

## A Few Places to Look for International Jobs/Jobs in International Relations

1. The Federal Government: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov)

The Federal Government posts most (but not all!) of its job opportunities on USAJobs. This system allows you to fill out or upload a resume and apply online for a number of jobs across different locations and government agencies. (Usually it's best to fill out a resume rather than upload one, but your mileage may vary.) The State Department is usually the first place to look for people interested in international affairs, but remember that many other agencies have international divisions or positions, so be broad in your searches.

2. The Peace Corps: <http://www.peacecorps.gov/>

The Peace Corps is a program by the US government that takes volunteers to serve in a number of different countries around the world. The term of service is 27 months, and volunteers will receive a living stipend during that time and a small sum of money (at this writing, about \$7000) to aid in the transition back home. Note that if you join the Peace Corps, you will not be stationed in Western Europe, Australia, Canada, or New Zealand, and that you cannot choose the country where you will be stationed, though you can request a preference. Also keep in mind that the Peace Corps has been a very popular option, and has become more competitive in the wake of the 2008 recession. The application process is very involved, and it will take you a while to complete.

3. Foreign Service Officer: <http://careers.state.gov/officer/selection-process>

If you would like to work at a US Embassy abroad, then you are interested in a Foreign Service Officer position with the US State Department. While some FSO positions are available through USAJobs, these are domestic positions at the State Department's US headquarters. To work in an embassy abroad, you must take and pass the Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT), which is a free test given 3 times per year in February, June, and October. It can be registered for online at <http://www.act.org/fsot/>. The process of being chosen as an FSO is long and involved, and can take many months of interviews and tests.

4. The CIA: <https://www.cia.gov/careers/opportunities/cia-jobs/index.html>

The CIA does not recruit through USAJobs, so if you are interested in working there you must go to the Agency's webpage and use their system. Not all employees working at the CIA are "spies," contrary to popular belief, and so there are positions in a variety of fields. Keep in mind that due to the need for security, CIA jobs also take a very long time to process and receive - up to one year for the application process.

5. The United Nations: <http://unjobs.org/>

If you want to work at the United Nations, job postings are found at UN Jobs. They cover a wide range of opportunities and locations. Many of these positions want you to be fluent in one UN language (English counts) and have at least limited proficiency if not fluency in another. Which other language they want, if any, will likely be determined by the location of the office and the topic of the particular agency. Many of the interesting UN positions, however, will want you to have either an advanced degree or many years of experience.

6. UN Young Professionals Programme: <https://careers.un.org/lbw/home.aspx?viewtype=NCE>

The UN does have a particular program to recruit new graduates starting out on their career. This program is limited to people under the age of 32, with a university degree, and citizenship in a participating country (the US is one). The top 40 applications in a job family for your country will be allowed to sit the written examination. Like the other application processes above, this is a bureaucratic process that may take a long time.

7. The JET Program: <http://www.jetprogramme.org/> OR <http://www.us.emb-japan.go.jp/JET/>

JET stands for “Japan Teaching and Exchange,” and this program run by the Japanese government does exactly that. Participants work in local Japanese government offices and schools. The vast majority of participants are Assistant Language Teachers who work in local schools teaching English, and you don’t need TESL/TEFL or any outstanding knowledge of Japanese to apply for this position. Many JET participants are assigned to rural areas, so keep in mind that your experience in Japan will likely not be in a large city.

8. Dave’s ESL Café: <http://www.eslcafe.com/>

If you like the idea of teaching English abroad but aren’t sure about Japan or aren’t accepted into the highly competitive JET program, many other opportunities are posted at Dave’s ESL Café. For most of these positions you will need to have or get TESL/TEFL certified (Teaching English as a Second Language/Teaching English as a Foreign Language) in addition to your college degree. Be careful when researching and accepting these positions, as not all places are reputable. Many people get these jobs every year, but you do have to be careful in where you apply and in the terms of your contract.

9. Foreign Policy Association Job Board: <http://www.fpa.org/jobs/>
10. Foreign Affairs Jobs: <http://jobs.foreignaffairs.com/>

The Foreign Policy Association maintains job listings for both international positions and domestic positions dealing with international issues. These can be sorted through based on location, sector, and experience level. *Foreign Affairs* is a journal published by the Council on Foreign Relations, and it has a small job board as well.

11. Idealist: <http://www.idealists.org/>

The Idealist listings are for job and internship opportunities in nonprofit work. Listings are not all international in nature, but there are some international opportunities listed here. If you are interested in international charity work or in improving people’s lives and well-being for a living, these listings may be a good place for you to look.

12. DevEx: <http://www.devex.com/en/jobs/all>
13. DevNet Jobs: <http://devnetjobs.org/>

These sites give job listings for careers in international development. Postings are at all levels of experience, and include both international jobs as well as domestic jobs with international components.