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# WINTERLINE GLOBAL SKILLS GAP YEAR PROGRAM

9 months. 10 countries. 100 skills.



## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### COUNTRIES VISITED

US, Costa Rica, Panama, Thailand, India, Rwanda, South Africa, Italy, Germany

### PROGRAM DATES

Orientation Sep 11 - Sep 30, 2019

1st Trimester Sep 30 - Nov 23, 2019

Winter Break Nov 23, 2019 - Jan 19, 2020

2nd Trimester Jan 19 - Mar 15, 2020

3rd Trimester Mar 15 - May 5, 2020



### 100+ REAL SKILLS FOR THE REAL WORLD

Outdoor Skills, Business & Career Skills, Life Skills, Creating & Construction, Media & Communication, Global Society & Leadership Skills, Caregiving, Technical Skills, Independent Living Skills

### COLLEGE CREDIT AVAILABLE

Earn college credit while you travel through our partnership with Western State Colorado University.

### PARTNERS (PARTIAL LIST)

Rancho Mastatal, Earthenable, BMW–Driving Experience, Ca'macana, Orsoni, Grasshopper Bicycle Adventures, Monteverde Institute, Costa Rica, ThinkImpact, Innovation Center of Panama, YMCA of the Rockies, Bangkok Vanguard, Hanifl Centre.

### PROGRAM FEE

\$55,000 (all-inclusive)

Our 9-month Global Skills Gap Year Program is inclusive and includes all skills-training and program fees, international and in-country travel, curricular materials, food, lodging, emergency medical and evacuation insurance, and related expenses during the program days.

The fee does not include: travel to the start of the program and home again, obtaining a passport, personal spending money during the program, required equipment or gear, recommended or required immunizations, or visa fees.

*Sample itinerary only. Dates, schedule, content and partners are subject to change.*  
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Sample Itinerary #2



Orientation  
USA (Estes Park, CO)  
September

## Let the Adventure Begin



Partner:  
YMCA of the Rockies

The Global Skills Program Orientation lays the foundation for the rest of the year. You'll kick off your adventure in the magnificent Colorado Rocky Mountains, where you'll develop the communication tools, leadership behaviors and camaraderie that will set the stage for the program.

*Skills: Team-building, creating a positive and safe culture, program logistics and preparation, risk management training.*



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Trimester One  
Costa Rica, Panama  
October – November

# Living in our World

The first trimester is a time to start building your independence and “getting comfortable in your own skin.” You will learn scuba and experience heat, group living and homestays. You will be surrounded by a new language, connect with the earth in a new way, and learn to live in the outdoors.

Partners:

Pacific Dive Center  
Monteverde Institute  
Rancho Mastatal  
Think Impact  
Centre for Innovation  
EcoStudio, Panama, an MIT Fab Lab  
Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute



## COSTA RICA

Kick off this trimester by challenging yourself. You'll begin testing your limits, pushing beyond your comfort zone and getting Scuba PADI certified.

You'll work in permaculture and experience a community rooted in environmental sustainability. Learn how to live in balance with the environment. Practice natural building skills and use hand tools that have a real life application.

## INDEPENDENT PROJECT I

While living in homestays in Costa Rica, students will have the opportunity to apprentice with businesses around Monteverde to learn skills such as coffee production, adventure and eco-tourism, water management and ranching, language acquisition, environmental science, and agriculture. To wrap up the experience, students then share their experience with the local community.

*Skills: Scuba, safe travel, permaculture design, soil ecology and fertility, natural building, food production, cultural immersion, sustainability, independent travel, hands-on apprenticeship, basic Spanish conversation, presentation skills.*

## PANAMA

In Panama you'll work with local micro businesses in a rural community setting, hit the water for a kayaking trip, spend time at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, learn design and fabrication at the EcoLab, an MIT Fab lab, and wrap up the trimester at a City of Knowledge startup incubator.

*Skills: Kayaking, leadership, research, entrepreneurship, community development.*

## WINTER BREAK





Trimester Two  
Thailand, India, Rwanda  
January – March

# Connecting Across Cultures

During the second trimester, you'll master conflict resolution and explore human society, health care and commerce. You'll discover how people live together in rural and urban settings. And you'll engage in a trek high in the Himalaya, where you'll learn outdoor skills and engage with the people and beauty of the region along the way.

In Rwanda, you will work with local micro-enterprises, cooperatives and sustainable energy programs.

Partners:  
Baipai Thai Cooking School  
Bangkok Vanguard  
Grasshopper Bicycle Tours  
The Capacity Specialists  
Aerie Backcountry Medicine  
Hanifl Center  
Uday Tours  
ThinkImpact  
Earthenable



## THAILAND

Navigate the city and coastline of Bangkok using a variety of transportation modes and learn to take care of yourself in an urban setting. Get hands-on experience cooking alongside master Thai chefs. Acquire and practice conflict resolution, team dynamics and leadership skills. Learn to repair and maintain a bike.

*Skills: Cooking, navigation and urban safety, bargaining, self-care, customer service, cultural assimilation, cultural literacy, conflict resolution, team dynamics, customer service and hospitality, bicycle maintenance and safety.*

## INDIA

Learn and practice rural and disaster medicine skills. Trek through the high Himalaya. Learn outdoor camping and hiking skills and connect with local communities along the way. Lastly, visit the Taj Mahal and learn the art of marble inlay.

*Skills: Disaster medicine, hiking, camping, yoga, meditation, marble inlay.*

## RWANDA

Live and work in the local community, supporting micro-enterprises and women's cooperatives. Learn and apply the "Three Whats." Be embraced by the welcoming culture. Projects include sustainable energy, healthcare and supply chain agriculture.

*Skills: Community building, micro-business, sustainable energy, the "Three Whats," social entrepreneurship*

## INDEPENDENT PROJECT I I

You choose! You select the area of skills you want to hone while living in homestays. Categories include agriculture, local micro businesses, healthcare and sustainable energy.

*Skills: Self-directed learning, project planning, budgeting, self-care, cultural immersion, skills of students' choosing.*





**Trimester Three**  
**South Africa, Italy, Germany, USA**  
**March – May**

# Choosing The Path to Your Future

Partners:  
 Abatezanetti  
 BMW Driving Academy  
 Ca'macana  
 Orsoni  
 ThinkImpact  
 Earthenable

## SOUTH AFRICA

You've experienced the natural world, you've witnessed the diversity of human culture. Now you will have the opportunity to dive deeper into your areas of interest, designed to give you a foundation for the life you want. You will travel through Africa and engage in community development and resume-building social empowerment programs that will give you a better understanding of career and academic possibilities.

*Skills: Community relations, urban agriculture, videography, small-scale entrepreneurship, wildlife conservation.*



## ITALY

Immerse yourself in the rich traditions of Venetian art and architecture and create your own art in glass mosaics and mask making. Learn photography, then view the city through a camera lens. Sample regional wines at a wine tasting.

*Skills: Arts, arts appreciation, photography, wine tasting, mask making, tile mosaics.*

## GERMANY

Experience the joy of driving and learn how to control a car in simulations of real life driving, learning skills such as precise steering, braking, understeering and target stops. Complete the experience with an exciting mixture of control and fun during a timed slalom contest.

*Skills: Driving safely, handling road hazards under extreme situations.*

## VARIOUS LOCATIONS INDEPENDENT PROJECTS III

Spend time on your own in a city of your choosing in Europe to learn a new skill, deepen one you already know or apply one in a practical way. Each student will develop a project proposal that includes goals, a plan, a budget and logistics.

*Skills: Self-directed learning, project planning, budgeting, independent travel, risk management, presentation skills.*

## USA GRADUATION CEREMONY

A celebration for you and your family. From here, you can go anywhere.

