**“GAP-YEAR” OPTIONS: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

(Listed in no particular order.)

Be sure to carefully discuss visa requirements with the ISS!

1. **Work** 
   1. **OPT (usually 1 year – some STEM jobs are eligible for a 17-month OPT extension)** [**http://iss.washington.edu/employment/f1-employment/opt**](http://iss.washington.edu/employment/f1-employment/opt)
   2. **H-1B visa <http://iss.washington.edu/employment/opt-to-h1b>**

-*Campus labs* (part of a year to full year)

-*Internships:* Use HuskyJobs, watch bioeunder, and look at the websites/HR sites of companies of interest. <http://www.washingtonlifescience.com/index_html> has an industry directory of Puget Sound area companies. There are some other national companies indexed on our admin website under info for students.

-IHME has a post-bacc internship for computationally-oriented students; it’s very competitive. We always circulate the announcement.

-*Temporary professional employment* (a company, research institute, or hospital is looking for someone to work on a shorter-term project)

-*Work in hospital* as orderly or in some other clinical setting to gain clinical experience

1. **Service work – Depending on the organization**

A student sent me this website: <http://www.idealist.org/>. If you scroll down to the bottom, they have a link to resources for international volunteer experiences and some advice about finding them and managing a gap year**. Research programs carefully for legitimacy. All costs should be up front.** Also you will need to look at each organization to see if F-1 holders can participate.

Some students do mission work through religiously affiliated programs. Again, check with ISs to make sure that what you want to do will be allowable under your visa status.

1. **Teach for All,** [**http://teachforall.org/**](http://teachforall.org/)**.**

This is a partner program to Teach for America, and is linked from the TfAmerica website. You would need to work in a country that is part of the Teach for All network. Current openings are listed on their website.

**4) Special scholarships**

The Office of Merit Scholarships, Fellowships, and Awards provides “Scholarship Search” <http://www.washington.edu/students/ugrad/scholar/>.

**Fulbright Program** <http://fulbright.state.gov/apply/eligibility>, for non-U.S. Citizens to come to the U.S. There are several programs for citizens of 50 different countries with the Fulbright Commission.

**A\*Star Scholarship** [**http://www.a-star.edu.sg/**](http://www.a-star.edu.sg/) **Eligibility:** Singaporeans, Singapore Permanent Residents and ASEAN Nationals

**DAAD Graduate Study Scholarships** [**https://www.daad.org/gradstudy#deadlines**](https://www.daad.org/gradstudy#deadlines) **Eligibility:** Graduating seniors, graduate students and recent graduates who have completed their bachelor’s degrees. Foreign nationals are eligible if they have been full-time students at an accredited US or Canadian University for at least two years at the time of application. **UW Campus deadlines – late Oct (priority standing), early Nov (regular).**

**Rhodes Scholarships from non-US countries** <http://www.rhodeshouse.ox.ac.uk/about/rhodes-countries>  **(** Applicants must be citizens of Australia, Bermuda, Canada, the Commonwealth Caribbean, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Jamaica, Kenya, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Some Rhodes Countries require, in addition, a minimum period of residency in the home country.

**Gates Cambridge Scholarships** [**http://www.gatescambridge.org/**](http://www.gatescambridge.org/) **Eligibility:** a citizen of any country outside the UK. Full-cost scholarships for students to pursue a full-time postgraduate degree in any subject available at the University of Cambridge.

**Samuel Huntington Public Service Award -** [**http://globalhealth.washington.edu/resource-center/student-funding-fieldwork/samuel-huntington-public-service-award**](http://globalhealth.washington.edu/resource-center/student-funding-fieldwork/samuel-huntington-public-service-award) **A**nnual stipend of $10,000 awarded to undergraduates in their graduating year to engage in meaningful public service for up to one year anywhere in the world.

The Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (or equivalent) in your country might offer scholarships to study in the U.S. and other countries.

**5) UW BIOE BS/MS**

Application deadline is December 1. It is a normal graduate program ap (i.e., you need the GRE); you explain in the personal statement that you are applying for BS/MS. If you want to do this you should discuss it with your PI this summer. Good BS/MS candidates will have begun their research no later than fall of junior year and will have room for two extra grad courses in the senior year.

**6) PMP (Professional Master’s Programs) in engineering**

Often evening degrees, these programs are based on technical coursework rather than research; see for example UW EE’s PMP, <http://www.ee.washington.edu/admissions/pmp/index.html>, or UW CSE’s PMP, <http://pmp.cs.washington.edu/index.shtml>.

**Engineering/Business/Management hybrid Master’s degrees:**

For example, Berkeley: <http://funginstitute.berkeley.edu/masters/>; combines leadership and entrepreneurship courses with technical electives; it is a **one-year** program.

Or see Master of Engineering Management (MEM) at Dartmouth, <http://engineering.dartmouth.edu/academics/graduate/mem/>. There are lots of these programs out there, so look around.

Note that MS programs are generally paid for by the student. Part-time MS programs are NOT F-1 Visa eligible.

**7) World-Teach--** **Must be a native speaker of English.**

Might work if you grew up here but have citizenship elsewhere.

Teach abroad through this Harvard-based program, [www.worldteach.org](http://www.worldteach.org). We have an alumna who just returned from a year teaching English in a mountain village in Costa Rica. She commented, “The program is extremely well-run and is also one of the most affordable year-abroad programs that I have found.” She also mentioned possible placements in different countries, teaching students of different ages and in different subjects, and variable lengths of stay. (She will enter med school this fall.)

**PLEASE LET KJN KNOW IF YOU FIND ANYTHING TO ADD TO THIS LIST!**