

# Graduate School at Home & Abroad

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# Small Group Share

- With a partner discuss for a minute:
  - Introduce yourself.
  - Where are you in the process?
  - Possible focus?
  - Possible location?

Disclaimer: This session is intended to provide you with resources that will allow you to explore the possibility of graduate school. We are focusing on providing information that might otherwise be difficult for you to access. We will not be spending time on how to write a grad school essay, how to get great GRE scores or who to ask for a letter of recommendation. These questions are best addressed with your home university's career center.



# Overview

- Graduate school process
- Graduate degrees with an international focus in the United States
- Graduate schools abroad
- Things to consider & additional resources





# Graduate School Process

- Get to know home university's career center
- Attend an info session
- Take graduate exams
- Apply
- Admissions essay
- Recommendations
- Resume/Interview
- Have a back-up plan
- Deferral





# Earn a Graduate Degree in the U.S.

- Get to know your home university's career services office and discuss the following:
  - Research resources and facilities?
  - Large vs. small? Public vs. Private? Big name?
  - Faculty with your interests?
  - Thesis or field studies?
  - Program structure: traditional, on-line, low-res., part-time vs. full-time
  - Cost, financial aid, assistantships



# Sample Degrees and Fields with an International Focus

International relations

International development

International business

International public policy/administration/affairs

Global health

Homeland security

Comparative & international education

International finance

Intercultural communication

Language

Area studies



# And the universities with these programs

Intercultural Communications Institute

Lesley University

University of Maryland-Baltimore County

University of the Pacific

American University

Boston College

Boston University

Florida State University

George Washington University

Harvard University

Indiana University Bloomington

Loyola University of Chicago

New York University

Old Dominion University

Pennsylvania State University

Stanford University

Teachers College, Columbia University

The International Partnership for Service Learning and Leadership

The Ohio State University

University at Albany, State University of New York

University of California Los Angeles

University of Maryland

University of Massachusetts Amherst

University of Minnesota

University of Pittsburgh

University of San Francisco



## Specific programs with an international focus

- International Partnership for Service Learning (IPSL)
- Monterey Institute of International Studies
- Middlebury College – Language master's in Chinese, French, German...
- Peace Corps – Master's International, incorporate volunteering with a master's degree
- School for International Training (SIT)





# Earn a Graduate Degree Abroad

- Research possibly universities through sites such as:
  - [GradSchoolsAbroad.com](http://GradSchoolsAbroad.com)
  - [DegreeAbroad.com](http://DegreeAbroad.com)
  - [StudyinEurope.eu](http://StudyinEurope.eu)
- Check international rankings to know the major players



# The Fun Stuff

## Program Providers offering Grad School

-GloLinks Learning Abroad  
Australia, New Zealand and the UK

-New York University  
France & Spain: Literature, language & culture

-Syracuse University  
Italy: Fine arts & architecture

## Country Specific Resources

Australian Government Education

The British Council

The Canadian Bureau for International Education

German Academic Exchange Service

Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education

Japan Student Services Association

Study in the Netherlands – Nuffic

Study in India – University Grants Commission



# Things to Research



- Style of program abroad
- Application logistics
- Language proficiency
- Funding (more later)
- Degree recognition in US for programs like Law, Medicine, Education, MBA, or licensure requirements
- Accommodation options
- Student visa



# International Fellowships

- Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships
- Rhodes Scholarship
- Marshall Scholarship
- German Academic Exchange (DAAD)
- International Thesis Research Grant
- Fulbright Scholarship
- US – Ireland Alliance Fellowship
- American – Scandinavian Foundation



# Financing Information

- [SallieMae.com/international/us\\_students](https://SallieMae.com/international/us_students)
- [FAFSA.ed.gov](https://FAFSA.ed.gov)
- [InternationalScholarships.com](https://InternationalScholarships.com)
- [IEFA.org](https://IEFA.org)
- [FinAid.org](https://FinAid.org)



# Ready for More?

- Remember: Visit your Career Services Office on your campus
- Look at the resources on the handout
- Talk with your Academic Advisor
- If seeking a degree in international education or a degree abroad, contact your study abroad office

# Thank you for joining!

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