

International - Australia/Australasia



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American Institute for Foreign Study (AIFS Australia) Professional Internship Australia

AIFS organizes cultural exchange programs throughout the world for more than 40,000 students and young people each year. AIFS provides QUALITY Internships with Companies that wish to provide a valuable and good experience to the Intern. We tailor your Internship to your needs and skills to make sure you get the most out of your experience in Australia. We currently have Internships available within Fashion Design, Marketing, Public Relations, Advertisement, Radio, Administration, Occupational Therapy, Social Work, Journalism, Graphic Design, Market Research.. and many, many others! Program is available to all nationalities, aged between 18 and 30 years old. Length of Internship vary from 4 weeks up to 1 year.

Contact: internship@aifsaustralia.com, www.internshipaustralia.com.au

AustraLearn - Custom Designed Internships

The North American Center for Australian Universities cooperates with Global Internships Services in Brisbane to place suitable candidates in professional development internships lasting six to 52 weeks. Focus: diversity of fields such as International Business, Sports and Fitness, Marine Biology, Education, Public Policy, Public Relations, and more. Available to all interested students (undergraduate and graduate) and working professionals. Academic credit can be arranged through home university.

Contact: studyabroad@australearn.org, www.australearn.org.

Australian Internships

Interns are placed with research teams, Australian employers, political administrations, etc., for periods ranging from 6 weeks to a year. The positions are unpaid. Homestay accommodations are included. Placement is arranged to suit the individual provided 4 months notice is given. Most placements are in Queensland or New South Wales. Fields: marine and wildlife biology, business, etc. No academic credit offered. Unlimited internships. Prerequisites: a) High School Graduates, b) Professional Development for Graduates and Junior/Senior college students.

Contact: studyabroad.msu.edu/programs/auspoliceintern.html

Australian Studies and Humanities Program

The Australian Studies and Humanities Program emphasizes cross-cultural communication, history, liberal arts, humanities, business and economics, international relations, foreign languages and other academic and professional discipline. Students also have the opportunity to volunteer in community service projects and intern at local companies and organizations. Visual and Performing Arts, Environmental and Ecological Studies, Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Programs are also available.

Contact: www.knowledgeexchange.org

Boston University Internship Programs in Europe and Worldwide

Programs which combines academic study and work experience in Europe and worldwide. See the internship program in Sydney, Australia, and the internship program in Auckland, New Zealand web sites for details.

BUNAC: Work Australia

Work Australia is a program authorized by the Australian Government to allow young Americans (aged 18-30) to travel and work in Australia for up to four months. The Australian sponsor is IEP (International Exchange Programs) and the program is administered in America by BUNAC on behalf of IENA (International Exchange of North America) which in turn sponsors Australian student exchanges to the USA. Once you are in Australia, IEP provides on-the-spot backup and support.

The special 416 visa that will be issued to you gives you a great deal of flexibility. You can take any job anywhere in Australia; you can pre-arrange your job or look after arrival – it's your choice. You are expected to work for one employer throughout your work period, although some employers may be able to offer jobs in several locations.

At the end of the four months, you may want to apply to change your status to visitor. This would allow you to stay for an additional three month's travel but you would not be able to work. To be eligible for a visitor visa, you will need to show that you have no intention of working and that you have sufficient funds to support yourself for three months. The cost of the three month visitor visa is currently A\$150.

Contact: enquiries@bunacusa.org
www.bunac.org/usa/workaustralia

Earthwise Living Foundation ELFNZ Custom Built Internships throughout New Zealand

Our Internship programs are custom-built around EVERY single individual student! Rather than travel passively as tourists, through ELFNZ people can work on organic farms, wildlife sanctuaries, offshore National Parks, hospitals and schools, or undertake professional internships across an unlimited range of vocations, like: medicine, biology, law, teaching, conservation, carpentry, hospitality, photography, arts, ... and more!

Contact: info@elfnz.com
www.elfnz.com

Full Curriculum or International Internship Program in Sydney, Australia

CEA students may choose either the Full Curriculum Program, which allows you to further your studies in almost any major while living in the suburbs of Sydney, or the International Internship Program, designed for students who want to gain valuable experience in the workplace while also earning academic credit. Both options are offered at Macquarie University. For more information, contact the **Cultural Experiences Abroad web site**.

Global Choices -Internships in Australia

The Internship Programme will guarantee you entry to Australia's leading organizations. Global Choices ensures that you receive training compatible with your employment and /or educational history. Australian Internship Programme is your guaranteed entry to professional work experience in Australia. You will have the option of working from a minimum of one month up to a period of 12 months as an intern with the host Australian employer.

Paid Hospitality Internships in Australia

The Internship Programme will guarantee you entry to Australia's leading organisations. Global Choices ensures that you receive training compatible with your employment and /or educational history. Australian Internship Programme is your guaranteed entry to professional work experience in Australia. More information and Online Application Form: www.globalchoices.co.uk/Programs/render.php?program_id=269.

Contact: placements@globalchoices.co.uk
www.globalchoices.co.uk

Global Experiences -Work and Travel in Australia

We provide you with access to an online database of jobs to help fund your travels, and give you the support you need to plan your trip, arrange visas and have the assistance you need to get a job abroad.

Contact: admin@globalexperiences.com
www.globalexperiences.com

Globetrotters Education Consulting Inc.

Unpaid internships lasting 4-12 weeks arranged in New Zealand and short-term working adventures in Australia.

Contact: IPickering, Ontario Canada; 416-565-4420;

laura@globetrotterseducation.ca
www.globetrotterseducation.ca

IELTA: International Language Assistant Intern

We have an on-going need for interns from age 18 to come to Macao and assist us with English teaching programs while having fun exploring a new culture. We give you part time work and assist with housing. We seek a three-month commitment, and can work with your educational institution to document your service learning project.

Contact: gjk@ielta.org
www.ielta.org



Internships for the Adventurous in Asia

Scuba diving internship program courses in Pattaya, Thailand, Asia. The internships are not just for the scuba diver that wishes to go professional and become a divemaster or instructor through the IDC and IE training but also for the divers that wish to go the technical path or maybe to the Master Scuba diver rating - the highest PADI non professional dive rating. In addition, our TEFL Certificate certifies you to teach in Thailand and worldwide. Our course focuses on the dynamics of teaching English, specifically to Thai and Asian learners.

Contact: Learn@Learn-in-Asia.com
www.learn-in-asia.com.

ISPC (International Student Placement Centre)

Internships and work experience placements for international students. ISPC has about 2,000 companies in its database. Fees start at AU\$1,300 (\$1,026) for placements of up to 6 weeks, AU\$1,600 (\$1,262) for 12 weeks, AU\$1,800 (\$1,420) for up to 26 weeks.

Contact: Level 6, 32 York St., Sydney NSW 2000
011-61-2 9279-0100, fax. 011-61-2-9279-1028
info@ispc.com.au, www.ispc.com.au.

Kingsbrook USA Inc. Paid internships in hotels and catering in Australia for up to 12 months.

Contact: Augustine, FL ;904-461-4291
Kbamericainc@aol.com
www.kingsbrookusa.com.

The Nambu Foundation

A non-profit organization which allows outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to participate in a two month internship at a Japanese company. The internship provides the student with valuable opportunities to learn Japanese business practices and to receive on-the-job-training. Since the start of the program in 1987, over 280 students have had the unique experience of working for a Japanese company. Nambu Foundation interns will be provided with the following: 160,000/month; Round-trip airfare up to \$1000; Company-sponsored housing; Work-related travel expenses.

Contact: www.nambufound.com

Princeton in Asia -PiA

supports young teachers and professionals working in China, Japan, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam.

Contact: www.princeton.edu/%7Eepia.

Professional Internships in Australia

ISPC specializes in Internships across Australia in all industries. We can tailor an internship program to suit the individual circumstances of each applicant and the required outcomes.

Contact: arthur.loucas@ispc.com.au

www.ispc.com.au/For_Interns/intern_opportunities.php

Queenstown Resort College -Spirit of Queenstown Internship Programme

Queenstown Resort College offers paid job placements in the tourism and hospitality industry. All placements are in Queenstown, New Zealand's premier tourist destination and adventure capital of the world.

Contact: admissions@queenstownresortcollege.com,
www.queenstownresortcollege.com

SUNY-Brockport -Internships in Australia

Varied internship opportunities throughout Australia with the prestigious SUNY Program.

Contact: www.brockportabroad.com.

Univ. of the Sunshine Coast -Internships in Australia

Australia's newest university offers students a truly Australian experience. Located 1 hour from Brisbane, on the Sunshine Coast, USC offers courses in a wide range of disciplines, outstanding faculty, small classes, individualized attention, strong program of support services and cultural activities. Internships available with the required prior academic preparation. Student apartments adjacent to campus.

Contact: studyabroad@cortland.edu
www.cortlandabroad.com/profiles/austintern.html

To Find the Best Working Experiences, "Go Bush"

by Lisa Pontefract traveled in several countries for a few years after university, working at odd jobs along the way. She now lives in London, where she is a geography teacher and travels during her holidays

After three demoralizing weeks job-hunting in Perth, I had decided to continue my search for employment further south. It seemed nothing short of an act of God when I came across an advertisement on a small-town



hostel notice board that said “Wanted: Deckhand. No experience necessary.”

Twenty four hours and a crash-course on the characteristics of bottlenose dolphins later, I was barefoot on the deck of a boat with the sun in my face. As I recited facts to tourists, dolphins splashed playfully alongside us, and I was having trouble believing my luck in finding this job when I’d missed out on so many dull ones in Perth.

This was to be the first of many experiences that taught me there are two reasons why the best option when looking for temporary work in Australia is to head out of the main cities. First, the increase in the number of working-holiday visas granted to foreigners over the years has meant that when the majority of working-travelers are lured to work in the cities by the twin temptations of nightlife and higher wages, they find fierce competition for the temporary positions available. They also find a much higher cost of living. This can mean that a planned four weeks of working to save for a trip to the outback can often turn into two months of job-hunting and then working in a job you could have done at home, never having saved enough to move on and see the country you’ve traveled all that way to experience.

Secondly, particularly along the East Coast, the well-worn traveler trail is so crowded that it is possible to move from place to place without ever meeting an Australian, and without actually experiencing any of the things that make the country so unique. By traveling further and finding temporary work in more rural areas, you often get a much deeper experience of the country as you come into closer contact with communities, and learn new skills that you may never have acquired at home. Through taking various jobs in small, usually bizarrely named rural towns as I traveled, I found myself on various occasions trying to reverse a tractor out of a ditch, learning the best way to prune vines in order for better grapes to grow, and serving rum to rowdy sugar cane farmers as they celebrated the cut-out (last day of cane harvest).

Working in places other travelers usually bypass enabled me to become part of local communities. I experienced things at a much more personal level than I would have had I just been passing through.

At different times I was taken out on boats on to the reef and up-river crocodile spotting, received invites to hog-roasts and “bush barbecues,” and partied with an entire small-town rugby team. I also learned a huge amount about Australia and the challenges rural Australians face from the friends I made, many of whom I am still in touch with today.

Temporary work in Australia doesn’t have to be an impediment to your travels; in fact, it can make the difference between just passing through, and truly experiencing the country. It’s just a question of knowing what opportunities are out there, and where to look for them.

Outback Jobs

Employment opportunities on ranches/cattle stations range from Jackaroo/Jillaroo (male/female cowboy) positions, where you learn the basics of cattle rustling, lasso-ing, and horse riding to

housekeeping, maintenance work, or rustling up culinary delights as a camp-cook. In addition to learning new skills in the true outback, it provides an experience of how people live when the nearest shop may be a 2-hour helicopter ride away.

Positions are advertised through magazines such as TNT, city agencies, or hostel notice boards. Jack/Jillaroo courses are often held in main cities, where for a fee you can pick up the basics before heading off to work.

Tour and Dive Jobs

If the word “Australia” conjures up images of sparkling seas and multi-colored reefs, employment is possible as a deckhand, dive-instructor, or surf leader. Usually, monetary payment is replaced with the opportunity to learn or improve a skill or gain a qualification, such as a PADI diving certificate, in addition to the provision of room and board. These positions are not often advertised, instead they are generally found through inquiries at dive shops, hostels, tour offices, and even at the harbor-side itself. Opportunities are more numerous on the East Coast, especially around the Barrier Reef, where the tourist season lasts year-round. Hard work and long hours are standard, though for many the opportunity to pursue an activity they love and advance their qualifications in a beautiful environment makes it more than worthwhile.

Fruit-Picking / Farm Work

At the bottom of the list for glamor, and often for pay, farm work is not without its benefits. Australia’s sheer size and varying climate means that at any one time there will be a harvest of something somewhere, and the country has a huge demand for seasonal farm workers to maintain and harvest crops each year. By filling the gaps in the workforce you can guarantee finding work at short notice, with no short supply of hours during the time you are there. Jobs range from picking fruit and pruning vines to laying pipes and driving tractors. Work can be boring, repetitive, and at times downright back-breaking, but the sense of satisfaction from looking back at a field full of fence posts you’ve erected, or the sight of the sun rising over the horizon as you arrive at work in the morning are things that you are unlikely to forget in a hurry.

Bar Work

The casual work of choice for many travelers is bartending, but it is not easy to land a job unless you can flip, shake, and stir like Tom Cruise in Cocktail. For those with a sense of adventure, however, bar work regularly becomes available in roadhouses, outback resorts, and even mines. Compensation usually includes a room (half or full board) and a wage or pocket money on top.

Often hospitality staff are required to hold certification, known as an RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) or RCG (Responsible Conduct of Gambling) before being eligible for employment on licensed premises.

For More Info

Working-Holiday Visa Information



Currently available for four months for U.S. citizens, one year for U.K, Canadian, and German citizens, among other nationalities. To check eligibility or to apply, go to **BUNAC** (www.bunac.org) or STA Travel (www.statravel.com).

Recently amended immigration law means that any traveler on a year's working-holiday visa who spends three months or more as a farm worker in regional Australia (anywhere outside of the major population centers) is now eligible to apply for a second working-holiday visa, if her or she still meets the original requirements.

Harvest Trail: search for seasonal job opportunities on the following Australian government website: www.jobsearch.gov.au/HarvestTrail. Also look at the "National Harvest Guide" on this site for a complete overview of harvesting seasons by region, as well as for information on housing, transportation, and working conditions.

Worldwide Workers (www.worktravelcompany.com.au): the largest employment agency for overseas travelers. Agencies in Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne. One-off payment for membership provides access to all job listings, as well as advice on accommodation, certification, etc.

TNT Magazine (www.tntmagazine.com.au): This state-by-state publication—available free from hostels, hotels, and pubs—is primarily geared toward British and other European travelers, but it has a good job section open to all, and it provides useful travel advice pages.

Newspapers: Weekly or bi-weekly job sections can be useful, though again competition for vacancies tends to be fierce, and the choice fairly restricted.

Visitoz Scheme (www.visitoz.org): Ranch offering Jackaroo/Jillaroo courses; then assists in placing its participants in employment.

For More Info:

Apply for a Working Holiday Visa: www.immi.gov.au/visitors/working-holiday/417/index.htm.

Find cheap, reliable accommodations throughout Australia: www.yha.com.au/australia/hostels [work.cfm](http://www.work.cfm).

Find casual work in Australia: www.services.unimelb.edu.au/international/visas/.

Worked in Australia? Get your tax back: www.taxback.com.

