

Claremont McKenna College Career Services Center
Resources for International Relations Majors

Overview

International Relations major students are generally preparing for graduate work or careers with an international focus in a variety of fields including government, business, law, teaching, journalism, private foundations, international organizations, and non governmental organizations. The major combines government and economics to provide a more comprehensive background on international issues. The study abroad and language requirements give students the necessary skills for many different kinds of careers.

Common Career Choices

Foreign Service Officer (<http://careers.state.gov/officer/index.html>)

U.S. Department of State Careers (<http://www.usajobs.com/>)

Central Intelligence Agency (<https://www.cia.gov/careers/index.html>)

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (<http://www.epa.gov/careers/gradopp.html>)

United Nations

UNDP Jobs (<http://jobs.undp.org/>)

UNDP Junior Professional Officer (<http://www.jposc.org/>)

Volunteers (<http://www.unv.org/who-we-are/careers.html>)

World Bank (<http://go.worldbank.org/KBQXWG1D20>)

Working at the Bank (<http://go.worldbank.org/4EN7DX4370>)

Employment Opportunities (<http://go.worldbank.org/SC3PG83V70>)

International Monetary Fund (<http://www.imf.org/external/np/adm/rec/job/joboppo.htm>)

U.S. Senate

Contact individual Senator's Office for job openings. Search by state or name here: http://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

U.S. House of Representatives

Contact individual Congressmen's Office for job openings. Search by state or name here: <http://www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.shtml>

Peace Corps (www.peacecorps.gov)

Teach for America (www.teachforamerica.org)

World Health Organization (<http://www.who.int/employment/vacancies/en/>)

Scholarships and Fellowships of Interest

Fulbright Scholarship (Contact Professor Christopher Nadon)

- A one-year, postgraduate grant to study in a foreign country

The George Mitchell Scholarship (Contact Professor Lisa Cody)

- A one-year post graduate study in any discipline offered at universities in Ireland

The Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellowship (www.scoville.org)

- Fellows receive small stipend to study a proposed project and serve as full-time assistants at a participating organization of their choice in Washington, D.C.

Marshall Scholarship (Contact Professor Lisa Cody)

- For one year post graduate study in the United Kingdom

Rhodes Scholarship (Contact Professor Lisa Cody)

- Funding for 2-3 years of study at Oxford University

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship (Contact Professor Ed Haley)

- A one year post graduate academic study in any country where a Rotary club is located.

CMC Resources

Professor Pitney's Website:

- This infamous site is a comprehensive compilation of several NGOs, think tanks, governmental agencies, and international organizations. It is intended to search for internships, but can also direct you to employment opportunity pages.
- (<http://www.claremontmckenna.edu/govt/jpitney/intern.html>)

Alumni Binders:

- Binders are sorted in the center by industry and location. Modern Languages majors might find the journalism, government, public relations, education, publishing, and non-profit binders useful.

Books:

- Careers in International Affairs
- Teaching English Abroad
- International Jobs Directory
- Careers in International Business
- International Affairs Directory of Organizations, The Access Resource Guide

Other Information

Career Services Center contacts:

- For further career counseling, graduate school advising and internships contact Beth Ricca at bricca@cmc.edu.

Academic Advising:

- For further information on academic programs or graduate studies contact International Relations Advisor, Professor Ed Haley.