

# DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR GRADUATE DEGREE ABROAD?

## Explore and Identify Your Program of Interest

- Start exploring your program options online
- Masters Portal is a great place where you can browse for graduate programs worldwide: <https://www.mastersportal.com>
- Be sure to check whether your institution of interest has the appropriate accreditations for your career field

## Search for Funding Opportunities

- **Student Loans**
  - When applying for aid, you have the choice between financial aid from the federal government or a loan from a private lender.
  - To search for a list of international schools in federal student aid programs, go to: <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/international>
- **Grants and Scholarships**
  - Explore grant and scholarship opportunities at your school of choice.
  - The Department of Labor sponsors a database with over 8,000 scholarship opportunities: <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/training/find-scholarships.aspx>

## Apply to the University of Choice

- Admission requirements vary for institutions.
- You may or may not need to take an exam such as the GRE.
- Review the university website and contact with the university's international admissions office and graduate school for any questions you may have.

## Acquire Necessary Travel Documents

- Apply for a passport if you do not have one.
- If your passport will be expiring during the time you plan to be away, it must be renewed.
- Visit the website of your host country's consulate to view visa requirements
- Since graduate degrees require long-term stays in the host country, a student visa will be required for most countries.
- If you think you might want to work in your host country while studying or after you complete your degree, be sure to inform yourself on your student visa status and what it allows.