Focus on Careers Abroad: Peace Corps

Rachel Warner is off to Cameroon to spend the next two years as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Since graduating with her degree in International Studies in 2009, Rachel has been building a resume that includes both international and non-profit experience, and the Peace Corps is the next step along her career path.

Upcoming Events:

Model United Nations (UN) Meeting, join this great student organization to make friends and learn about the UN, international affairs and conflict resolution in an exciting hands-on format. Refreshments!
Friday, September 7
1:15-2:00 PM, Humanities 314

Study Abroad Workshop, hear from students who have recently studied abroad and ask questions about the process. Refreshments!
Wednesday, September 26,
3:00-4:00 PM, Humanities 314
Although the **Peace Corps** application process sometimes takes up to 14 months, Rachel went from application to appointment in a mere six months. She explains, “I was very dedicated and got everything done as soon as I could. Plus, I did A LOT of research on Peace Corps before I applied which I think helped me get through the process more smoothly.”

After graduation, Rachel spent three months in Europe working with World Wide Opportunities in Organic Farms and later served a year with Americorps in Minneapolis as a member of the Minnesota Reading Corps.

Whatever the future holds for Rachel after the Peace Corps, her goal is to have an international career. She is well on her way!

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**Study Abroad**

Study Abroad can be a part of everyone’s college experience! International Studies students have recently studied in China, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Morocco and Spain. Some have studied for a few weeks, others for a whole semester or longer.

For information about study abroad options and scholarships see:

- [http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/contact.html](http://www.southalabama.edu/oie/contact.html)
- [http://www.usouthal.edu/internationalstudies/Caldwell.htm](http://www.usouthal.edu/internationalstudies/Caldwell.htm)

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For more information about the International Studies Program at USA or anything you have read here, please contact: Dr. Susan McCready, smccread@southalabama.edu
National Scholarships and Fellowships

Fall Deadlines:
The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars (www.twc.edu; opportunities to work and study in Washington, D.C. for academic credit at USA)

Fulbright Program (www.us.fulbrightonline.org; international graduate study programs in more than 150 countries)

Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program (www2.ed.gov/programs/jacobjavits; up to four years of study leading to M.F.A. or Ph.D. in selected fields in the arts, humanities, and social sciences)

Paul and Daisy Soros Scholarships for New Americans (www.pdsoros.org; two years of graduate study in U.S. for resident aliens, naturalized U.S. citizens, or children of two parents who are both naturalized U.S. citizens)

Early Winter Deadlines:
Harry S. Truman Scholarship (www.truman.gov; up to three years of study leading to a career in government or other public service; apply in junior year.)

Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship (www.woodrow.org; undergraduate and graduate fellowship for students pursuing degrees in international studies and interested in careers in the foreign service; apply as juniors, seniors for graduate fellowship)

Institute for International Public Policy (www.uncfsp.org/IIPP; scholarship and institutes for students from traditionally under-represented minority groups interested in careers in international affairs; apply as sophomore)

Morris K. Udall Scholarship (www.udall.gov; for students with career plans related to environmental public policy or Native American and Alaska Native undergraduates interested in health care and tribal public policy; apply as sophomores or juniors)

Many other scholarships, fellowships, and academic programs are available. Please contact Dr. Marsha Hamilton at mhamilton@southalabama.edu