Professional Health Care Issues*, *Community Health Practicum*, and *Advanced Spanish Conversation and Grammar*, which includes medical terminology. Participants also engage in a week-long field experience in semi-rural health clinics and take part in urban community service projects in and around Santiago. Four semesters of college-level Spanish is required. Instruction is in Spanish.

Honduras

Tropical Reef Ecology

Learn about the evolution and ecology of coral inhabitants during this winter break program. Study oceanography, zoology, evolution, and animal behavior in authentic settings. This program provides an opportunity to undertake an independent research project in an intact coral reef. This program includes one week diving one of the most magnificent coral reef communities in the world with a night dive, a dolphin dive and two boat dives daily. **This program is sponsored by the College of Biological Sciences.**

Venezuela

Study Abroad in Venezuela

Beginning through advanced Spanish language study plus a variety of courses including *Tropical Ecology* and *Botany of the Andes*, both taught in English, are available. This highly affordable program offers courses in social sciences, humanities, and business, including a small selection of courses in English for students with less than 2 years of language preparation. All Spanish courses are pre-approved by the Spanish Department and can be applied towards a Spanish minor. **This program is sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Asia & Oceania

Australia

AustraLearn—Tropical Marine Ecology on the Great Barrier Reef

Study tropical marine ecology in tropical Queensland, Australia during this summer program. The course covers related areas, such as island biogeography, marine park management and conservation, and Australian indigenous culture. The program includes excursions to Stadbroke, Heron, and Orpheus islands along the Queensland coast.

AustraLearn—Coral Bay

Study marine science on the Ningaloo Reef, located on Australia's western coast during this summer program. The program provides the opportunity to learn more about the diversity and physical processes of Western Australia's marine habitats, with a focus on coral reef environments; the biodiversity of reef organisms; and biological processes, with a focus on coral reefs ecosystems.

Asia & Oceania, cont.

James Cook University

James Cook has long been respected as a world leader in several biology-related fields, especially marine science and tropical environment studies. Create a program of study in the sciences, social sciences, arts, business, or engineering for a semester or academic year. Courses feature fieldwork and internships. **This program is available through University Study in Australia: James Cook University sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

University of Melbourne

Spend a semester or academic year at one of Australia's elite institutions. Strong coursework is available in biological and physical sciences. The University also excels in agriculture and natural resources, engineering, humanities, and social sciences. Fieldwork and lab research are available. **This program is available through University Study in Australia: University of Melbourne sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

New Zealand

University of Auckland

Study at one of the oldest and largest institutions in New Zealand. This semester or year program is based in coastal Auckland, the country's largest city. Many interesting and relevant courses are offered, including *Social Science for Health, Current Debates in Health and Health Policy*, and *Science, Technology and the Environment in New Zealand*. **This program is available through University Study in New Zealand: University of Auckland sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

University of Otago

Ideal for students interested in great academics and outdoor adventure, the University of Otago offers courses in sciences, physical education, liberal arts, music, and theology. Otago is strong in biological sciences and offers several field-based courses. **This program is available through University Study in New Zealand: University of Otago sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Europe

Denmark

Danish Institute for Study Abroad (DIS)

Study abroad in your major while exploring beautiful and progressive Copenhagen. Enroll in a wide variety of courses taught in English and enjoy exciting study tours to other sites in Europe. Two semester programs of particular interest to CBS students are Medical Practice and Policy and Biotechnology and Biomedicine. In addition, DIS offers several summer programs including HIV/AIDS in Europe with courses in *Amsterdam and London and Health, Disease and Drugs: Modern Health Care* with courses in Sweden, England and Germany.

France

Study Abroad in Montpellier

One of the premier study opportunities in France, the University of Minnesota's program in Montpellier attracts students from throughout the US for a Semester or an Academic Year. Combine regular Paul Valéry courses with courses especially designed for international students in whatever combination your language level and interests dictate. Biology and other science courses are available, and internships are offered. A pre-session course seeks to strengthen your language skills before you begin regular classes. Instruction is in French; one or two years of French is required. **This program is sponsored by the UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Norway

University of Oslo

Study at the University of Oslo, Norway's largest and oldest university. Based in the vibrant capital city surrounded by fjords, lakes, and forests, this is a highly affordable program. Choose from a wide variety of courses taught in English in the sciences, social sciences, health care management, humanities, and the environment. Examples include *Nature and Society, Cross-Cultural Perspective on the Environment, Environmental Philosophy and Ethics, Environmental Economics*. **This program is available through University Study in Norway: University of Oslo sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Norwegian University of Life Sciences

A small university of 3,000 students, the Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB) offers the opportunity to study the sciences in an intimate setting. UMB focuses specifically on biology, food, environment, land use, and natural resource management with departments of ecology and natural resource management, plant and environmental sciences and international environment and development studies. UMB also offers a special summer university program, which includes a field study component. University of Minnesota students at UMB are eligible to apply for the Norwegian Centennial Travel Scholarship to defray the cost of the program. It may also be possible for students to engage in research with transatlantic research teams of U of MN and UMB faculty. **This program is available through University Study in Norway: Norwegian University of the Life Sciences sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Europe, cont.

United Kingdom

Lancaster University

A long-standing partner with the University of Minnesota, Lancaster is internationally recognized in the sciences for research and teaching. Spend a semester or academic year at Lancaster choosing from courses in areas such as environmental sciences, biological sciences, physical sciences, plant sciences, as well as liberal arts, engineering, and business. Research experiences and other individually arranged projects are available to University of Minnesota students because of our close relationship with Lancaster. **This program is available through University Study in the United Kingdom: Lancaster University sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

University of East Anglia

The University of East Anglia (UEA) has established a reputation as one of the top universities in the UK. It offers first class teaching and research opportunities. UEA has an internationally-known Environment Centre. Courses are available in a wide range of science and liberal arts areas. **This program is available through University Study in the United Kingdom: University of East Anglia sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Queen Mary, University of London

Study in the diverse environment at Queen Mary, the most affordable option for study in London. The only option in London with a campus environment, Queen Mary offers students the opportunity to live and study with British students. Choose from a wide variety of departments and courses including biology, biochemistry, microbiology, evolutionary biology, environmental biology, marine biology, and zoology. **This program is available through University Study in the United Kingdom: Queen Mary, University of London sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Country Varies

International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program Ecuador or Malaysia

IRSEP (the International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program) is one of the great bargains in study abroad. Study at the Universiti Sains Malaysia in Penang, known as the “Pearl of Asia.” A wide-range of courses are available including biology and environmental science. Instruction is in English by Malaysian faculty. There are also opportunities to study biology, botany, zoology and ecology at the Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador. Instruction is in Spanish and the program requires two years of Spanish. Scholarships cover tuition and fees, room and board, and health insurance. Academic year only. **These programs are available through International Reciprocal Student Exchange Program (IRSEP) sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Minnesota Studies in International Development (MSID) Ecuador, India, Kenya, or Senegal

Students complete coursework and work along side host nationals on development projects or with agencies working in their chosen area of interest. MSID has four sites, including India, and Kenya (no prior language study required), Ecuador (two years Spanish required) and Senegal (two years French required). Internship placements are individualized. Past internship examples include:

- Assisting in an organic tree nursery caring for seedlings used in erosion prevention project for organization of cooperating communities in rural Ecuador.
- Environmental monitoring in Ecuadorian rain forest.
- Assisting with a watershed development project in the Indo-Ganges plains of India.
- Animal care for conservation/rehabilitation program through the Kenya Wildlife Service.
- Researching experiences and techniques used in childbirth by midwives in a small village in Senegal.

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Country Varies, cont.

School for International Training (SIT) Environmental Science programs

SIT offers several programs that focus on environmental science exploring issues of natural and cultural ecology, ecology and conservation, wildlife ecology and coastal ecology. All programs include field study and the opportunity to work on an independent study project. Programs are available in Australia, Belize, Botswana, Brazil, Ecuador, Madagascar, the Mekong Delta, Panama and Tanzania. All programs are taught in English.

School for Fields Studies (SFS) Environmental Field Studies programs

The School for Field Studies (SFS) offers semester and summer programs that focus on critical environmental issues through a combination of coursework, field study and a directed research project. SFS has five study sites each with a specific focus: Kenya

focuses on wildlife management studies; Costa Rica focuses on sustainable development; Australia focuses on rainforest studies; Mexico focuses on coastal studies; and the Turks and Caicos Islands focuses on marine resource studies. All programs are taught in English.

Student Project for Amity among Nations (SPAN)

Field Study in Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe

This highly affordable program offers a unique opportunity for students to create their own study abroad experience by conducting independent research under the guidance of qualified academic advisors during the summer. Sites change each year.

Short-Term & Language Programs

Global Seminars

Every year the Learning Abroad Center offers U of M faculty-led seminars abroad during May Session or over winter break. Global Seminars can help you get an international experience in a short period, earn credit and fulfill liberal education requirements. Topics and locations vary each year. Sample topics from past seminars include Culture and Health in Ecuador, and Environment and Human Interactions in Australia. **This program is sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Biology of the Galapagos

Taught by faculty members in the Biology Program at the U of M, the program offers the opportunity to discover the biodiversity and biogeography of the Galapagos Islands and experience what inspired Darwin's theory of evolution. This May session program includes 11 days in the Galapagos Islands where you learn about conservation and research at the Charles Darwin Research Station and see the plants, birds, and animals of the islands. Classroom instruction is held on the University of Minnesota campus both before and after the time in the Galapagos Islands. **This program is sponsored by the College of Biological Sciences.**

Accelerate your Language Learning

Almost all study abroad programs in non-English-speaking countries offer language courses in the host language, but some programs are specifically designed to offer extremely intensive language study. You might be able to complete an entire year of language study in a summer or a semester. The following are some examples from a long list of options; see the Learning Abroad Center for more details.

Canada

French in Québec (CIC & U-IA)

This affordable summer French language program offers intensive language study at all levels beyond first year. The most advanced levels focus on literature and culture. One prior year of French is required.

France

Study Abroad in Montpellier

The Study Abroad in Montpellier program offers program options for students at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced language levels, either at the Institute for Foreign Students or in regular classes at Paul Valéry University. All classes are taught in French by University faculty. Fall, spring, academic year, and summer options are available. **This program is sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Mexico

Language & Culture in Mexico

A variety of enrollment options are offered for this intensive language program. In addition to fall and spring semester programs, you can enroll in one or more of the three-week programs offered during winter break, May session, and three summer sessions. Complete a semester of Spanish in three weeks, or earn two full years of language credit by enrolling in the May and three summer sessions. **This program is sponsored by UMTC Learning Abroad Center.**

Beyond Study Abroad

College of Biological Sciences students should strongly consider seeking opportunities for hands-on experience abroad. Whether as an alternative to study abroad or a complement to it, consider an overseas service-learning, work, internship, volunteer, or travel experience. These programs can help you gain experience in your field, develop strong cross-cultural communication skills, and make you stand out in an application process or interview. To explore your options, begin by attending a Work, Internship, Volunteer First Step meeting (see www.UMabroad.umn.edu/academic/FirstStepSchedule.html for meeting schedule), then stop by the Learning Abroad Center for more information on specific opportunities. To learn more about the work, intern, and volunteer programs highlighted here, or to explore more options, visit www.UMabroad.umn.edu/programs/wiv/.

Work abroad

Most countries prohibit students from taking paid employment without a work permit. The Learning Abroad Center is affiliated with programs that arrange jobs in a limited number of fields before you arrive in-country such as **Alliance Abroad** (Australia, France, Costa Rica, Brazil, and China) and **InterExchange** (Australia, Belgium, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Britain, Netherlands, Norway, and Spain). Other programs, including **BUNAC** (Australia, Britain, Canada, Ireland, and New Zealand), **USIT** (Ireland), and **CEI** (France), provide you with a work visa and offer resources to help you find a job and housing on your own.

Internships abroad

Students sometimes arrange non-credit, free-standing internships either through established programs that connect them with a host company or organization, or through faculty or other connections. You can do an internship while you are still a student or after you graduate. Internships are rarely paid. Many programs will search for placements based on your academic and career interests but cannot guarantee an internship in any particular field. Other programs have pre-arranged placements in specific fields.

The Learning Abroad Center is affiliated with a number of internship program providers, including **Child Family Health International** (Bolivia, Ecuador, India, Mexico Nicaragua, and South Africa), which offers the opportunity for shadowing in a clinical setting, and **Cross-Cultural Solutions** (Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Ghana, Guatemala, India, Morocco, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania, and Thailand), which includes placements in a variety of internships working with patients or public health projects. Internships for credit are also available through a number of study abroad programs.

Volunteering abroad

A volunteer abroad opportunity gives you the chance give your time and energy to a community while strengthening your language skills and learning about a new culture. A host of organizations arrange opportunities for you to volunteer abroad in many different areas, from working with children to helping construct a community clinic. A few notable examples include **Earthwatch**, which offers short-term expeditions all over the world that explore topics such as culture and health, conservation biology, and marine sciences; and **Biology without Borders** (BWB), a student organization of the University of Minnesota that leads students on global volunteer trips in healthcare. See www.tc.umn.edu/~bwb/ for more info.

International travel

Virtually any travel is educational to one degree or another, and the **Learning Abroad Center** offers a host of resources and services to help your travel preparations, including a large travel library, selected travel guides for sale, passport photos, International Student Identity Cards, rail passes, and travel paraphernalia such as money belts. Although many students travel on their own, you might also wish to explore group educational travel opportunities. For example, consider one of the social justice travel seminars available through such organizations as Augsburg College's **Center for Global Education** or San Francisco-based **Global Exchange**.

After graduation

Seek new international experiences

Consider longer-term work or volunteer opportunities abroad after graduation. **CIEE** places graduates in five- or ten- month paid teaching positions in Chile, China, Spain, and Thailand; the **JET Program** offers paid English teaching positions in Japan; and **WorldTeach** offers placements around the world, some of which are fully funded by the host government. **Peace Corps** offers graduates the opportunity to serve a longer-term role in a well-established program by working on education, health, and other projects. Learning Abroad Center resources can help you identify other post-graduation options.

Learning Abroad in your résumé

Whatever you decide to do after graduation, you will want to incorporate your learning abroad experience into your résumé or graduate school application. Learning abroad can lead to the beginning of intercultural competence, which is appealing to potential employers and graduate and professional schools. When including learning abroad in your résumé, highlight the skills you gained and what you learned while abroad. You will want to make the connection to the actual skills you gained through your experience abroad—connections that will not always be obvious to an employer. The Learning Abroad Center has returned student resources to help you make your learning abroad experience an essential component of your career pathway. You can also sign up for an Education Abroad Career Skills Workshop to identify the skills you learned and how to articulate your experience effectively to potential employers. To learn more: www.UMabroad.umn.edu/students/returnedStudents/