general gap year opportunities

This is a sample listing of opportunities derived from the resources at the Cornell Career Services Library in 103 Barnes Hall and the College of Human Ecology Career Exploration Center in Academic Surge A Room 119. You are encouraged to use this information as starting ideas to design your own experience. Please stop by Barnes Hall or your College’s Career Center for more assistance in exploring gap year opportunities. More opportunities can be found at https://www.career.cornell.edu/students/gap/index.cfm.
**Academic Associate Program at North Shore University Hospital**

One or two year, paid full-time program in Northwell Health’s Department of Emergency Medicine for those who are interested in clinical research, biostatistics, quality improvement and/or hospital administration. Work closely with experienced researchers and faculty in the emergency department.

https://professionals.northwell.edu/academic-associate-program

**Benefits**: Competitive salary with benefits  
**Deadline**: February 1st

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**HealthCorps Coordinator**

Two-year program in New York City for recent college graduates to work full-time and teach and mentor high school students about healthy eating, exercise, and taking care of their bodies.

http://healthcorps.org/get-involved/coordinator-application/  
**Benefits**: Competitive salary starting at $35,000 + health benefits  
**Deadline**: December 1st, February 1st, April 1st

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**Horseshoe Farm Community Health Fellowship**

Thirteen month fellowship in Greensboro and Marion, Alabama or Pomona, California for recent college graduates interested in community health, innovation in health systems, organizational leadership and management, education, and service to others. Fellows serve in the after school programs, shadowing activities, community outreach, and health systems activities.

https://www.projecthsf.org/  
**Benefits**: $600/month + housing  
**First Deadline**: Early November  
**Second Deadline**: Late February

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**Medical Missionaries Global Health Fellowship**

Fellows spend one year in the rural/underdeveloped Thomassique, Haiti and work as a liaison between Medical Missionaries and the St. Joseph Clinic’s Haitian staff. Fellows can design their own projects and shadow health professionals.

https://www.medicalmissionaries.org/become-a-fellow/  
**Benefits**: Housing & Food + transportation costs that cover 2-3 return trips to the U.S.  
**Deadline**: Early October
AmeriCorps

AmeriCorps gives volunteer opportunities helping others and meeting critical needs in the community. AmeriCorps offers several ways to get involved, from part-time local service programs to full-time residential programs. Opportunities in all U.S. states

http://www.americorps.gov/

Benefits: Up to $6,095 educational award, monthly living stipend depending on location, health benefits

Deadline: Year-round

City Year AmeriCorps

City Year is an education focused, nonprofit organization that unites young people of all backgrounds for a 10-month period of full-time service to keep students in school and on track to graduation. They are a project under the AmeriCorps. There are 24 locations across the U.S. where tutors and mentors can work.

http://www.cityyear.org/joincorps.aspx

Benefits: $6,000 education award, $630-$955 bi-monthly living stipend (varies by location), student loan deferment, and health insurance

Deadlines: September 30th, November 15th, February 15th or April 30th

Echoing Green Public Service Fellowships

A two-year, full time fellowship that provides funding for an individual or partner organization targeting issues of climate change, education, health, human rights, poverty, and racial justice.

http://www.echoinggreen.org/

Benefits: Stipend of $80,000 (individual) or $90,000 (partnerships) paid in 4 equal installments, with flexible benefit stipend.

Deadline: Early January

Casa de Esperanza Hands of Hope Internship

Hands of Hope is Casa de Esperanza’s service year program which recruits recent college graduates who have a desire to help abused, neglected and HIV positive children. This program brings together approximately 25 young adults annually to live and work with some of our society’s most vulnerable children in Houston, TX.

https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta

Benefits: Housing, $600 monthly stipend, health and life insurance, two weeks paid vacation

Deadline: Year Round
Green Corps
Program includes intensive classroom training, hands-on experience running urgent environmental and public health campaigns, and placement in permanent leadership positions with leading environmental groups.

http://www.greencorps.org/

**Benefits:** $27,500 salary with competitive benefits

**Deadline:** Mid-October to early November (depends on your desired location)

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Peace Corps
Volunteer for two years in a foreign country and take part in one of the six program areas: education, youth and community development, health, business, and information and communications technology, agriculture and environment.

http://www.peacecorps.gov/

**Benefits:** Student loan assistance + $10,000 after two years of service + travel to and from country of service + monthly living and housing allowance + full medical and dental coverage

**Deadline:** January 1st

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Public Allies Program
For a 10 month appointment, Public Allies address issues in youth development, education, public health, economic development, and the environment. Opportunities for leadership training through weekly seminars and teamwork projects.

https://publicallies.org/be-an-ally/

**Benefits:** Monthly stipend + health benefits + loan deferment + $5,920 education award

**Deadline:** June 1st

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Apprenticeships

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Samuel Huntington Public Service Fellowship Award
Provides funding for graduating college seniors to pursue public service anywhere in the world. The Award allows recipients to engage in a meaningful public service activity for one year before proceeding on to graduate school or a career. To apply, student must develop a proposal for public service in the U.S. or abroad.

https://www.samuelhuntingtonaward.org/

**Benefits:** $15,000 stipend for the year

**Deadline:** Mid January
Teach for America

Offers full-time paid positions throughout the U.S. for recent college graduates to teach students from low-income communities, who are enrolled in schools that need help. New teachers are provided intensive training and career development support that helps increase their impact on closing the achievement gap and refining their leadership skills.

http://www.teachforamerica.org/why-teach-for-america/how-to-apply

**Benefits**: $25,000-$51,000 salary + health benefits + retirement benefits + loan forbearance and paid interest for two years + up to $11,110 education award + $6,000 no-interest loans/travel grants

**Deadlines**: In August, September, November, January, and February

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Woodrow Wilson Teaching Fellowships

This fellowship welcomes current undergraduates, recent graduates, and career changers with backgrounds in the STEM fields—science, technology, engineering, and mathematics—into teaching in high-need secondary schools in Pennsylvania. Fellowships also open the opportunity for additional teaching/mentoring beyond the first year.

https://woodrow.org/fellowships/ww-teaching-fellowships/

**Benefits**: $32,000 stipend for the year

**Deadline**: October 15 (Round 1), Early December (Round 2), Mid-January (regular decision)
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Junior Fellows Program

Year-long paid research assistant internship for graduating seniors interested in careers in international affairs. Internship is at the Carnegie Endowment for World Peace in Washington, D.C. Although U.S. citizenship isn’t necessary, applicant must be eligible to work in the U.S. Cornell endorsement is required.

https://carnegieendowment.org/about/jr-fellows/

**Benefits:** $40,000 stipend for the year with full benefits package

**Campus Deadline:** Early December

City of New York Urban Fellows Program

Nine-month program for recent college graduates consisting of intensive seminars on urban issues impacting public policy and the structure of the NYC government. Fellows are places in array of agencies to learn about public policy through a hands-on approach. Training programs in human services, criminal justice health, housing, transportation and economics.

https://www1.nyc.gov/site/dcas/employment/urban-fellows.page

**Benefits:** $31,563 stipend and health insurance coverage for the program

**Deadline:** Early-Mid January

Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs

A nine-month, full-time, postgraduate training program in effective and ethical leadership in Government, Business, Electoral Politics, Organized Labor, Media, or Non-profit/Philanthropy, offered in New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and Pittsburgh. Participants are placed in project in public issues.

http://www.corofellowship.org/

**Benefits:** $1,500 monthly stipend, health insurance premium reimbursements, benefits with graduate schools

**Deadline:** Early-Mid January

El Pomar Fellowship in Community Service

Two-year program for recent college graduates, who have a Colorado connection or explicit interest in serving the communities of Colorado. Program participants engage in professional development through investments, grant making, public speaking, and business writing. Many internships, fellowship, and project funding opportunities available.

http://www.elpomar.org/

**Benefits:** Salary by hourly wage with competitive benefits

**Deadline:** Early-Mid January
Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowships

Full-time fellowship in Washington D.C. for college graduates to serve 6-9 months with nonprofit, public-interest organizations of their choice addressing peace and security issues. Placements include budget, environmental, energy, and weapons/security issues.

http://scoville.org/apply/application-information/

Benefits: Salary of $3,300/month + $1,000 per fellow for professional development + health insurance + travel grants to Washington, DC.

Deadline: Mid December to Early January

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Rotary Peace Scholarships

Rotary Peace Fellows are leaders promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and the successful resolution of conflict throughout their lives, in their careers, and through service activities. Fellows receive full funding for either a master’s degree or a professional development certificate in peace and development issues.


Benefits: Covered tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship and field-study expenses.

Deadline: July 1st
The Donald J. Cohen Fellowship in Developmental Social Neuroscience provides recent college graduates with the opportunity to spend two years engaged in state-of-the-art clinical and basic research with children and families affected by autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

https://med.emory.edu/departments/pediatrics/divisions/autism/fellow/cohen.html

**Benefits**: $34,000 per year with full healthcare coverage

**Deadline**: Early January

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The NIH Postbac IRTA program provides recent college graduates who are planning to apply to graduate or professional school an opportunity to spend one or two years performing full-time research at the NIH. Postbac IRTAs/CRTAs work side-by-side with some of the leading scientists in the world, in an environment devoted exclusively to biomedical research.

https://www.training.nih.gov/programs/postbac_irta

**Benefits**: $30,650 (year 1), $32,850 (year 2)

**Deadline**: Year Round

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This 9-month fellowship trains recent graduates in regenerative medicine, with paid research opportunities from the Buck Institute for Research on Aging, Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine, Stanford University, and the SRF Research Center.

https://www.sens.org/education-opportunities/postbacc-fellowship/

**Benefits**: Stipends vary, benefits available after 3 months of employment

**Deadline**: Mid February

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The Yale Child Study Center (YCSC), a leading institution research on childhood developmental and mental health disorders offers this 2-year research fellowship for college graduates. This fellowship offers opportunities to be involved in all parts of the research process and participate in didactic experiences at the Yale Child Study Center, School of Medicine, and Departments of Psychology and Statistics.

https://medicine.yale.edu/lab/chawarska/jobs/postgrad/

**Benefits**: $30,000 (year 1), $32,000 (year 2) with full health coverage

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