

WORK INTEGRATED LEARNING



Seminar: Networking & Job Searches That Work

Considering an Overseas Position: Checklist

1. Evaluate:

Know yourself

- Are you prepared to be away from friends and family for at least 40 weeks?
- Have you considered social, financial and career factors?
- Do you have appropriate personal attributes/strengths?
- Can you speak relevant and/or required languages?
- Have you ever travelled independently?

Labour markets

- Do you have a "comparative advantage" over locals when competing in an overseas employment market? (i.e. why should they hire an Aussie?)
 - Are you able to, or how would you, acquire the skills needed?
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2. Research:

Visa requirements

- Requirements for working in other countries - are you eligible for the correct visa?
- Can you obtain a trainee or working holiday visa?

Living expenses – Affordability

- Can you survive on local wages?
 - Do you have adequate savings?
 - Have you researched the cost of living?
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3. Plan:

Decide on your preferred destination based on the above evaluation and research process (*not your dreams!*)

- Do you have contacts to help you get a job overseas?
- Investigate the timing of:
 - Gaining visas
 - Getting the job and
 - Making travel plans (what comes first?)

See your WIL Co-ordinator Now!