

International Work and Volunteering Opportunities

If you're thinking of working abroad, whether it's for full time work, an internship, volunteering or English teaching role, this guide will provide you with some helpful information and resources to get you started.

We have created country job hunting guides for China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan and Russia, which will be useful for all students interested in working abroad, including international students from these countries looking to return home for work after graduation. They are available to download, along with other useful resources on job hunting abroad from the International Students section of our Careers QMplus page (<http://qmplus.qmul.ac.uk/course/view.php?id=5801> or select 'Careers' under the 'Student Life' tab).

Internships, volunteering and placements abroad

Whilst it is possible to organise your own work placement abroad, below is a list of some organisations that help students with this e.g. provide visa, job placement and in-country support. Further details can be found on their websites. Note many charge a fee for their services.

Interexchange: www.interexchange.org/travel-abroad

InterExchange runs programmes, including intern USA where students and recent graduates can get an internship in the US for up to 12 months.

Global experiences: www.globalexperiences.com

Global experiences run a range of different work and volunteering programmes across the globe.

Parenthese: www.parenthese-london.co.uk

Parenthese can provide the visa that you need for summer work or internships of up to 1 year, as well as support you in creating your application letters to companies.

Intern China: www.internchina.com

Intern China's main aim is to create opportunities for people to gain an insight into the Chinese business world. Their programmes have a mix of providing support on hand, encouraging independence and learning about the culture.

British Council: www.britishcouncil.org/study-work-create

Study Work Create provides opportunities for UK students, recent graduates, and young professionals to study, work volunteer, research or develop your creativity abroad and in the UK.

Erasmus+ Internships & Traineeships from QMUL:

www.qmul.ac.uk/undergraduate/erasmus/graduate-traineeships

Erasmus+ offers funding to recent QMUL graduates who are planning on doing a traineeship (internship/work placement) outside the UK in one of the participating Programme Countries after they finish their QMUL studies in June/July.

Things to consider:

- Visa
- Accommodation
- Health Insurance
- Travel costs
- Liability

“Stretching yourself by going abroad is a fantastic idea, you get to experience another culture, pick up skills and will stand out when applying for jobs.”

Andy Walsh, Careers Consultant

Internship Agreements

If you have secured an internship outside of the UK, your employer may require you and QMUL to complete an 'Internship Agreement' or 'Convention de Stage'. You can find further information and download a copy of the agreement from the work experience section of the Careers & Enterprise website.

www.careers.qmul.ac.uk/students/workexperience/stage/

Schemes for Graduates (Open to current students & graduates)

Japan Exchange & Teaching Programme - (JET): www.jet-uk.org

The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, an official Japanese Government scheme, sends graduates to Japan in order to promote international understanding at grass-roots level and to improve foreign language teaching in schools.

Mountbatten Institute: www.mountbatten.org

The Mountbatten Institute offers live, work & study programmes in New York and London for foreign nationals. The 12 month programmes include full-time work experience at a partner organisation and academic study.

Teach English Abroad

TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language): www.tefl.org.uk

Many people teach English to gain work experience abroad. Some employers may require a qualification in teaching English as a foreign language, an example of this qualification is TEFL. Before taking a course, you should research the different qualifications and providers that are available.

A good way to get an idea of a country and its culture is to book a short visit or holiday break. This will give you the chance to get to know more about life in that country, without making any long term commitments.

Country Guides & Profiles

If you have an idea of the countries you would like to work in, or even if you're undecided, there are various sites which offer excellent country profiles, which include really helpful information, advice and live job vacancies.

Prospects working abroad: www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/working-abroad

Provides in depth country profiles for countries all over the world including information on job markets, internships, work experience and recognition on qualifications in the individual countries.

Target Jobs guide to working abroad: www.targetjobs.co.uk/careers-advice/working-abroad

Target Jobs answer your working abroad queries and point you in the direction of useful sources of information on working and living abroad in specific countries. Find information on language requirements, where you can work, job hunting tips, application methods and visa basics.

Going Global: www.careers.qmul.ac.uk/options/goingglobal

Going Global is an information portal with resources covering countries across the world. Topics include job search sources, work permit/visa regulations, CV writing guidelines and examples, employment trends, salary ranges, networking groups, cultural/interviewing advice...and much more!

Study Abroad

The Global Opportunities office here at Queen Mary can give you further information about doing a semester abroad in another country. Although this will be to study abroad, it will give you the chance to experience the country and language.

International job sites, search and apply for live vacancies worldwide:

www.jobboardfinder.net/en
www.gradlinkuk.com