

# International Careers | Student Guide

Each year, 30% of UChicago student jobs and internships are international experiences! International career paths span a wide range of industries and roles. They include opportunities in global business, international development, diplomacy, education, research, journalism, and more. Whether through public service, private enterprise, or multilateral organizations, international careers allow you to engage with global challenges and cross-cultural collaboration. These paths are as diverse as student interests and skill sets, offering both short-term experiences and long-term professional trajectories abroad.

## FIRST THINGS FIRST

*Take the first steps toward gaining global experience and preparing for a career abroad:*

- **[Schedule an appointment](#)** on Handshake with Chiara Montanari, who helps students pursuing opportunities abroad
- **Subscribe to the [International Careers newsletter](#)** for events, programs, and global job opportunities
- **Choose a country or region of interest** and [explore industries](#) that align with your goals
- **Apply for an [international trek](#)** to learn about global trends — this year's treks include Beijing, Berlin, Istanbul, London, Jakarta, and Sao Paulo
- **Clarify your goals** by determining if you're aiming for short-term experience or a global career
- **Enroll in a language course** to build communication skills and cultural fluency
- **Join a cultural [student group](#) or attend global events** to deepen your understanding of your target region
- **To subscribe to Career Advancement's events calendar**, [copy this calendar feed URL](#) and add to any calendar application. Contact [Career Advancement](#) with any questions.

## BUILD YOUR SKILLS

*Develop the knowledge and skills you need to succeed in an international career:*

- **Network with alumni living and working abroad** to gain insight into global career paths and local work culture
- **Build in-depth knowledge of your industry in your target country** by following local developments, reading industry publications, and understanding market trends and key players
- **Understand hiring practices and workplace norms** specific to the country, including job search timelines, application expectations, and professional etiquette
- **Practice the local language** as many international roles require advanced language skills
- **Spend time abroad through [full immersion professional programs](#)**
  - Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Program (Hangzhou, China) | Green Energy and Language
  - Doing Business In the Middle East (Cairo, Egypt) | Business, Finance, Innovation
  - Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth Fellows (New Delhi, India) | Sustainability and Innovation
- **Explore the [Jeff Metcalf Internship Program](#)** to find paid, substantive internships around the world

## GET READY

*Pursuing an international opportunity also takes thoughtful planning and preparation.*

- **Understand visa requirements** for your destination, including timelines, fees, and required documentation
- **Start your housing search early** — finding a place abroad may take longer due to different rental processes and limited availability.
- **Prepare for health and medical needs**, including securing international health insurance, confirming access to any prescription medications, and bringing documentation if needed
- **Create a financial plan** that accounts for travel, housing, daily expenses, exchange rates, and emergency costs
- **Be aware of slower timelines abroad** as government services, university processes, and even routine tasks may take longer than you're used to in the U.S.
- **Track your deadlines carefully:** logistical steps often depend on each other and take time to coordinate

## SET YOUR PLAN INTO MOTION

*Take concrete steps to pursue your international career*

- **Explore global employers**, including multinational companies with international offices
- **Look into international organizations** like the [UN](#), [FAO](#), [WHO](#), [WB](#), and more
- **Use career databases** such as [Eurodesk](#), [Blue Book Traineeship](#), and LinkedIn to search for roles
- **Attend international career fairs:** Explore options at [European Job Days](#), [The Beat | Asia](#), [EFinanceCareers25](#)

# INTERNATIONAL CAREERS

## EVENTS

### Fall Quarter

- Sept. 29 | Fall Career Fair
- Sept. 30 | Meet the UChicago Champions Employer Networking
- Sept. 30 | Student Employment 101: Jobs, Work-Study & Community Connections
- Oct. 7 | Resumes for Policy Careers and Student Employment
- Oct. 8 | Campus Research and Employment
- Oct. 13 | Hack the Tech Recruiting Process
- Oct. 14 | Recruiting Roadmap for Corporate & Leadership Rotational Programs
- Oct. 15 | Careers in CS Fall Hackathon
- Oct. 15 & 20 | Night on Wall Street
- Oct. 17 | Recruiting Roadmap for Finance
- Oct. 20 | Exploring Future Careers
- Nov. | University of Cambridge Info Session
- Nov. 13 | Business Office Hours
- Nov. 21 - 23 | Boston Career Forum, job fair for Japanese - English bilinguals
- Nov. 24 | UChicago APAC Healthcare Investment Competition
- Dec. 15-19 | Winter Break Treks
- Dec. 15-19 | Winter Break Job Shadowing

### Winter Quarter

- Jan. 8 | Dine and Define Your Summer Plans
- Jan. 20 | Summer 2027 Consulting Recruiting Roadmap
- Jan. 20 | Revamping Your Cover Letter
- Jan. 21 | Acing the Interview
- Jan. 25 | Digital Assets Trading Competition
- Jan. 30 | Consulting Case Interview Workshop
- Feb. 4 | Beyond the Clinic Healthcare Innovation workshop
- Feb. 26 - Mar. 1 | MIT European Career Fair
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Treks
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Job Shadowing

### Spring Quarter

- Mar. 30 - Apr. 4 | Careers in the Arts & Humanities Week
- Apr. 9 | Summer 2027 Consulting Recruiting Roadmap
- Apr. 23 | Corporate & Rotational Programs Summer 2027 Recruiting Roadmap
- Apr. 24 | Excel Essentials Bootcamp
- May 1 | Consulting Symposium
- Apr. 28 | Internship Best Practices Workshop

### Summer Quarter

- July | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Program (Hangzhou, China)
- July | Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth Fellows Program (New Delhi, India)
- Aug. | China Career Fairs (Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong)
- Sept. | Doing Business in the Middle East (Cairo, Egypt)
- Sept. | Summer Treks

## UPCOMING DEADLINES

### Summer Quarter

- Aug. 27 | UChicago APAC Healthcare Investment Competition

### Fall Quarter

- Oct. 13 | Winter Break Treks Deadline
- Oct. 24 | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Application
- Oct. 26 | Human Rights Summer Internship Program
- Nov. 3 | Fall Deadline: 4+1 Programs
- Nov. 10 | Winter Break Job Shadowing
- Nov. 14 | Wanxiang Ambassador Fellows Application

### Winter Quarter

- Jan. 12 | Winter Deadline: 4+1 Programs
- Jan. 20 | Spring Break Treks Deadline
- Jan. 21 | Peace Corps Volunteer Application
- Jan. 25 | Digital Assets Trading Competition
- Feb. 17 | Spring Break Job Shadowing
- Mar. 1 | ICSG Fellows Program
- Mar. 8 | Doing Business in the Middle East
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Treks
- Mar. 16-20 | Spring Break Job Shadowing

### Spring Quarter

- Apr. 13 | Spring Deadline: 4+1 Programs
- Apr. 14 | Global Health Scholars Program
- Apr. 15 | Selective Career Cohorts



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