



MyWorldAbroad – Introduction

Interested in living or working abroad? Considering visiting a far off country at some time in near the future? Welcome to **MyWorldAbroad!**

MyWorldAbroad is an online resource designed to inform students of educational and professional opportunities on the global scale. It is a **free** subscription resource, purchased and provided by the Centers for Career Development and Global Education, and the Vernon & Doris Bishop Library.

The site contains over four thousand searchable resources, three hundred expert articles, and student accounts of time spent internationally for a variety of purposes in a variety of fields. As this suggests, MyWorldAbroad is expansive and can be overwhelming. MyWorldAbroad is structured around four key, overarching sections—**‘What Do You Want to Do?’**, **‘The 4 Big Things,’** **‘Top Resources,’** and **‘MyWorldBlog’**—which can then be divided into smaller sections. The following pages will examine each while providing a broad overview of their content.

Access MyWorldAbroad through the Center for Career Development’s website, or type in this link for direct access: <http://www.lvc.edu/career-development/big-guide-login.aspx>

The screenshot shows the Lebanon Valley College website with a navigation bar at the top. The main content area features a large image of three people in an office setting. Below the image, the text reads: "MyWorldAbroad Global career skills start here!". A red circle highlights the link "Click here to register for free!". To the right of this link is a larger red button that says "Click here to register!". Below this is a disclaimer and a red circle around the "MY WORLD ABROAD" logo with the tagline "Global career skills start here.". At the bottom, a red button says "Click here to log-in!".

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Before continuing any further, take note:

When logging into MyWorldAbroad; **students must enter their entire e-mail address.**

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Section 1: *What Do You Want to Do?*

This section is comprised of articles that are most beneficial for students who are pressed for time or simply need introductory information.

Basically, the *What Do you Want to Do* section:

- Is a summarization of key information in its most basic form,
- Establishes a basis for the rest of the information in the site

What Do You Want to Do? can be further broken down into the following ten categories:

1. Work Abroad: Basics
2. Work Abroad: Advanced
3. Intern Abroad
4. Volunteer Abroad
5. Working Vacations
6. Teach English Abroad
7. Travel Abroad
8. Study Abroad
9. Learn a Language
10. Build International Skills

 <p>Work Abroad: Basics</p> <p>Challenge yourself! Open the doorway to exciting international opportunities and build the fundamental skill set that will make you successful.</p>	 <p>Work Abroad: Advanced</p> <p>Take your career to the next level! If you're serious about your international career trajectory, it's time to put on your research cap, ramp up your job search and build a killer resume.</p>
 <p>Intern Abroad</p> <p>Broaden your perspective while wearing a business suit. An internship abroad can give your international outlook – and your career – a major boost.</p>	 <p>Volunteer Abroad</p> <p>Whether you're determined to save the planet or you just want to have an enriching international adventure, volunteering abroad is an exciting and rewarding way to experience another country.</p>
 <p>Working Vacations</p> <p>Tap into your entrepreneurial personality, take control of your international experiences and build key career skills while soaking up the cultural riches of the world!</p>	 <p>Teach English Abroad</p> <p>With a billion people in the world who want to learn English, the doors are wide open for native English-speakers to teach abroad and fulfill their international objectives.</p>
 <p>Travel Abroad</p> <p>Experience the diverse cultures of the world! Set the wheels in motion for your next journey abroad and open yourself up to the many opportunities for cross-cultural learning that await you.</p>	 <p>Study Abroad</p> <p>Change your life in a single semester! Studying abroad is the quickest and most effective way to build cross-cultural skills and expand your personal and professional horizons.</p>
 <p>Learn A Language</p> <p>Fall in love with languages! Knowing two or more languages proves to international employers that you are capable, adaptable and committed to working internationally.</p>	 <p>Build International Skills</p> <p>Being a truly international person requires more than just want/serious! Your international skill set will set you apart from the crowd.</p>

Section 1, continued: *What Do You Want to Do?*

Home » What do you want to do? » Work Abroad: Basics

Work Abroad: Basics

Share this     Do you have a question? 

Challenge yourself, open the doorway to international opportunities, and build the fundamental skill set that will make you successful. No matter what type of go abroad program you choose, living in a foreign country will allow you to soak up a new culture and start learning how a global workplace really functions. Build fundamental cross-cultural skills, boost your career and engage with the world in a professional context.



- 1. What You Should Know First**
 - The Ideal International Profile
 - Debunking The Myths About How Young Professionals Find International Work
 - Important Skills For The International Job Search
 - Targeting And Researching International Jobs
 - Your Online Presence
- 3. All You Need To Know About Working Abroad**
 - The All-Important International Elevator Pitch
 - An Inventory Of Cross-Cultural Skills
 - Marketing Your International Experience To Employers
 - Sample Resumes From MyWorldAbroad
- 2. Find Work Abroad Now**
 - All Job Boards (363)
 - ARTICLE: Resources For Finding International Work
- 4. Find Career-Building Experiences Abroad Now**
 - RESOURCES: Working Vacation Resources (55)

The format for each of these categories is the same, and is organized around the same two areas:

- Each category contains a “What You Should Know First” (1) area and an area (2) to “Find _____ Now”

Some sections have an additional third area:

- A variation on “All You Need to Know About...” (3)

Work Abroad: Basics, Work Abroad: Advanced, and Volunteer Abroad each have an additional fourth area that provides students with additional articles or resources. (4)

Keep in mind that this collection of articles provides only the most basic information, so it is important that you continue exploring the next section: **The 4 Big Things**. *Note, there will be some overlap between these two sections.*



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Section 2: *The 4 Big Things*

MyWorldAbroad is designed around a multi-layered organizational system; therefore there are numerous access points to this section's content throughout the site.

The most important thing to know about *The 4 Big Things* section:

- 100% of the site's content is accessible through links found throughout this section!

The 4 Big Things can be broken down into the following two categories:

1. While in School
2. While Looking for Work

While in School

1. *International Skills*
 - a. A building block for the other sections and areas on the site.
 - b. Instructs students on how to understand and speak professionally about their skills.
2. *Getting Experience*
 - a. Helps students develop a *career perspective* while abroad in order to maximize the career value from their study abroad experience.

While Looking for Work

3. *Finding Work*
 - a. Provides a universal approach to international job hunting while noting the differences among the higher-level professions.
 - b. Composed of a mixture of overarching information and specific examples (i.e. resumes) for a variety of positions and fields.
4. *The Professions*
 - a. Describes themes and tips for specific professions.

Section 2, continued: *The 4 Big Things*

When students click on any of these areas, they will see the following screen:

Home > The 4 Big Things > International Skills > Jump to Content

International Skills

1. The Effective Overseas Employee
Myths & Realities
Living Overseas
Women Living & Working Overseas
The North American Identity
Re-Entry

Jump to Content...

Choose a topic from the menu on the left.
Start anywhere! Pick the section that interests you the most, or pick up where you left off.

2. Show Full Menu

...or Browse all of *International Skills*

In a *RUSH*? Read These First!

- The Four Parts to Acquiring Global Career Skills Q&A
- Why You Need International Skills
- What Is Your International IQ?
- Skills For Succeeding Abroad
- Showcasing International Skills In Your Resume
- Are You Ready For Life Abroad?
- Understanding Culture Shock
- What To Expect With Re-Entry Shock
- Women In The International Workplace
- Understanding The North American Identity
- The World Online

3.

1. This information and the information in '2' are the same; however, '2' shows all the articles at once, on one page, and is easier to manage organizationally. This information is presented in a drop-down format.
2. This information and the information in '1' are the same; however, this page presents the articles in as a list, not a series of drop-down options.
3. This information links back to the same, foundational information students would have read in the **What Do You Want to Do?** Section. As a reminder, this is a brief overview of the most essential and basic information.

Note: this format is the same for all four of the aforementioned four areas (*International Skills*, *Getting Experience*, *Finding Work*, and *The Professions*).



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Section 3: *Top Resources*

Whether you're trying to track down an internship, plan a backpacking adventure or find an online forum for expats, MyWorldAbroad has got what you're looking for. In the ***Top Resources*** section, there is a collection of the most popular resources, arranged into six topics:

1. *Job Boards* - Students will find international job boards in a variety of fields, each of which is categorized by field.
2. *Intern Abroad* - Find listings of international internship opportunities.
3. *Volunteer Abroad* - Explore listings of international volunteer opportunities.
4. *Working Vacations, Teaching English* - Browse a variety of job boards for those considering a working vacation or teaching while abroad, as well as international job boards for freelancers (i.e. designers, programmers, writers, artists, and other similar fields).
5. *Travel Smarts* - Search sites containing practical and factual information, ranging from overarching *country facts* to specific, individual details such as inexpensive travel agencies.
6. *Country Guides, International IQ* - Discover cultural and factual resources designed to assist them in building their knowledge about world regions and the latest significant events.

Each of these categories is organized in an identical manner:



Note: While these are not directly jobs themselves, they link to the most important information, such as where the website's job listings can be found.

MyWorldAbroad Section 4: MyWorldBlog

MyWorldBlog serves to familiarize students with the resources found throughout the site, striving to make it less overwhelming. It is pre-organized into categories so that it is easy to find interest-specific information.

Every few days, the site will highlight an article on *Stories from Abroad* (written first-hand by individuals who have travelled abroad) or *Top Tips* (spotlighting or directing you to information that is already available in MyWorldAbroad).



MyWorldBlog

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Top Tips: Going International with the US Government

Posted on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 - 11:27 in [Top Tips](#), [The Professions](#)



With more than 1.6 million civilian employees, the US Government is the largest employer in the country. There are many ways to build internationally-oriented careers within the governmental system; and in the US Government section on the main MyWorldAbroad site (for registered users), we outline five possible career focuses: international affairs, development, intelligence, trade and the military. Applying to government jobs is different than the private sector. The tips below will help provide some insight to the recruitment process. Top Tips Connections go a long way: Hiring is...

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Individual accounts of life abroad

Stories from Abroad: Getting Settled in Seoul

Posted on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 - 04:45 in [Stories from Abroad](#), [Teach Abroad](#)



Sarah already had some international teaching experience in Europe under her belt, but wanted to take things a step further by living and working somewhere completely different. Traveling with her partner to teach ESL in South Korea, Sarah learned that the best way to feel at home in a foreign culture is to dive in and participate.

Read more in the [Stories from Abroad](#) section. Been abroad? Tell us about it!

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In A Rush? Read These Articles First



These carefully chosen articles will lead you to our most important go abroad strategies!

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Stories from Abroad

Written by Lebanon Valley College Students!

Do you have any top tips to prepare for a study abroad term?

Yes! I call it the three c's: confidence, creativity, and comfy shoes! Confidence: Trust in yourself and keep an open mind. Creativity: Find ways to adapt to new and often surprising situations. Comfy shoes: Pretty much self-explanatory! There



[Ashley](#)
Studied in Spain
Lebanon Valley College
[Read her Story From Abroad](#)

Her thoughts on Homestays

“ What surprised me the most about my time abroad was the home-stay component. It had been the part that, at first, worried me the most, but it ended up being the most rewarding. ”



[Lacy](#)
Studied in New Zealand
Lebanon Valley College
[Read her Story From Abroad](#)

Her thoughts on Boosting Your Career

“ I knew studying abroad would stand out on my résumé and give me a competitive edge when I started looking for work after graduation. ”

Did you participate in extra-curricular or social activities abroad? If so, how did they differ from social activities in your home culture?

The social activity I participated in the most was going out to the clubs in town. In New Zealand going to town is what young adults, especially students, do on Thursday and Saturday nights, so I had to embrace that part of the culture. Since I was only 20 while in New Zealand, going out to bars and having a few drinks with 18, 19, and other 20-year-olds was definitely a different experience, but always a good time! My fellow American friends and I adjusted very quickly!