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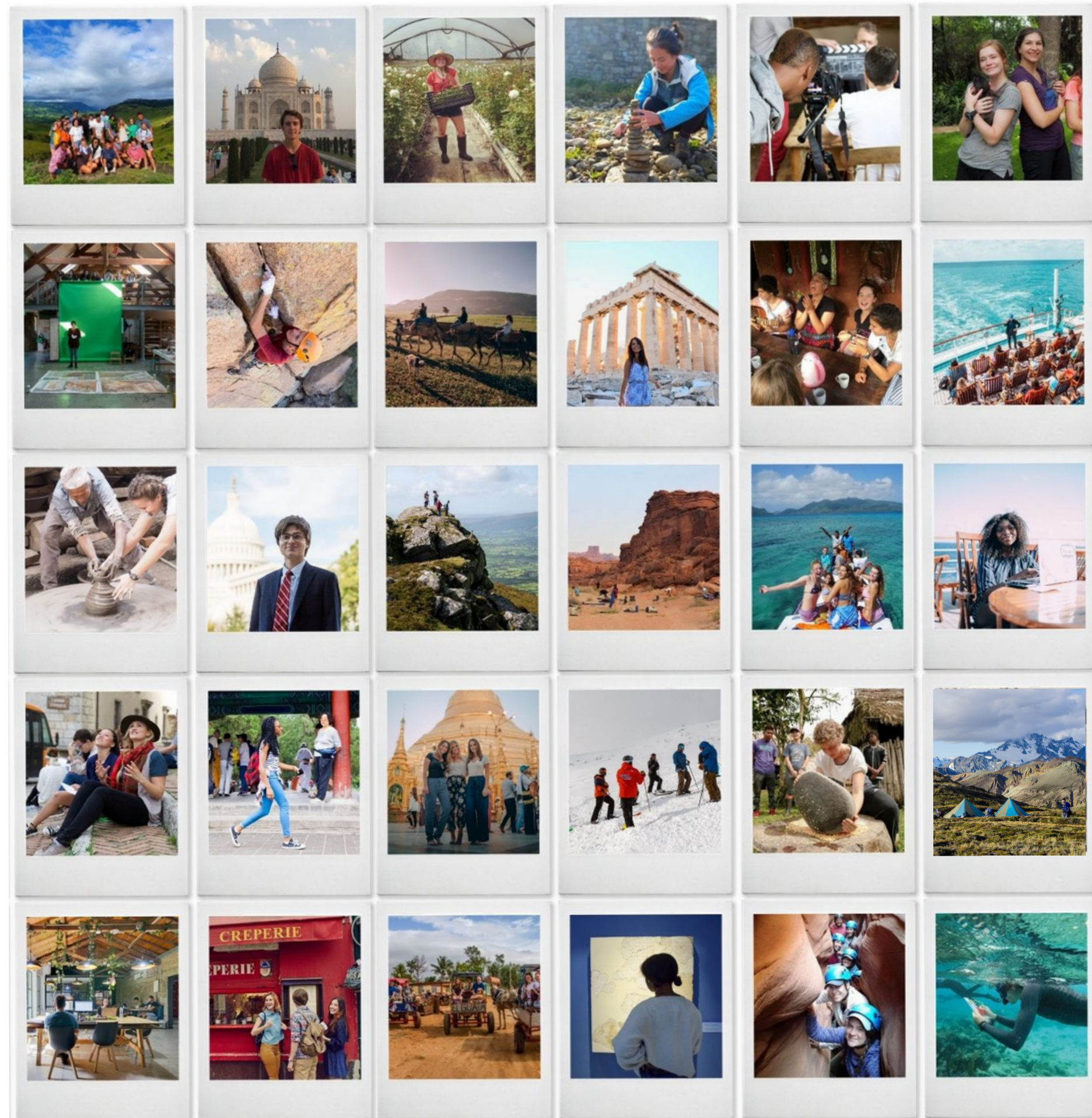
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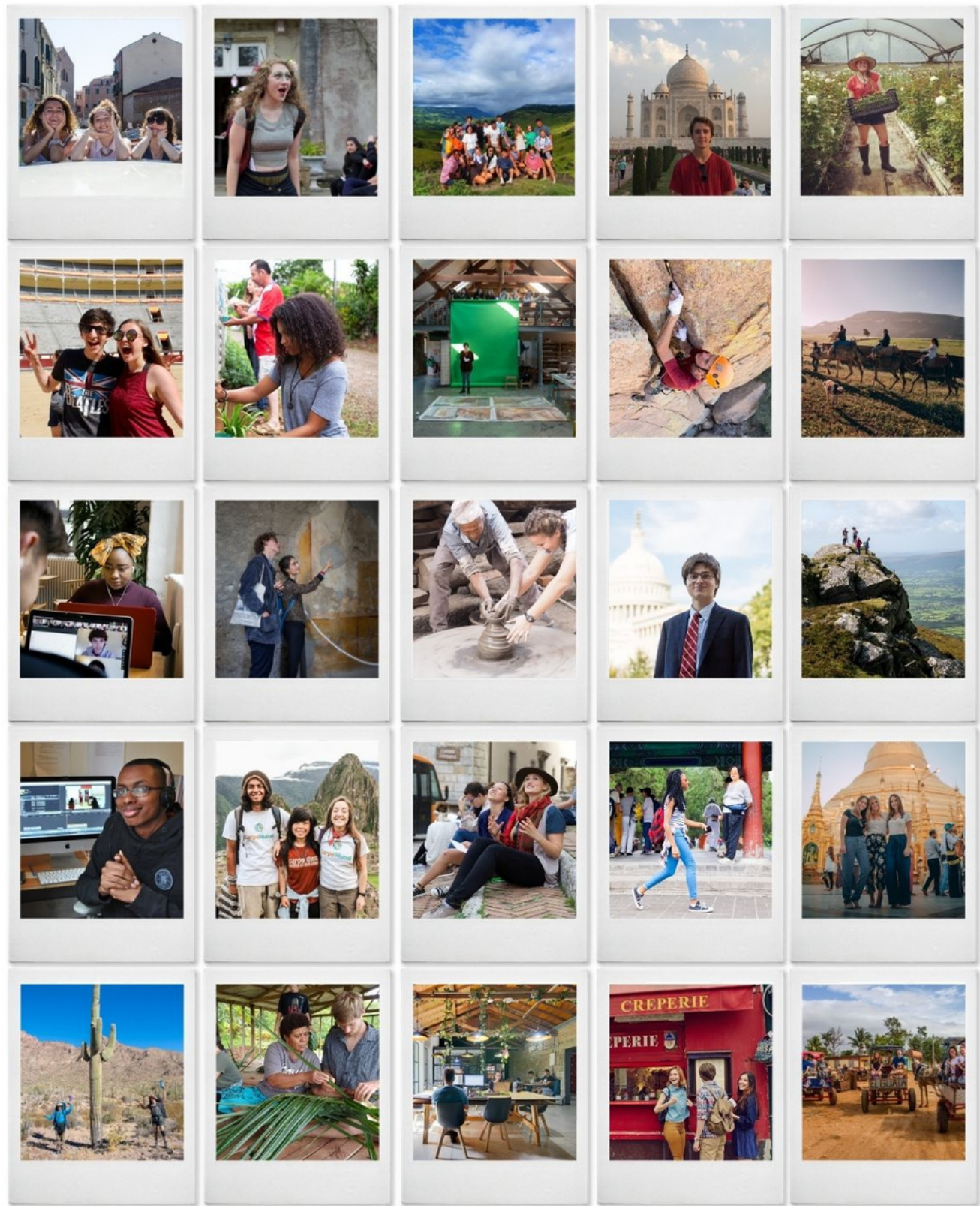
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Gap Year Benefits for Students

After 12+ years of school, many young adults are encountering a strong desire for new and meaningful experiences, big life changes, and a broader view of the world. The benefits of a gap year stand out when evaluating options to balance this desire to travel with the need to continue learning, growing and moving forward towards a degree and career.

A gap year is a set period of dedicated time “off” from traditional academics or work often spent teaching, volunteering, travelling, interning, or pursuing short-term jobs like being a barista or au pair. A gap year doesn’t have to actually be a year, and depending on life circumstances, students often choose to take only a summer or semester off.

According to a recent report by the [Gap Year Association](#), 90% of students return to college within a year, and an overwhelming number of gap year alumni report being satisfied with their jobs. Additionally, 98% of these students responded affirmatively to the statement “my gap year helped me develop as a person.”

The gap year gained its initial popularity in the U.K. and across Europe decades ago. The [Gap Year Association survey](#) highlights that gap year benefits include an increase in maturity, self-confidence, and better communication skills.



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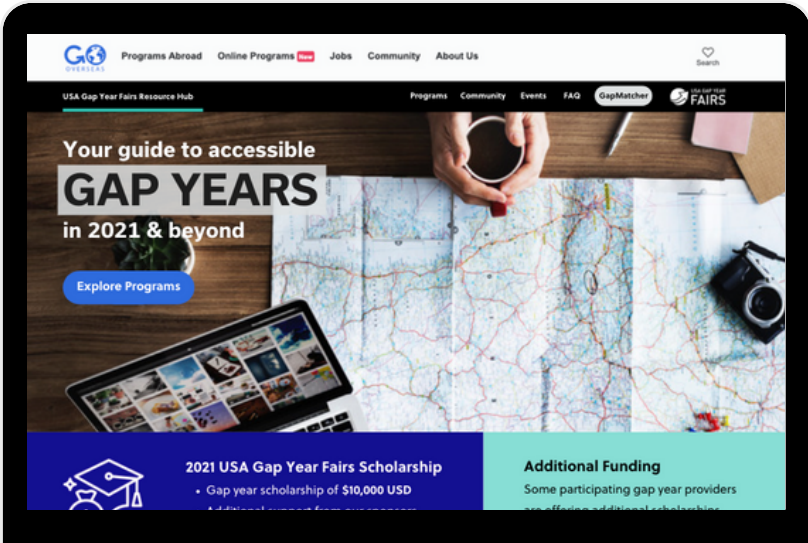
Gap year benefits include providing ‘gappers’ the chance to find direction and take control of their time. While you’re on your gap year, think about how everything you do can be perceived as appealing to an admissions officer or employer. Adventuring is conducive to gaining valuable skills!

How to make the most out of your gap year?

- 1. **Plan:** Start your research as far in advance as possible to guarantee finding the best program for you
- 2. **Seek help from an expert:** A great place to start is by reading through the thousands of reviews, testimonials, and blogs from gap year alumni here at Go Overseas
- 3. **Be realistic:** You won’t be able to see everything; thoroughly experience a few places as opposed to an entire continent, and budget accordingly
- 4. **Immerse Yourself:** Get a real sense of the lifestyle in a new country, and make new connections
- 5. **Say YES! to everything** (within reason): Self-explanatory!

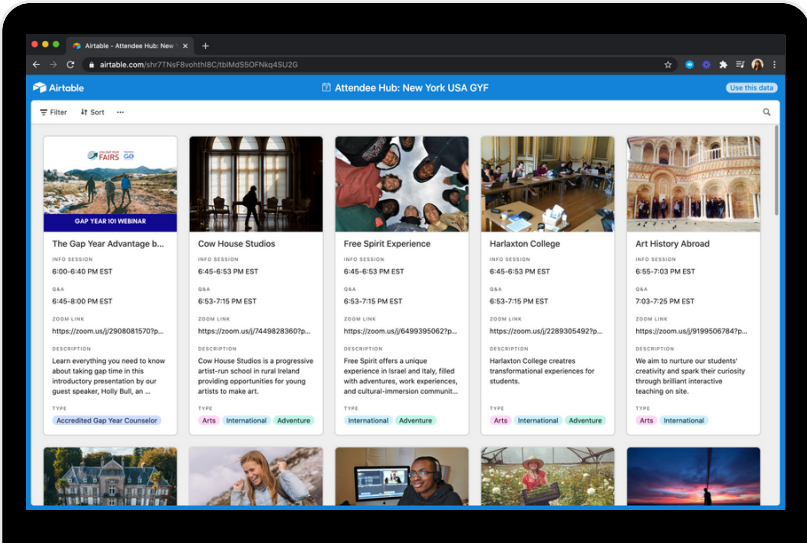
Increasing Accessibility for Gap Year Options

For the past 14 years, USA Gap Year Fairs has partnered with US high schools to educate, inspire, and empower students to look beyond the classroom and pursue opportunities for experiential learning. This year, we shifted the in-person fairs to a virtual format to help make information about planning a gap year even more accessible. Through online resources and interactive events, we've continued to connect our community with the most up to date gap year information and program options for 2021 & beyond.



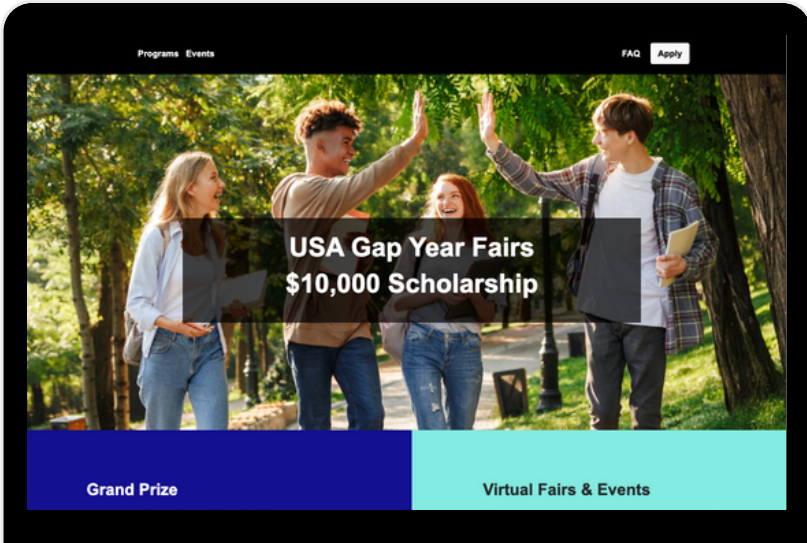
VISIT OUR GAP YEAR HUB 24/7

Access gap year resources anytime! Explore programs, browse articles, find scholarships, and read verified alumni reviews on Go Overseas.



REGISTER FOR A VIRTUAL EVENT

Catch an upcoming virtual gap year fair, webinar, or thematic panel with live Q&A to learn more about gap year options.



APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know that USA Gap Year Fairs & Go Overseas are granting \$15,000 in scholarships this year? Visit our scholarships hub for details.

\$15,000 in Gap Year Scholarships!

US residents ages 14-25 are eligible to apply for our 2021 USA Gap Year Fairs scholarships, which include tuition and gap year mentorship. The application **deadline is April 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM PST**, so [start your application today!](#)

The tuition scholarships must be applied to programs offered by one of the 34 participating organizations included in this guide.

Thank you to our scholarship sponsors & expert gap year counselors who have donated in-kind mentorship to our soon-to-be scholarship winners! To learn more about each of the counselors, jump to page 42 or check out the [scholarship details](#).



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- Program tuition scholarship up to **\$10,000 USD**
- In-kind mentorship from an expert gap year counselor
- Granted to the top applicant in the country
- Sponsored by Go Overseas & USA Gap Year Fairs



2ND PRIZE

- Program tuition scholarship up to **\$5,000 USD**
- In-kind mentorship from an expert gap year counselor
- Granted to the top applicant from the state with the highest number of applications
- Sponsored by Dynamy Internship Year, but can be applied to any of the 34 programs in this guide



Designing Your Dream Gap Year

Are you artistic, creative, or a born performer? Are you a budding activist eager to save the world? Maybe you're chasing adventure, ready to experience the rugged outdoors like never before or immerse yourself in a new language and culture. Maybe you're burned out from years of school and the uncertainty of changing times.

Or maybe you don't know yet who you are and what you want to do, and that's okay too. A gap year is a fantastic way to find yourself, but first, you have to find a gap year program.

Don't take it from us; take it from the alumni who've been in your shoes. Explore the alumni testimonials in this guide to help you narrow down your options for 2021 and beyond, and get ready to get inspired.

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[Download the 2021 Gap Year Guide](#) for an in-depth breakdown of the gap year programs that are recruiting now!



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ALZAR SCHOOL + GAP



Alzar School + Gap builds leaders through powerful programs in Patagonia, Chile and the American West.

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Before coming to Alzar, I was hoping to get a sense of independence from my family and the routine that I live at home.

"I wanted to hone my leadership skills, make lasting friendships and apply my backpacking skills. I also wanted to explore the brand new realms of Spanish and kayaking. At Alzar, I learned that I am able to broaden my definition of a leader from just being someone that people liked, and who knew the plan. I am now able to define many other types of leadership other than my own, and work with people to understand where my assets work best. I hope to be a better leader in my own home, communicating and being fair to my siblings, and also doing a good job of helping my parents around the house. Anyone is lucky to experience a semester at this special place."

— Charlotte, Alzar School High School Semesters Alum

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My time in Panama with Discover AMIGOS was one of the most incredible, life-changing experiences I have ever had.

"Immediately meeting the other AMIGOS I was on the trip with, I knew I had found my life-long friends. The way Discover completely immersed us in Panamanian culture has opened my eyes, and will stay with me forever. I got to take part in so many once-in-a-lifetime experiences, including living with a host family, and teaching English at a local school. Not only did this trip greatly improve my Spanish skills, it taught me leadership, teamwork, and open-mindedness! The memories I created during this trip will stay with me for the rest of my life, and will continue to impact my view on the world. I HIGHLY recommend you do the Discover AMIGOS program, or any of the other AMIGOS programs!! It will change your life!!!"

— **Eliza, AMIGOS Panama Alum**
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This experience was beyond incredible. I made lifelong friends and learned so much about the locations I traveled to.

"My leaders made sure everyone was happy and satisfied and getting the most out of this opportunity. I truly am a different person after this trip and I wouldn't change one thing about it. I never thought I would hike 15 miles in a day, get my SCUBA open water diver certification, become a certified Wilderness First Responder, or hike through Glacier National Park and spot a bear and her cub next to the trail. I saw so many new things and places that I would never have been able to see without ARCC. EVERYONE should take a gap year and do a semester long program, it helped me understand exactly what I want to do for this coming fall and opened so many doors for me. Thank you ARCC for an incredible 2 1/2 months."

— **Sophie, ARCC Northwest Gap Semester Alum**
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ART HISTORY ABROAD



Travel in Europe with enthusiastic experts in art, history and culture.

“

Art History Abroad's semester course is the best way anyone could possibly spend 6-12 weeks.

I was so lucky to experience it, having not only educational but fun tutors who guided us seamlessly through some of the most stunning places on the planet. I met friends from places I'd never even heard of before and the lasting friendships that you can build during this enriching time are possibly the best thing about it. It is truly a blast. I found the most enriching thing to be the way in which i found myself loving learning. I felt that everyday had a true and amazing purpose, and i knew that each day my mind would be blown afresh.

— **Theo, Art History Abroad 6-week Gap Year Course in Italy Alum**

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Berridge Creative Semester in France combines cultural immersion, artistic practice, community service and arts-based internships.

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On top of being an ideal place to grow as an artist, it's a place that I've gotten so much encouragement as a person.

Berridge has been a monumental part of my journey as a filmmaker. I can't think of a better place I could've made my first ever short film. I was in the most inspiring location to write and shoot, and I surrounded by so many other creatives, including a range of actors to cast. On top of being an ideal place to grow as an artist, it's a place that I've gotten so much encouragement as a person. The Berridge staff and my fellow students are still some of the most genuine, caring people I've met, and the connections I've made four years ago are still strong to this day.

— **Liezl, Berridge Creative Semester Alum**

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CARPE DIEM EDUCATION

Carpe Diem Education offers expertly designed gap year programs for students in 9 different regions around the world.

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If you want to learn the tools to live a more fulfilling life, develop a worldview, and be exposed to the inequalities that we are often sheltered from, then Carpe Diem is the program for you.

"The wisdom and lessons I gained have made me a more compassionate and open-minded individual. The way they organize the trip makes you feel like you are immersing yourself in the culture, rather than just being a tourist. We laughed till our stomachs hurt, danced with locals, cried, loved, meditated, and grew together. After 3 years, we still keep in contact because the connections made will truly last a lifetime. I can't recommend this program enough! Take the leap of faith!"

— **Isadora, Carpe Diem India Semester Alum**

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DYNAMY INTERNSHIP YEAR



Dynamy is a domestic gap year for students who are interested in exploring future career paths through 100+ internships.

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I attended Dynamy after being in college for a couple years and still having no clue what I wanted to do afterwards.

"My adviser helped me explore various internship opportunities and set up interviews. Both internships were great and have helped me shape a plan for my future. The staff is amazing and as involved as you need them to be; I was able to gain more independence but when a difficult life situation arose, they helped me through it and always had my back. My roommates were all amazing and we still keep in touch. Our apartment was spacious and very nice. There is plenty to explore around Worcester from great restaurants to sporting events and concerts, etc. This is a great program for any young adult looking to explore different fields and/or gain life experience."

— **Kamran, Dynamy Internship Year Alum**

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My time in EF was very unique, as I stayed there in the middle of a worldwide pandemic that hit Spain pretty hard at the beginning.

"My first month and a half was the normal EF experience, and it was wonderful. The classes were of great quality, and EF was always very helpful with anything I needed. Then the pandemic arrived and most of the students left, however I stayed and was able to still have a good experience first in the Residence, and then later in a host family. We had online classes the rest of my time, and they worked very well. I ended up graduating from EF with a C1 in Spanish!"

— **Cheyden, EF International Language Campuses Alum**

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FREE SPIRIT EXPERIENCE

Free Spirit offers a unique experience in Israel and Italy, filled with adventures, work experiences, and cultural-immersion community living.

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Coming to Free Spirit in the beginning of 2019 was the start of a process which helped me set foot in life again.

"It was the beginning of something special, spanning from expanding my comfort zone, to learning how to take responsibility. I was directly confronted with the reality of life again, which I was shielding myself from the last few years. The diversity of projects and activities was brilliant, from working on the Fishfarm on the kibbutz, to meeting young Israelis who themselves, struggled to get a grip back on life. The process that I underwent was tough but it payed off every day, simultaneously creating a sense of self confidence. I wasn't sure what I should expect from living on a kibbutz, but I couldn't have wanted anything else, the communal living was a wonderful setting to get a fresh taste on life again."

— Cedric, Free Spirit Experience Alum
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Find your purpose, your people, and your power to make an impact.

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Every time I sit down to write about my experience in India I find myself at a loss for words. It's funny because many times during my Global Citizen Year, I found myself at a loss for words.

"India is full of anomalies that left me with my jaw hanging on the ground. It was beautiful – ornate architecture, the serenity, the people. It was a mess – disparity, the chaos, the people. There is a saying in India; "What's said about India is true. But the opposite is equally as true," and I found that to be a recurring theme during my time there. Living in this world of extremes was difficult and even uncomfortable at times but needless to say, that is where personal growth comes from. To grow we must step out of our comfort zones and into our stretch zones and if you're someone who thinks they are ready to push themselves in ways they have not been pushed before, then I would like to quote an incredible writer. "Say YES!" –Tatiana Calonje. Not only was India kind enough to show me her mess of beauty, but she was able to show me the mess of beauty within myself."

— **Alana, Gap Year Program India Alum**

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HIGH MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE GAP

HMI's Gap Semesters unite outdoor adventure, environmental service, and community in some of the world's wildest places.

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We learned deeply about places while in them, talked about conservation and wilderness not as some far off concepts but as ideas with real, visible implications for how we lived while in the field.

"HMI gave me the perfect mixture of outdoor adventure, leadership skills, and environmental studies to create a genuinely phenomenal semester! I had spent very little time camping, backpacking, or climbing before the program, but HMI equipped me with all of the mental and physical tools to combat every challenge I would face. They helped me reframe my relationship with the outdoors and truly become comfortable in a wide variety of activities. HMI also created the space for an incredible and unique community. I had an amazing relationship with each individual participant and the group as a whole- we were genuinely a new family"

— **Zack, HMI Gap Alum**

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IRISH GAP YEAR



Irish Gap Year offers Adventure & Leadership, Arts & Culture, and European Expedition programs in Ireland and Europe.

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My experience here was so beyond incredible. I’ve made so many incredible friends here’s a learned so much about Ireland and the culture.

"I seriously enjoyed every single day of being in Ireland. I’m so so sad to leave. Like this has honestly been the highlight of my life so far; doing this program. There was never a dull moment with the group, we all became so incredibly close so quickly. The independence that you are given on this trip really allowed to me find myself in ways I never have before. This program has changed my life. I’m so thankful for it"

— **Braden, Irish Gap Year Alum**
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I had the best experience of my life on my internship. In Israel, the workplace is very different than it is in the US.

"I never felt like "just an intern" in Israel and there was never coffee-fetching. It was super hands-on and I got so much exposure to Israeli culture and work environment. I got to work directly with the company owner and sit in on multiple meetings. Because I am a native English speaker, the company valued what I had to say and my skillset was really tapped into. I got to re-brand the company website, create amazing events, and build such a strong network. I had a marketing internship and learned so much. I grew as a person and grew my international network. I wish the program never ended honestly. Every week we traveled to new and interesting places around Israel. I got exposed to so much more than I'd ever get to experience on a Birthright trip. You truly live like a local. It's a very special experience and is something that completely shaped my future career."

— Alissa, Internship Opportunities in Israel Alum

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Choosing the NOLS program was a decision that I will never regret and an opportunity that I am forever grateful for.

"This trip opened up my eyes and challenged every part of my being in the most unforgettable ways. From my inspiring instructors, the New Zealand terrain, to my fellow group members. It taught me how important communication is, how to be an authentic leader and how to persevere through the toughest of days. Sleeping under the stars almost every night and being completely unplugged in nature was only part of a trip of a lifetime. I would recommend this program/trip to anyone and everyone!"

— Mabel, NOLS Fall Semester in New Zealand Alum

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SEA SEMESTER



Sea Education Association is an internationally recognized leader in field-based marine and environmental education.

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From this program and the special learning environment, I feel even more excited and energized to go to college for Fall 2021 and continue learning about our remarkable world!

"Learning to sail the tall ship, working on research in the lab, and getting to know and work with my 35 shipmates (24 students and 12 crew total), taught me so much about myself and helped me to grow immensely. The crew are some of the most inspiring people you will ever meet! I learned so much from the assistant scientists, the mates, and the faculty! All of them are very approachable and always want to make sure that you are having the best experience that you can. When adjusting to the environment of living on the ship, the mates and scientists make you feel very comfortable and make sure that you know that making mistakes is part of the learning process! Living at sea is one of the most special experiences: every moment is a unique adventure!"

— Aileen, SEA Semester Gap Year Alum

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This program is beyond words. It's hard to believe how much we fit into just 90 days.

"I felt like we had plenty of time to explore each port, and fully take advantage of our time on land. What I really enjoyed most was growing as a team and as a family on board and getting accustomed to being part of the crew. You'll find that you'll learn just as much from your fellow shipmates as you would in the classes on board. It's one thing to learn from a lecture, but with these hands on exercises and field trips it makes the experience incredibly immersive and rewarding. I can't recommend this program enough if you enjoy the ocean, sailing, traveling, and making lasting relationships with your shipmates. 90 days seems like a long time, but by the end of our voyage I didn't want it to end. As a result of this voyage I am continuing my education in the maritime industry and am pursuing a career working on the ocean."

— Tom, Seamester: Caribbean to Tahiti Voyage Alum

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I learned more in one semester about myself and the world than I ever had in my life.

"Semester at Sea takes you to 11 countries and 4 continents, giving cultural immersion, a new global perspective, and a truly global comparative experience. For me, it was absolutely life changing. I learned more in one semester about myself and the world than I ever had in my life. It is true hands-on, experience-based learning. It isn't simply studying from a textbook and then forgetting everything a month later. All my SAS experiences will stay with me forever. SAS taught me that there is so much that we don't know about the world. There is so much left to learn. Other study abroad programs make you come home and say "that was fun," but Semester at Sea makes you say "What's next? How can I change the world for the better?" You truly leave inspired."

— **Melayna, Semester at Sea Alum**
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The programs that Timberline have are all once in a lifetime opportunities, whether it's a summer or winter program you are choosing they will meet and exceed your expectations making it almost impossible to have to leave at the end.

"Timberline is so unique because of the incredible friendly and personal nature surrounding the company, we had constant support and check-in's with all of the staff at Timberline, making it super easy to ask any questions and do everything we wanted. The other people on my course that I met and lived with were all the most amazing people who became some of my closest friends from almost every corner of the world. I met so many new people and tried so many new things, all thanks to the opportunity given to me by Timberline."

— **Rosie, Timberline Academy Ski & Snowboard Instructor's Program Alum**

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I feel so lucky to have been able to travel with Verto as it was a truly challenging and rewarding experience that made me a better and more educated person.

"I found out about Verto Education at a time in my life when I really needed to know that there was another way for me to begin life after high school. I feel so lucky to have been able to travel with Verto as it was a truly challenging and rewarding experience that made me a better and more educated person. Not only is it great for earning college credit and learning in new and strange environments, but it's extremely fun and you'll meet so many great people that become so important to you. Every experience is probably one you've never done before and one that you'll remember forever."

— Sarah, Verto Education Semester Abroad Alum
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This program gave me the opportunity to live life for a while in a manner that I had never experienced before.

"I went into the Montana Roots Gap Program hoping to learn about the world around me and ways that I can contribute to give back. As it turned out, I ended up learning about sustainable practices and we focused a lot of time learning about ecosystems. It was all very interesting and inspired me to want to live better! We met a lot of guest speakers who shared their knowledge with us and we got to partake in unique activities that I otherwise would not have had the chance to! One of the best parts of the program became apparent by the end – I had met so many awesome people and became friends with the other students. We were like our own little family."

— **Melissa, VISIONS Montana Gap Program Alum**

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I completed the Nepal Spring Semester Where There Be Dragons course and I can say for certain that this program is the best gap year course available hands down.

"From the way the groups are chosen to the instructors, mentors, and experiences; the program is designed around fitting to your needs and interest while also giving you a healthy dose of new perspectives. All the students I did the course with also share my belief is saying that this experience was not only valuable, but crucial to our development as people. The way things were presented, from religion, art and politics, to family life, always aligned to this student centered design. Throughout my experience I truly learned what cultural immersion is while gaining a deeper understanding of Nepal as a whole."

— **Tomas, Where There Be Dragons Nepal Himalayan Semester Alum**
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If you're feeling overwhelmed, you're not alone. Figuring out how to make the most of your gap time, selecting the right program, devising travel schedules, budgeting, navigating college deferrals, researching travel insurance, and everything in between can be challenging for students or parents who are new to gap year planning.

Luckily, our USA Gap Year Fairs guest speakers and Gap Year Association accredited counselors are experts in supporting you through every step of the gap year process. To learn more, flip through the next few pages to get to know these gap year enthusiasts!



Holly Bull
Center for Interim Programs



Kate Warren
Center for Interim Programs



Julia Rogers
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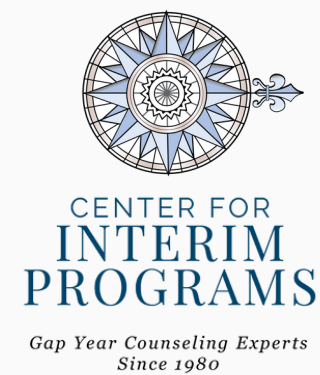
- Did you know that there are only 8 professionally accredited gap year counselors in the United States that meet the current standards set by the Gap Year Association?
- Collectively, the 6 counselors have over 125 YEARS of gap year experience!
- The counselors are guest speakers at the virtual 2021 USA Gap Year Fairs events, so be sure to sign up to attend an upcoming fair or webinar.



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We are expert gap year counselors with 40 years experience in this field and over 8,000 students served.

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The Center for Interim Programs was an enormous gift to my daughter for her gap year plans.

Holly Bull was invaluable in her insight and guidance and is a very perceptive listener. She was able to identify optimal programs and experiences that matched my daughter's hopes and goals and I would not hesitate to recommend Interim to anyone seeking life enhancing experiences. My many thanks to Kate too for being a great pleasure to work with!

— **Letitia, Gap Year Parent**
Verified Go Overseas Community Member



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JULIA ROGERS
ENROUTE CONSULTING

EnRoute Consulting takes the stress out of gap year planning by assisting in thoughtful itinerary design for families.

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My incredible gap year experience would not have been possible without Julia's thoughtful advising and diligent research.

She listened intently to my ideas, considered what I wanted out of my year, and matched me with some excellent programs. I didn't really know exactly what I wanted but looking back I wouldn't have done anything else. She broadened my opportunities by connecting me with a wider range of programs than I could have ever found on my own. Couldn't recommend her or Enroute highly enough!

— Bailey, Gap Year Alum
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JANE & JASON SAROUHAN J2GUIDES

J2Guides is an innovative gap year counseling service and educational platform that brings empowerment, affordability and expertise to the center of your gap year conversation.

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Jane and Jason are not only consummate professionals but they are also super knowledgeable about both overseas AND domestic gap year programs which has been especially helpful this year.

I am super impressed by their company and recommendations and they helped my daughter navigate all the major steps of planning a gap year during a time when the rug literally got pulled out from all of us. By shifting to domestic programs, my daughter was able to find the right fit for her and is engaged and learning so much...THANK YOU J2Guides!!!

— **Julie, Gap Year Parent**

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Combining lifelong gap experiences with 35+ years of social work to help students make the most of their gap time.

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“I am so grateful I chose Taylor the Gap to guide me through my gap year as Marion helped me narrow down my selection of programs until we found one that met all my needs.

Her service is unique because she provides very personalized sessions and has traveled quite a bit herself providing firsthand advice and tools. Her work doesn’t stop when you head out on your gap year, as she also meets with you to debrief upon your return and with the transition into college serving as a personal advocate and friend.

— Adelaide, Gap Year Alum
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1 Apply for the USA Gap Year Fairs Scholarship

- Tuition scholarship up to **\$10,000 USD**
- Mentorship from an expert gap year counselor
- Awarded by gap year alumni ambassadors
- Deadline to apply: **Apr 15, 2021**



2 Register for upcoming events

- Regional & National USA Gap Year Fairs
- 12 virtual events, Jan 6 – Mar 30
- *"How to Plan a Gap Year: The Ultimate Crash Course"*
 - 15-part webinar series, Feb 1 – Apr 13
 - Ask an Expert sessions
 - Thematic provider panels

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3 Access the most up to date gap year information 24/7

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USAGapYearFairs.org



So where will your gap year take you?

We hope this guide and the resources included here will help connect you with perspective-changing opportunities, ideas, and inspiration for your gap year. If there's anything we missed, don't hesitate to reach out to the USA Gap Year Fairs & Go Overseas team. In the meantime, we hope to see you at a virtual event, review your 2021 scholarship application, or maybe even read a gap year alumni review from you one year from now!



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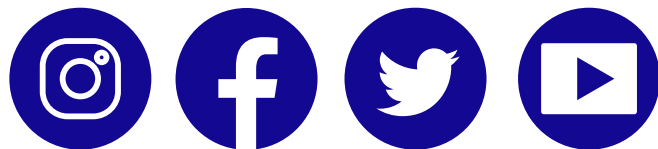


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