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Sharing ideas and expertise

As well as learning specific skills in your chosen field, you will also gain an appreciation and understanding of how businesses in your particular destination operate, which can often be quite different to how things work in the West. This international business awareness adds a further dimension to your overall knowledge and employability levels. As a foreigner working in a local firm, your ideas will be valued whatever your level. Businesses in the destinations we operate in are keen to learn about western ways of doing things and if you have skills in a particular area they will be more than happy to learn from you.

China

Based in Shanghai, our China business programme places volunteers in one of the world's emerging financial and commercial centres. The modern business district is home to an array of companies in every conceivable business field. We can arrange unique opportunities for you to work in up-and-coming Chinese enterprises. The nature of the work you do will depend on your own level of experience and any specific interests you are looking to pursue. In the past we have had placements as diverse as architecture, marketing and real estate.

A Business placement can enhance your CV in many ways. Not only will you gain experience in a chosen field, but you may work in a team, gain office and computing experience, as well as

improve your presentation and communication skills.

With China - and Shanghai in particular - now at the forefront of business development and foreign investment in Asia, there really is no better time to participate in a placement here and experience one of the world's fastest growing economies.

Ghana

Although slower in pace than Shanghai, the business world in Africa offers its own unique challenges. We have opportunities in the capital of Ghana, Accra, for those with some experience, interested in pursuing a career in accountancy. Working within a medium-sized accountancy firm, you will gain experience in a wide range of areas including auditing, tax consultancy and the preparation of financial statements.

Mongolia

Mongolia is 90% dependent on foreign imports. Business volunteers here get the chance to see how small and medium size trading companies work between the two giant markets of Russia and China. Mongolia is a great destination for volunteers who already have some idea of the field they wish to work in, with placements available not only in international trading, but also in IT, marketing, accountancy and finance, retail, leisure and tourism and manufacturing.

Teaching & Projects Abroad offer a range of placements that give volunteers the opportunity to gain an insight into a business environment unlike any they are likely to have experienced before. We are able to organise placements in numerous areas of business, from advertising to accounting; from marketing to property management.



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Shanghai



Business in China

If you are looking to gain experience, or simply improve on any experience you already have, get in touch and we'll see what we can do. Whether you choose to work in Shanghai, Accra or Ulaanbaatar you will have real work to do and gain a unique talking point for future interviews. But above all, you'll have a great time!



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■ Quotes from volunteers...

"I was given plenty of responsibility from the start of my placement and was involved in planning the company's Clubhouse. The success of the project was on my shoulders from the start and I enjoyed this challenge alongside learning about HR and marketing."

■ **Fenny Mehta**, Business in China.

"Rather than a single incident, I think the most memorable thing about my trip to China was the warmth with which I was welcomed by the people. The Chinese attitude towards work took some getting used to, but gave me a good insight into the different culture I was immersed in....The best project I was involved in was helping organise the Media & Finance Professionals' Executive Training Programme and meeting Nobel Laureate Professor Joseph Stiglitz. It was a privilege to be able to listen to his fascinating speech on globalisation and being able to spend two days in Hangzhou with him."

■ **Arti Krishna**, Business in China

"I taught staff use of Excel and Access packages and explained differences between my experiences of business and theirs."

■ **Fiona Armstrong**, Business in Ghana

"Going to China to work is an entirely different experience to travelling with a rucksack and camera. Anyone considering going to another country would be well advised to get properly involved with the local life - it makes the experience infinitely more valuable, and for somebody looking for connections in China, Teaching & Projects Abroad is an excellent starting block."

■ **Trevor Archer**, Business in China

"For me, the challenge was to assess a young software development company and make recommendations to improve the management process and increase market share. Previously I had worked in a large multinational, but now I had to operate without the vast resources that I had become accustomed to. I could not draw upon a range of experts or access the information contained within a company information system, but what I could depend upon was the enthusiasm and hospitality of my Mongolian colleagues. Their willingness to learn, accept change and take risks to grow their business should serve as an inspiration to many Western managers."

■ **Ian Bromage**, Business in Mongolia.

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Further information...

If you would like any further information on these or any other projects, do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Our staff are always happy to help!



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