

# FutureSmartCareers



## GAP YEAR PROVIDERS



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

Gapforce is a leading provider of structured Gap Year programs and summer opportunities overseas. The wide range of global adventures includes marine conservation, wildlife protection, community volunteering & healthcare, extreme expeditions, leadership training, working holidays, internships, sport coaching, ski instructor and leadership training. For over twenty years, Gapforce has been running safe, unique and rewarding programs to some of the world's most exciting and exotic locations. Their overseas staff are some of the most experienced in the industry. Gapforce offer a choice of group start dates throughout the year.



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

From Lion rehabilitation projects to working with children in India, Gapyear.com provide some of the most varied gap experiences in the market. InterRailing is another popular choice with Gapyear.com whether it be island hopping in Croatia to Gondolas in Venice, there are plenty of choices for even the most discerning of travellers.



[www.realgap.co.uk](http://www.realgap.co.uk)

RealGap Year offer a variety of gap opportunities from those experiences that you pay for to other experiences where you can work and get paid. They have opportunities across the world and are particularly good in helping with gap travel advice. One of the highlights with RealGap experience are the teaching courses you can take, where you can teach English in Thailand or China, whilst gaining an accredited qualification to teach English and making a real difference to children at the same time.



[www.statravel.co.uk](http://www.statravel.co.uk)

As one of the world's largest student and youth travel companies, STA Travel have been offering affordable adventures for over 40 years. STA are experts in Round the World flights, tours and accommodation.



[www.campamerica.co.uk](http://www.campamerica.co.uk)

Camp America is a cultural exchange programme that gives young people the chance to spend their summer living and working on a camp in the USA. They are the biggest international summer camp staff provider; recruiting thousands of young people each year and giving them the experience of a lifetime in America.



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

Blue Ventures is a science-led social enterprise that develops transformative approaches for nurturing and sustaining locally led marine conservation. The organisation works in partnership with coastal communities in places where the ocean is vital to the culture and economy. Volunteers contribute to the work by collecting data through Scuba diving and by working closely with local communities in education and outreach projects.



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

Gap Medics is a specialist company dedicated to providing year-round hospital work experience for medicine, midwifery, nursing and dentistry abroad to students 16 years and over. Programmes are offered in Europe, Africa and the Caribbean providing an opportunity to gain insight into the work of doctors, nurses, midwives and dentists before beginning clinical training.



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

Many of Oysters projects were founded in 2006 and have been nurtured and supported by them ever since. Oyster are known for running life-changing gap year programs, giving individuals the opportunity to make a genuine contribution and for the first class support they receive.

Oyster's wide range of popular gap year programmes, career break projects and volunteering breaks allow students to get under the skin of a country and to do something worthwhile whilst there. Oysters gap year volunteering projects are suitable for everyone— a real highlight of their volunteering trips in particular is the wide range of people that you come across from all round the world. Planning a trip with Oyster Worldwide could not be easier, with all of their staff members having done their own gap adventures and responsible travel. Gap years include volunteering with monkeys and baboons in South Africa to caring for rescued elephants in Thailand.



[www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry](http://www.etrust.org.uk/the-year-in-industry)

The Year in Industry (Yini) is a UK scheme, which organises gap year placements for pre-university and undergraduate students. Each year The Year in Industry places around 750 students in engineering, science, IT, and business. The **Year in Industry (YINI)** programme offers students the opportunity to gain professional development by working at a reputable company. Students are placed in top UK companies every **year**, including Shell, Rolls-Royce, EDF, Network Rail and GKN.

EDT, formerly known as Engineering Development Trust, offer young people active learning experiences in STE(A)M related careers, giving them the opportunity to gain knowledge and exposure that will help them make decisions about their future. As well as gaining valuable experience for your CV, the YINI is a fantastic way to gain valid work experience, earn whilst you learn and can be an ideal way to check out alternative career routes including degree apprenticeships.



[www.apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/gap-year-commission](http://www.apply.army.mod.uk/how-to-join/entryoptions/gap-year-commission)

Gap Year Commission is the opportunity to experience a year as an Army Officer before University. You will receive the same world class leadership training at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst as our Army Reserve Officers and may also complete some specialist continuation training, depending on the role you take on. You will then spend a year attached to a regular Field Army unit, in the UK and on routine duties around the world, shadowing the daily life of a Platoon or Troop Officer, learning to lead troops.

You will take part in sports, adventurous training and military training exercises but you will not deploy on operations. A Gap Year Commission offers unique and exceptional leadership training and experience, as well as an unrivalled insight into the life of an Army Officer. Once you have completed your gap year, you can elect to remain in the Army, as a Reservist or regular Army Officer, or choose a completely different career path.



[www.oxfordbusiness.co.uk/course/professional-business-diploma/](http://www.oxfordbusiness.co.uk/course/professional-business-diploma/)

#### The **Professional Business Diploma**.

This is a one-year course known for providing practical workplace skills in depth. The course is delivered through classes, tutorials, group work, business simulations, problem-solving challenges and presentations. All students also complete a work placement as part of the diploma. Inspirational speakers representing different business sectors give insights into the different roles students could enter at the outset of your successful career. The course covers the following:

<b>Office Skills:</b> Fast notetaking, Minute taking, Travel itineraries Expenses and budgets, Video and tele-conferencing Business English, Customer service and telephone technique, Audio transcription.	<b>Business Skills:</b> Written, oral, and nonverbal communication; Monitoring and forecasting skills; Financial report writing skills; Project Management skills; Business analysis including SWOT, SLEPTE, and PESTEL
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<b>Marketing Skills:</b> 7 Ps of marketing and customer relationship management (CRM); Social media marketing, SEO, content marketing, PPC, data analytics	<b>IT Skills:</b> Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Databases, Outlook, Cloud Computing
<b>Career Support:</b> Personal job search; application process; Personality profiling; CV analysis, interview technique;	<b>Work Experience Week</b> Many of our students secure job offers from this week.



[www.orchardscookery.co.uk](http://www.orchardscookery.co.uk)

Orchards Cookery specialises in training and recruiting Chalet Cooks and also runs Off to University courses, Designer Dinner party courses, Corporate Days and One- and Two-Day cookery courses.

The Award-Winning cookery school has a new approach to cookery and tuition, courses are 'hands on' and lots of fun, each day concluding with a dinner party. Orchards Cookery also offers a recruitment service supplying cooks for ski chalets, private parties, shooting, hunting and fishing lodges, holiday villas, yachts etc. The Orchards is a family home situated on a farm in the heart of England, near Stratford-upon-Avon and students live in cottages on site.



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

Discover the World of Polo

The Polo Induction Programme (PIP) will introduce you to the exciting sport of polo & riding, practical & theoretical horse care and the growing industry of leisure & tourism. Created with the goal of making the sport of polo more accessible, to welcome and teach the next generation of polo players. The programme is designed to accommodate all ability levels, from those with little or no riding experience through to accomplished riders.

It is a Polo Valley Accredited Course, where you'll experience a varied mix of practical outdoor training and theoretical classroom learning, ultimately studying for the Hurlingham Polo Association rules test certificate, and providing exceptional preparation for anyone interested in entering the equine industry and the polo world.



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

The Avenue Cookery School is family-run school, based in London offering a wide range of one- and two-week courses including From Basic to Brilliant; Off to Uni, Yacht host cooking, and Chalet cooking. Accommodation can be provided and tuition is delivered by experienced chefs with upbeat and professional teaching.

*"Possibly the most fun cookery school in London"*



[www.powderbyrne.com/our-service/piste-to-profession](http://www.powderbyrne.com/our-service/piste-to-profession)

Powder Byrne offer an 18-week Piste to Profession gap year ski season programme combining a multitude of ski industry disciplines with the opportunity to become a fully qualified BASI ski instructor.

Bespoke training is given with Powder Byrne professionals. The course programme covers subjects that will enable you to deliver a premium level of service to any age of guest. You will be given a Health & Safety Exec approved course covering all the requirements to gain your BASI qualification. The programme includes: 17/18-week course from December to April in Switzerland;

Return flights and transfers; Self-catered accommodation; Personal discounts on and off the mountain; Work permit for the whole season; DBS Check; Winter Medical Insurance Policy and Ski Instructors Insurance.

**SnowSkool** 

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

Snowskool is one of the most popular gap year providers for ski and snowboard experiences. A ski or snowboard instructor course is a program that will qualify you as a ski instructor over three months or so, while also teaching you to ski better. Opportunities are offered throughout Austria, Canada, and France being the most popular venues in the northern hemisphere and New Zealand in the southern hemisphere. Most of these courses (like **SnowSkool's**) are packaged up to include flights, transfers, accommodation, meals, lift passes, training, exam fees and one or two reps who will ski every day and then tell you how hard they are working for you "behind the scenes"! Once qualified you can work globally, from South America to Japan and plenty of places in between.