Post-Graduate Transitional Programs

What is a transitional program?

• A six-month to two-year structured program with a defined application and selection process.

• An opportunity for service learning, to explore a career field, or to gain experience before starting graduate or professional school.

• Transitional programs may pay a salary, a stipend or help pay back student loans.

Tips for finding a program:

• Fellowships, Internship and One-Year Service are terms for some transitional programs; make sure to read eligibility requirements before applying.

• Know your personal needs regarding:
  - Benefits
  - Housing
  - Location (cities, states, international)

• Start early! Most programs have deadlines in January and February, but some are as early as November.

Post graduate transitional programs are offered in virtually every area of interest. Here are a few examples of programs and ways to search for more information.

**Americorps** – National Program
**California Senate Fellows** – Government
**Coro** – Public Policy, Community
**Green Corps** – Environmental
**Hillel Programs** – Faith Based
**Jesuit Volunteer Corps** – Faith Based
**Justice Corps** – Community
**NIH Academy Fellow** – Health
**New Voices** – Nonprofit Training
**New York City Teaching Fellows** – Education
**Peace Corps** – International
**Public Affairs Reporting Program** – Government
**Seattle Rep Post-Grad Internship** – Theater
**Teach for America** – Education

**CAREERlink Search**

Follow these steps to search for a transitional program:
1. Log into CAREERlink at www.careers.wustl.edu
2. Click on the My Jobs tab
3. In the field for keywords, type “transitional” and the search button

**Other Useful Web sites:**

• **Americorps Program**
  www.americorps.org
• **Environmental Careers Organization**
  www.eco.org
• **Independent Sector**
  www.independentsector.org
• **Non-Profit Job Information**
  www.idealist.org/career/oneyearservice.html
• **Peace Corps Programs**
  www.peacecorps.org

**Sample Transitional Programs**

This is just a sampling of transitional programs listed in eRecruiting. Log on today to find the most up-to-date information.

**City Year**

This transitional program is a national service program which unites young adults from diverse racial, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds for a year of full-time community service, leadership development and civic engagement.

**Congressional Hunger Center**

Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellows program is designed to expose recent graduates to grassroots and national level advocacy issues. The first six months consist of working for urban or rural community based organization that is fighting hunger in their own neighborhood. The second six months is spent in Washington, D.C. working on the anti-hunger and poverty movement at the national level within nonprofit organizations.
The Coro Fellows Program is an experienced based, leadership training program in Public Affairs. The nine-month program provides the opportunity for Fellows to work closely with individuals and institutions that influence life in the public, private, and non-profit sectors in five national locations.

Japanese Exchange Teaching Programme
There are two types of positions offered by the JET Program. One may apply for either of the two positions, but not both. CIRS (Coordinator for International Relations) are placed in offices of local authorities or related organizations and engage in international exchange activities (must have some Japanese language skills). ALTs (Assistant Language Teacher) participate in language instruction in local boards of education or public junior and senior high schools (language skills not required).

Metropolitan Museum of Art
Post Graduate Interns are placed in one of the Museum’s departments for six months, where they work on projects that suit their academic background, professional skills, and career goals.

The Steppingstone Academy
The Steppingstone Fellowship is a paid, 26-month teaching and administrative experience designed to expose motivated and talented recent college graduates to several aspects of careers in education. The Steppingstone Academy is designed to identify educationally underprivileged fourth and fifth graders and prepare them to enter and succeed at Boston’s top independent and public exam schools in the sixth and seventh grades, respectively.

Student Conservation Association
The Student Conservation Association fosters lifelong stewardship of the environment by offering opportunities for education, leadership and personal development while providing the highest quality public service in natural resource management, cultural preservation, environmental protection and conservation.

Turner Entertainment
Turner Trainees are offered hands-on learning experience via an 11-month program in Atlanta which includes Turner Entertainment’s leading divisions: TBS Turner Classic Movies, Turner South, Cartoon Network, and Network Operations.