

Careers in International Nongovernmental Organizations (NGOs)

Humanitarian Organizations

Raise money through public campaigns, hold advocacy positions, and send young people out to high-profile humanitarian crisis to “do good”.

EXAMPLES: International Committee of the Red Cross, CARE, IRC, Save the Children, Doctors without Borders.

To find out more, go to Reliefweb.org to learn about current global humanitarian campaigns and natural disasters. You will find a comprehensive list of international academic institutions, media, both governmental and NGOs, and UN and international organizations located under Professional Resources and in the Directory of Information Providers.

Development NGOs

Often work in safer locations on longer-term projects, helping a country or community help itself in fields such as good governance, human development and civil society. **EXAMPLES:** Malaria Consortium, Planned Parenthood.

To learn more, visit Idealist.org and search “Development NGO” through the Organization link.

Not-for-Profit Contractors

Most successful organizations have only been in this emerging field for less than a decade and have roots in the for-profit world and are often funded from US government departments. **EXAMPLES:** International Relief and Development, Research Triangle Institute.

Search for companies and NGOs working in this field, articles current events, job opportunities and international career searching advice at The Development Executive Group- www.Devex.com.

Advocacy Organizations

Opportunities include political analysis, report writing and research working hand in hand with humanitarian organizations to ensure that human rights violations are brought to the attention of the international community. **EXAMPLES:** Human Rights Watch, Freedom House, Amnesty International

Learn about international initiatives in health energy and development and the companies and organizations involved. The World Economic Forum –

www.weforum.org. A Geneva-based non-profit foundation brings together top business leaders, international political leaders, selected intellectuals and journalists to discuss the most pressing issues facing the world including health and the environment.

The Global Focus Aotearoa- www.globalfocus.org.nz provides information on international development issues, networking opportunities and links for “taking action.” Also, provides an [NGO directory](#).

Donor Organizations

Working with these large organizations will permit you a range from short-term field opportunities to strategic planning and research of systemic and root causes of problems. **EXAMPLES:** Ford Foundation, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

To learn more about these international donor organizations find a list at <http://grants.library.wisc.edu/organizations/internationalfunding.html>

Also, visit USAID to find a comprehensive list of multilateral and regional institutions, and development partners.

OTHER RESOURCES

Idealist.org - A "global clearinghouse of nonprofit and volunteering resources", offering a directory of volunteer, internship and job opportunities and other resources.

Rileyguide.com/internat.html- International Job Opportunities including resources covering multiple countries and/or regions, as well as international agencies and NGOs. In addition, includes information on living and working overseas international job searching and international business resources.

USAID (www.usaid.gov/careers/) - Information about programs for student internships, fellowships, civil service as well as Foreign Service, including Foreign Service limited appointments, mid-level and junior officer appointments.

Selected UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AGENCIES with international divisions

US Dept. of Agriculture – Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) www.usda.gov

US Dept. of Commerce –International Trade Administration, Import Admin., Foreign Commercial Service www.ita.doc.gov

US Bureau of the Census - Center for International Research, Foreign Trade division. www.census.gov

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration - Bureau of Economic Analysis, National Marine Fisheries Services. www.noaa.gov

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe – The Helsinki commission. www.house.gov.csce

US Dept of Defense – www.godefense.com

Drug Enforcement Agency – www.dea.gov

US Dept of Education – International Education Programs Service, International Affairs Office www.ed.gov/international

Environmental Protection Agency – Office of International Affairs. www.epa.gov/ezhire

Federal Bureau of Investigation – www.fbijobs.gov

Federal Communications Commission – International Bureau. www.fcc.gov

Federal Maritime Commission – www.fmc.gov

Government Accountability Office – International Affairs and Trade Team. www.gao.gov

US Dept. of Health and Human Services – Office of Global Health Affairs. www.hhs.gov

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)- www.nasa.gov

US Dept. of Justice – Foreign Commerce, Criminal **Division-International Affairs**, Foreign Claims www.usdoj.gov

US Office of Management and Budget – www.whitehouse.gov/omb/recruitment

US Postal Service – International Postal Affairs. www.usps.gov

US Agency for International Development (USAID)- www.usaid.gov

Virtually every government agency has an international division or component.