

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.
- Talk with program alumni. One of the best ways to learn about programs is directly from those who have participated. Ask the program representative for alumni referrals.

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
Inner-City Teaching Corps – Education
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
Seattle Rep Post-Grad Internship – Theater
Teach for America – Education
Venture for America – Business / Entrepreneurship

CAREERLINK SEARCH

Follow these steps to search for a transitional program:

1. Log into CAREERlink at www.careercenter.wustl.edu
2. Click on the My Jobs tab
3. In the field for keywords, type "transitional" and use 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.idealists.org/career/oneyearservice.html
- Peace Corps Programs – www.peacecorps.org



SAMPLE TRANSITIONAL PROGRAMS

This is just a sampling of transitional programs students have done in the past.

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.

Coro

The Coro Fellows Program is an experience 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.

Peace Corps

Over 9,000 Peace Corps volunteers and trainees are working with community members in countries around the globe to meet their development needs. With a Peace Corps recruiter's office located inside the Career Center, Washington University hosts informational events for those interested in service throughout the year. You can learn about these events by visiting www.peacecorps.gov/events and searching by location.

For a more comprehensive list of programs, visit the Career Center in DUC 110 or call (314) 935-5930 to schedule an appointment to discuss possible transitional programs.

