

SUMMER WORK TRAVEL 2020 SEASON PROGRAM DATES BY COUNTRY

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The program dates are windows of opportunity for program participation. Within this timeframe, students are still subject to their university's official academic break schedule. Even though the window of opportunity may be longer than four months, a participant may only participate a maximum of four months or the length of the period of their academic break, whichever is shorter. If a country is not listed on the chart, please contact the Office of Private Sector Exchange Designation at DesignationSWT@state.gov for guidance.

Country	Opening Date	Closing Date	Approximate Length	Additional Notes
Afghanistan	6-Dec	28-Feb	3 Months	
Albania	1-Jul	15-Oct	3.5 Months	
Argentina	1-Dec	1-Apr	4 Months	
Armenia	1-Jun	31-Aug	3 Months	
Australia	15-Nov	8-Mar	3.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Austria	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Azerbaijan	7-Jun	16-Sep	3.25 Months	Start date may be up to a month later, beginning in July. Established by the Ministry of Education that universities start on or around Sept. 17.
Barbados	17-May	1-Sep	3.5 Months	
Belarus	25-Jun	1-Sep	2 Months	Participants are only permitted to participate in the program for four months or less and once a year during their official academic break. A small number of higher educational institutions in the visual and performing arts have an academic year that spans from June 25 to October 1. Due to a special event some universities will end May 27 please contact DesignationSWT@state.gov for additional information.
Belgium	30-Jun	15-Sep	2.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Belize	15-May	15-Aug	3 Months	
Bermuda	16-May	16-Sep	4 Months	
Bolivia	15-Nov	15-Mar	4Months	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	23-May	30-Sep	4 Months	

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Botswana	7-Apr	15-Aug	4 Months	
Brazil	15-Nov	15-Mar	4 Months	
Bulgaria	1-May	30-Sep	5 Months	
Burma	1-Oct	1-Dec	2 Months	Exact academic calendars vary from one university to another, and depend on exam dates.
	1-Apr	1-Jun	2 Months	Exact academic calendars vary from one university to another, and depend on exam dates.
Canada	24-Apr	15-Sep	4.75 Months	
Cape Verde	8-Jul	4-Oct	3 Months	
Chile	1-Dec	1-Apr	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
China	1-Jun	15-Sep	3.5 Months	
Colombia	1-May	30-Aug	4 Months	
Costa Rica	1-Dec	31-Mar	4 Months	
Croatia	10-Jun	10-Oct	4 Months	
Cyprus	20-May	29-Sep	4 Months	
Czech Republic	1-May	1-Oct	5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Denmark	19-Jun	1-Sep	2.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Djibouti	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	
Dominican Republic	4-May	1-Sep	4 Months	

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Ecuador, Guayaquil	21-Feb	2-May	2.5 Months	(South) Coastal areas of Ecuador
Ecuador, Quito	20-Jan	1-Oct	4 Months	(North) Mountain regions of Ecuador. Participants are only permitted to participate in the program for four months or less and once a year during their official academic summer break.
Egypt	15-May	21-Sep		
El Salvador	9-Jun	26-Jul	2 Months	
Estonia	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Fiji	9-Nov	4-Feb	3 Months	
Finland	13-May	13-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country; SWT Inquires: HelsinkiNIV@state.gov
France	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Germany	1-Jul	31-Oct	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Ghana	13-May	5-Sep	3 Months	
Georgia	19-Jun	15-Sep	3 Months	
Greece	29-Jun	4-Sep	2 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Greenland	15-Jun	30-Aug	2.5 Months	
Grenada	8-May	14-Sep	4.25 Months	
Guatemala	15-Nov	15-Jan	2.5 Months	
Guinea-Bissau	1-Aug	7-Oct	2.25 Months	

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Hong Kong	15-May	30-Sep	4.5 Months	
Hungary	16-May	14-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Iceland	15-May	31-Aug	3.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
India	1-May	31-Aug	4 Months	
Indonesia	1-Jun	30-Sep	2 Months	Timing of break between academic year varies between program dates, but does not exceed two months.
Iran	23-Jun	12-Sep	3 Months	Placement exceptions/unauthorized: STEM & IT Fields
Ireland	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Israel - Tel Aviv	21-Jun	30-Oct	4 Months	Israeli nationals break during this period
Italy	15-Jun	15-Sep	3 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Jamaica	5-May	7-Sep	4 Months	
Japan	18-Jun	18-Oct	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Jordan	1-Jun	1-Oct	4 Months	
Kazakhstan	25-May	1-Sep	3 Months	
Kenya	1-May	31-Aug	4 Months	
Kosovo	15-May	30-Sep	4.5 Months	
Kyrgyzstan	1-Jun	31-Aug	3 Months	
Latvia	4-May	31-Aug	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country

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Lebanon	15-Jun	15-Sep	3 Months	Lebanese University and USJ's break is early June-late September. AUB/LAU have earlier start dates.
Lesotho	5-Jun	5-Aug	2 Months	
Lithuania	4-May	11-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Luxembourg	9-Jul	9-Sep	2 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Macau	15-May	30-Sep	4.5 Months	
Malaysia	25-May	15-Sep	3.5 Months	Dates reflect academic breaks for accredited universities subject to varying academic schedules throughout Malaysia. Participants are only permitted to participate in the program for four months or less and once a year during their official academic summer break.
	25-Nov	15-Mar	3.5 Months	
Mali	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 Months	
Malta	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Mexico	19-May	5-Sep	3.5 Months	
Moldova	1-Jun	28-Aug	3 Months	
Monaco	1-Jun	10-Sep	3 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Mongolia	1-Jun	1-Sep	3 Months	
Montenegro	15-Jun	18-Sep	3 Months	Note that this opportunity does not include the complete exam period at the conclusion of the academic year for all universities, nor does it fully include the period prior to the start of the new academic year during which students sit for make-up exams.
Morocco	10-Jul	5-Sep	2 Months	
Namibia	24-Nov	7-Feb	2 1/2 Months	
Nepal	1-Jul	1-Aug	1 Month	

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Netherlands	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
New Zealand	27-Oct	12-Mar	4.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Nicaragua	15-Dec	15-Mar	3 Months	Dates reflect academic breaks for accredited universities subject to varying academic schedules throughout Nicaragua. Participants are only permitted to participate in the program for four months or less and once a year during their official academic summer break.
	15-May	1-Sep	3.5 Months	
Nigeria	1-Jun	1-Oct	4 Months	
Norway	15-Jun	20-Aug	2 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Pakistan	1-Jul	31-Aug	2 Months	
Palestinian Territories - Jerusalem	25-Jun	28-Sep	3 Months	
Panama	1-Dec	31-Mar	3 Months	
Papua New Guinea	1-Dec	1-Feb	2 Months	
Paraguay	1-Dec	31-Mar	4 Months	
Peru	1-Dec	31-Mar	4 Months	
Philippines	26-Mar	1-Sep	5 Months	
Poland	25-May	25-Sep	4 Months	
Portugal	10-Jul	15-Sep	2 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Qatar	15-Jun	5-Sep	2.75 Months	
Republic of North Macedonia	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	
Romania	15-Jun	30-Sep	3.5 Months	Interview Dates: March 20-June 30

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Russia (Moscow)	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	Appointment availability may be affected by the recent Mission Russia staffing reduction imposed by the Russian government.
Saudia Arabia	15-May	2-Sep	3.5 Months	
Serbia (Belgrade)	21-May	10-Oct	4.5 Months	Appt Dates: Third week in March - Second week of June
Senegal	15-Jun	15-Oct	4 Months	
Singapore	1-May	31-Aug	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Slovakia	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Slovenia	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Solomon Islands	1-Dec	1-Feb	2 Months	
South Africa	30-Oct	15-Mar	4.5 Months	
South Korea	15-Dec	28-Feb	2.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Spain	12-Jun	15-Sep	3 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Swaziland (Eswatini)	1-Dec	1-Feb	2 Months	
Sweden	1-May	30-Aug	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Switzerland	31-May	16-Sep	3.5 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Taiwan	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Program Member
Tanzania	1-Dec	31-Dec	1 Month	
Thailand (Spring)	7-Mar	7-Jul	4 Months	
Thailand (Summer)	7-May	7-Sep	4 Months	
Togo	5-Jul	9-Sep	2.5 Months	

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Trinidad and Tobago	18-May	31-Aug	3.5 Months	
Tunisia	25-May	25-Sep	4 Months	
Turkey	15-May	1-Oct	4.5 Months	Appt Dates: Third week in February through the last week of June.
Turkmenistan	15-Jun	30-Sep	3.5 Months	
Ukraine	4-May	31-Aug	4 Months	
United Arab Emirates	2-May	6-Sep	4 Months	
United Kingdom	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	Visa Waiver Country
Uruguay	15-Nov	1-Apr	4.5 Months	Dates reflect academic breaks for accredited universities subject to varying academic schedules throughout Uruguay. Participants are only permitted to participate in the program for four months or less and once a year during their official academic summer break.
Uzbekistan	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	
Vanuatu	1-Dec	1-Feb	2 Months	
Venezuela	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 Months	
Vietnam	24-Jun	15-Aug	2 Months	
Zambia	14-Apr	29-Jun	2.5 Months	
Zimbabwe	1-Dec	25-Feb	3 Months	