International Development & NGOs

Explore Majors and Careers

What Can I Do With This Major:
Anthropology, Business Studies, Communications, Education, Environmental Studies, Foreign Language, Global International Studies, Management, Political Sciences, Psychology

Industry Overview:
Global Policy, US AID

Sample CU Majors:
Asian Studies, Chinese, Communication, French and Italian, International Affairs, Jewish Studies, Political Science, Russian Studies, Spanish, Women and Gender Studies

Prepare for an Internship/Job Search

CU Clubs/Organizations:
American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), Amnesty International, Concerned Youth of America, CU International, CU International Affairs Club, Model United Nations at CU (MUN@CU)

Sample Local Opportunities:
1010 Project, Adelante Foundation, Bridges to Prosperity, Colorado Haiti Project, Colorado Trust, Crutches 4 Africa, Elephant Energy, Engineers without Borders, Friends of ENCA Farm, Global Education Fund, International Development Enterprises, Mountain2Mountain, Nokero, OneSeed Expeditions

Professional Organizations:

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Start an Internship/Job Search

Search for Internships & Jobs:


Visit Go Global for additional resources.
Login to Careers Buffs to find internship and job postings from employers specifically seeking CU-Boulder students.

Adapt for a Changing World

Insider Advice & Trends:

Employers look for candidates with strong skill sets in a particular sector or regional specialization. Strong language skills are beneficial. A graduate degree is useful and often a requirement in international development. Gain international experience: UN agencies, multi-lateral development banks, government agencies and NGOs all offer opportunities. Look for development that matches your interest. Many of the international NGOs are oriented towards community development and relief, and offer more opportunities for grassroots work experience. Some are more focused on political development, and frequently work in the fields of political party development, electoral reform, and voter education.

Sample Employers Recruiting at CU:

A Self-help Assistance Program (ASAP Africa)
Africa Outlook
AFS Intercultural Programs
Appropriate Infrastructure Development Group
CDS International
CTC Ten Foundation
International Development Enterprises
Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program
Search for Common Ground
U.S. Peace Corps

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