



This user-friendly questionnaire is designed to serve as a tool for the advisor to make recommendations that match your interests, passions, and goals with a customized gap program or experience. Feel free to add any information in the space provided in the last question.

Basic Information:

First/Last Name: _____

Preferred Nickname: _____

What is your Gender: Female Male Transgender Prefer not to say Other: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: (city, state, & zip) _____

Cell phone: _____ Email address: _____

(For Students) Current High School: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Current or Future College: _____

Mother's First/Last Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Father's First/Last Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

(For Adults) Current Profession: _____

Retired?: _____ Between Jobs/Careers: _____

Ideally, when would you like to begin your gap experience?



Prior Experience:

What past experiences might help to build a foundation or further an interest in your time out/gap?

Have you traveled outside the continental United States? If yes, where?

Have you camped or lived outdoors? Do you enjoy it?

Have you lived in a developing country? If yes, where and for how long?

In what capacity and for how long have you volunteered? What did you like and dislike about that experience?

If you volunteered in a developing country outside the US, what is your philosophy regarding voluntourism?



How do you view community service in orphanages, animal sanctuaries, and medical clinics?

Have you studied a language and if yes, for how long?

If you are currently an adult changing careers or jobs or in retirement, would you like to apply your professional expertise or skill to your gap experience or prefer to explore/learn something entirely new?

Do you have your CPR first aid training? If so, is it current?

Certification for First Aid training is strongly recommended by all students whether traveling independently or with a gap program (if not offered on that program). Trainings are best taken in person (vs. online) and classes in your area can be found at www.redcross.org/take-a-class with the American Red Cross. Several levels of training are offered: First Aid, AED, CPR, and life guarding would be the most relevant for traveling.



Current Interests:

Designing a gap experience can feel overwhelming given the wide array of available options. Please specify below which areas of interest, preferred environmental settings, and geographical locations appeal most.

Check which program area(s) are of interest to you:

- Academic or Post-Graduate Studies
- Travel or Community Immersion
- Volunteer or Community Service
- Wilderness/Adventure
- Environmental/Conservation
- Professional Internship
- Language Study (specify language in other)
- EdGE-Education through Global Engagement - online learning platform option

(An interactive, multimedia online curriculum with personalized mentorship, online forum and network, personalized profile and blogging platform, capstone project and tax-deductible crowdfunding options)

Do you have an area of expertise that you would like to study, train, or immerse yourself in? What is it?

Check which topic area(s) might be of interest to you:

- Marine Biology
- Animals
- Cooking
- Sports
- Travel
- Languages
- Children
- Agriculture
- Archaeology
- Social Service
- Gerontology
- Nature
- Health
- Writing
- Teaching
- Sailing
- Art/Architecture
- Business
- Dance
- Graphics/Design
- Forestry
- Photography
- Politics
- Social Justice



- Community Service _____
- Women's Economic Development _____
- Other _____

Check which geographical area(s) interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Africa (list countries)
_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Australia | <input type="checkbox"/> Thailand |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central America | <input type="checkbox"/> New Zealand | <input type="checkbox"/> Vietnam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> South America | <input type="checkbox"/> Indonesia | <input type="checkbox"/> Laos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> China | <input type="checkbox"/> Cambodia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> United States | <input type="checkbox"/> Japan | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East | <input type="checkbox"/> India | _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Nepal | _____ |

Check which type of environment(s) you prefer:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural | <input type="checkbox"/> Arid/Desert | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Urban/City/Town | <input type="checkbox"/> Tropical | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountainous | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea/Maritime | _____ |

(Student Only) Do you prefer to be in a structured group program with peers your own age or with slightly mixed ages (e.g. 18-25)?

Do you prefer to live in a home stay with a family, in a dorm, hostel or volunteer guesthouse, or some other setting? Are you ok to be the only volunteer?

Will you be able to live without certain modern amenities if living in an impoverished community? (i.e. erratic power, hot or cold running water, internet access, cell phone)

Do you want to be in an academic environment?



Finances:

Do you plan to spend time earning funds for part or all of your gap expenses?

Are you thinking of combining several different programs/experiences over the course of the gap period or one program over a 9-12 month time frame?

What are your personal goals for your gap experience?

Is there any other additional informational that you would like to include?

**Thank you,
Marion Taylor**