Life After ‘Deis: Year in Service Programs and Resources
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Many short-term opportunities (anywhere from six months to two years) exist for new grads to earn valuable experience, help build their resume, and earn a paycheck while doing it. This document includes an index of service programs and applicable application deadlines. The Hiatt Career Center has a link to this comprehensive index of service programs and job search resources on our Web site at www.brandeis.edu/hiatt. Please remember that Hiatt career services are available throughout the summer and throughout your lifetime. Skype and telephone appointments are available. Contact Hiatt Career Center at hiattcenter@brandeis.edu or 781-736-3618 to schedule an appointment today!

Environmental

Environmental Careers Organization (ECO) http://www.eco.org
Offers paid, short-term, environmental positions nationwide for seniors, graduate students, and entry-level environmental job seekers. Applications accepted year-round based on availability of positions.

Green Corps Environmental Leadership Training Program http://www.greencorps.org
Grass roots organizing for recent grads. A paid, 13-month, full-time field school for environmental organizing and activism. Applications due in January each year.

National Assoc. of Service & Conservation Groups http://www.nascc.org
Serves as an advocate and reference point, and provider of training and technical assistance, for youth service and conservation corps programs around the country. Applications accepted year-round based on state-to-state opportunities.

Student Conservation Assoc. Resource Assistant Program http://www.thesca.org
Provides room, board and travel allowance for 3-month environmental projects, primarily in national parks. Applications accepted throughout the year based on scheduled programs.

Willing Workers On Organic Farms (WWOOF) http://www.wwoof.org
Connects volunteers with organic farmers both domestically and internationally. Volunteers learn organic farming techniques from organic farmers by working and living with a host family (and learning about life and culture) in another country. Applications accepted throughout the year.

Human Services

AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) http://www.americorps.gov/for_individuals/choose/vista.asp
Sponsored by the U.S. government, AmeriCorps VISTA offers 1-2 full-time community service programs providing a subsistence allowance, health insurance, loan deferment, and an educational voucher. Participants work in nonprofit or government organizations. Applications accepted based on availability of positions.

AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) http://www.americorps.gov/about/programs/nccc.asp
A ten-month, full-time residential services program for ages 18-24. Members address education, public safety, and other issues; however, their first priority is improving the environment.

City Year Corps http://www.cityyear.org
For people ages 17 to 24 from diverse economic, racial, and geographical backgrounds. A year of full-time service to communities, engaging in a variety of activities to meet critical needs in their communities (primarily focused on education and the development of youth). Four application cycles: Early Application, by November; Winter Application by February; Spring Application, by April 1; Summer Application by May.

Congressional Hunger Center http://www.hungercenter.org/national/national.cfm
A 12-month paid service and learning opportunity developing public policy related to hunger and poverty issues. Fellows work 6 months with urban and rural organizations, and 6 months in Washington, D.C. Applications due in January each year.
Peace Corps
http://www.peacecorps.gov
Volunteers receive a living allowance, housing, full medical, and deferment of student loans while living in another country for 2 years, working at the grass-roots level to solve some of the challenges (education, health, etc.) facing the developing world. Applications accepted throughout the year.

Public Allies
http://www.publicallies.org
Identifies talented young adults from diverse backgrounds and advances their leadership through a 10-month program of fulltime, paid, apprenticeships in nonprofit organizations, weekly leadership trainings, and team service projects. Deadlines vary for different sites, but most deadlines fall between January and March.

Public Interest Research Group
http://www.pirg.org
For recent grads interested in public interest advocacy and administration. Designed to develop leaders for the public interest movement and offering a unique combination of mentorship, training, and hands-on advocacy experiences. Applications accepted year-round.

Volunteers For Peace
http://www.vfp.org
International work camps, offering over 3400 different 2-3 week service opportunities (construction, park maintenance, organic farming, etc.) in 100 countries throughout Western & Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, and North, Central, & South America. Applicants can apply year-round.

Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom
http://www.wilpf.org
WILPF works to achieve, through peaceful means, world disarmament, full rights for women, racial and economic justice, and an end to all forms of violence. WILPF offers a paid 12-month internship with the UN in Geneva and in New York. Winter application deadline is November 15. Summer application deadlines fall between January and March.

Public Administration & Government

AmeriCorps
http://www.nationalservice.gov/programs/americorps AmeriCorps engages more than 75,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country.

Commonwealth Corps
http://www.massservice.org/service_volunteerism/our_programs/commonwealth_corps
The mission of the Commonwealth Corps is to engage Massachusetts residents of all ages and backgrounds in direct service to rebuild communities and address unmet community needs. The Commonwealth Corps provides opportunities for skill building, leadership development and encourages and enhances a lifelong civic vocation for Corps members. Corps members provide direct service, build capacity, and recruit, organize and mobilize additional volunteers, thus building a grassroots movement of volunteers dedicated to service.

Capital Fellows Programs
http://www.csus.edu/calst/Programs/about_programs.html
Fellows in each program work for 11 months as full-time members of a legislative, executive, or judicial branch office, and are typically given assignments with a significant amount of responsibility and challenges. Applications due in February each year.

Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs
http://www.coro.org
A nine-month, full-time, post-graduate experiential leadership-training program that introduces recent grads to all aspects of the public affairs arena. Applications due in January each year.

The New York Urban Fellows Program
Provides a paid, nine-month, fellowship working in the Mayoral office and City agencies with seminars on policy issues. Applications due in January.

Ohio Legislative Service Commission
http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/internship
The LSC offers paid 13-month legislative internships designed to provide college graduates with practical experience in the legislative process. This experience often leads to permanent employment opportunities in the legislature or related areas.
Religious Based Organizations

Amate House
http://www.amatehouse.org
Year-long program that supports and develops individuals rooted in faith and dedicated to service. Volunteers are placed in schools, parishes, and social service agencies throughout Chicago and live in intentional communities of six to twelve people. Applications accepted on a rolling basis, but priority application deadline is in April.

American Friends Service Committee
http://www.quakerinfo.org/service/friendsopportunities.html
Quaker organization which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Volunteer service opportunities and fellowships offered throughout the country. Applications accepted throughout the year based on state-to-state volunteer opportunities.

AVODAH: Jewish Service Corps
http://www.avodah.net/join.htm
Jewish service corps that combines front-line, anti-poverty work, Jewish learning, and community building into a one-year program. Corps members work on issues across the board: immigration, education, public health, homelessness, and more. Applications due in February each year.

Christian Appalachian Project (CAP)
http://www.chrisapp.org
An interdenominational, nonprofit Christian organization committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. Various programs available. Applications accepted throughout the year.

JDC Jewish Service Corps
The JDC Jewish Service Corps offers qualified individuals the chance to serve a Jewish community abroad in such areas as Jewish outreach, community development, health, and social welfare. Applications accepted throughout the year.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps
http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org
Provides room/board, stipend, loan deferment, and health insurance for recent graduates to live in community and work in community service for one year. International opportunities, a three-year commitment, also available. Round one applications due in January; round two applications due in March.

JOIN For Justice (formerly: JOI)
http://www.joinforjustice.org
A one-year service program, in community building, working with Boston area community and labor organizations. Regular sessions include training in community organizing, Jewish identity and tradition, and group projects in the community. Applications due in March each year.

Lutheran Volunteer Corps
http://www.lutheranvolunteercorps.org
Open to individuals 21 and over who are willing to commit to at least one year of full-time service in urban social justice organizations in ten cities across the United States. Applications accepted on a rolling basis with three deadlines: January 15, March 15, and April 30.

MASA Israel Journey
http://www.masaisrael.org
MASA enables thousands of Jewish youth to spend a semester or a year in Israel in any of over 160 programs, helping them build a life-long relationship with Israel and a firm commitment to Jewish life. Applications accept throughout the year based on availability of opportunities.

Mercy Volunteer Corps
http://www.mercyvolunteers.org/about
A year-long service program in both urban and rural regions. Mercy volunteers work with those who are economically poor or marginalized in a spirit of solidarity and mutuality, live simply in community, and commit to personal and spiritual growth. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but final application deadline is June 1 of each year.

Vincentian Service Corps
http://www.vscorps.org
The Vincentian Service Corps is for men and women who want to give one year of their lives to serve the poor, live in community with other Corps members, and experience a simple lifestyle. Applications accepted throughout the year.

Teaching

Achievement First
http://www.achievementfirst.org/
All new Achievement First school leaders train for an entire year before launching a new school, and all new Achievement First teachers participate in nearly four weeks of professional development. All Achievement First teachers and principals are focused on completely closing the achievement gap for their students. Achievement First employment opportunities are not limited to teaching. Applications for various positions are accepted year-round.

Boston Teacher Residency
http://www.bostonteacherresidency.org/
BTR is a three-year master’s program from UMass Boston. Teacher Residents spend the full academic year in a Boston Public School classroom teaching alongside an experienced mentor. Residents also receive tuition remissions, a generous living stipend, and Massachusetts Initial Teacher Licensure.

Citizen Schools
http://www.citizenschools.org/index.cfm
The Citizen Schools’ National Teaching Fellowship is a unique, competitive, two-year professional and leadership development program. The Fellowship is a paid service program that includes service as a team leader at Citizen Schools’ campus, professional development in partnership with a community organization, and the opportunity to enroll in a Master’s program in out-of-school learning. Applications are accepted year round, based on availability of opportunities in different geographic areas.

Inner City Teaching Corps
http://www.ictc-chicago.org
Places recent grads as paid classroom teachers in Catholic schools in Chicago’s inner city. Applications due in January each year.

Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Programme
http://www.jetprogramme.org
The JET Programme invites university graduates from overseas to participate in international exchange and foreign language education throughout Japan, serving in local government as well as public and private schools. Applications due in November.

MATCH Education
http://www.matchschool.org
Members provide academic support with a scientifically based curriculum to students. Also includes an ambitious, intensive, one-on-one tutoring program designed to fully close the Achievement Gap between minority and non-minority students, and between economically disadvantaged students and their more advantaged peers. Begin accepting applications November 1 of each year.

New York City Teacher Fellowship Program
http://www.nycteachingfellows.org
Fellows pursue teaching education through a subsidized Master’s degree program and are placed in teaching positions with New York City Schools. Applications due in December each year (for the following June’s program).

Teach for America
http://www.teachforamerica.org
A national corps of recent graduates who commit two years to teach in under-resourced urban and rural public schools and earn entry-level teacher’s salary. Numerous application deadlines between August and February of each school year.

Urban Teaching Corps
http://www.urban teachingcorps.org/index.html
The mission of Urban Teaching Corps is to develop a corps of talented, passionate and committed future educators, who are prepared to dedicate themselves to teaching urban youth and closing the achievement gap. To date, 80% of Urban Teaching Corps’ apprentices have been people of color, compared with only 14% of all teachers nationwide.

WorldTeach
http://www.worldteach.org/index.html
WorldTeach provides opportunities for volunteers to teach in developing countries. Most volunteers teach English, and students range in age depending on the placement. In some countries, volunteers may also teach math, science, computer skills, or HIV/AIDS awareness. Volunteers work as full-time teachers and live with a host family or on the school campus. WorldTeach offers year-long, semester-long, and summer programs. Applicants can apply year-round, depending on where they would like to volunteer and teach.
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Idealist.org Fellowship Listings

http://www.idealist.org/career/fellowship.html

Fellowships in public service (U.S., international and nonprofit).

Cool Works

http://www.coolworks.com

Seasonal jobs in the national parks, ski resorts, ranches, etc.