

## **Postgraduate Alternatives to College, Work, or the Military**

Occasionally a student reaches the end of high school education and is searching for an alternative experience to further his or her education before going to college. There are many possible programs which cater to students looking for such an experience outside a standard classroom, either between high school and college, or at other times of life. Listed below are just a few options and their websites. Some programs are quite expensive, while others are more in the line of volunteer opportunities that cost little to the participant.

Americorps

[www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)

The Center for Interim Programs, LLC

[www.interimprograms.com](http://www.interimprograms.com)

This program has one headquarters in Cambridge, and it's possible to go meet with them to discuss the possibilities. In this case, the cost greatly varies, depending on what a student wants to do.

City Year- volunteer opportunity

[www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)

Dynamy internship years

[www.dynamy.org](http://www.dynamy.org)

National Outdoor Leadership School- NOLS

[www.nols.edu](http://www.nols.edu)

Outward Bound

[www.outwardbound.org](http://www.outwardbound.org)

Student Conservation Association

[www.sca-inc.org](http://www.sca-inc.org)

Travellers Worldwide

This group based in the United Kingdom coordinates volunteer and internship projects abroad for varying lengths of time.

[www.travellersworldwide.com](http://www.travellersworldwide.com)

In addition, here is an article regarding Gap Year Programs which has many more helpful links:

<http://www.admissionsquest.com/~Resources/ShowArticle.cfm/ArticleID/74/ArticleTypeID/5/Topic/gap-year-programs>

*If you have other programs to recommend for this list, we would be happy to hear about them. Please e-mail [aonion@coebrownacademy.com](mailto:aonion@coebrownacademy.com). 4/2009*