

Summer Work Travel Start and End Dates, Summer 2009

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1	Country	Opening Date	Closing Date	Approximate Length	Notes
2	Argentina	15-Dec	15-Mar	3 Months	April 15 is the latest end date for the summer season; If students have varying university schedules, they submit a standard form filled out by their Registrar to the sponsoring agency to amend the DS-2019.
3	Australia	15-Nov	8-Mar	3-4 Months	November 15- March 8 is the range of dates at major universities in Australia. Individual universities, however do not exceed four months.
4	Belarus	1-Jun	1-Sep	3 Months	
5	Benin	15-Jun	15-Oct	4 Months	
6	Brazil	15-Dec	15-Mar	3 Months	
7	Bulgaria	1-May	1-Sep	4 Months	Or June 1 - Oct 1, 2009 depending on school. Several schools have different end dates in May but do not exceed 4 months.
8	Cameroon	10-Jul	15-Oct		
9	Cape Verde	15-Jul	30-Sep	2-3 Months	
10	China	26-Jun	10-Sep	3-4 Months	Several universities have different start and end dates. Posts will consider applications outside the listed timeframe with proper documentation from applicant.
11	Colombia	18-May	17-Aug	3-4 Months	Some universities work on a trimester system, so dates vary, but do not exceed 4 months.
12		20-Nov	31-Jan		
13	Czech Republic	15-Jun	31-Aug	2-3 Months	Depends on specific school but date indicated is general to all major schools.
14	Dominican Republic	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	
15	Ecuador	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	Not all schools fall exactly within the June 1 – Sept 30 window because the Ministry of Education does not mandate specific summer vacation dates for universities.
16	Estonia	4-Jun	1-Sep	3 Months	School Start Date is September 1st. End date depends on the institution, but usually sometime around the end of June.
17	Finland	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	
18	France	15-Jun	15-Oct	4 Months	
19	Gabon	1-Jul	1-Oct	3 Months	Students resume studies in November. Sao Tome & Principe does not have a university, and high school graduates go outside the country for advanced education.

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20	Germany	1-Jul	31-Oct	4 Months	
21	Ghana	15-May	1-Oct	4 Months	Dates may vary based on exam and registration dates of students.
22	Greece	Late June	Late Sept	3-4 Months	
23	Hong Kong	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	
24	India	1-May	31-Jul	3 Months	
25	Indonesia	20-Jun	25-Aug	2-3 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months.
26	Ireland	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 Months	
27	Kazakhstan	1-Jun	8-Sep	3-4 Months	
28	Kosovo	30-May	30-Sep	4 Months	
29	Kyrgyzstan	15-Jun	31-Aug	3-4 Months	American University of Central Asia is reported May 15 – Aug 25th. Two major universities start summer on June 1.
30	Latvia	15-May	31-Aug	3-4 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months. SWT start dates range from anytime in May to June.
31	Lithuania	1-Jun	14-Sep		
32	Luxembourg	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 Months	
33	Macedonia	30-May	30-Sep	4 Months	
34	Malta	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 Months	
35	Mauritius	13-Dec	19-Jan	1-2 Months	
36	Mexico	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	
37	Moldova	16-May	12-Sep	4 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months.

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38	Mozambique				Mozambique has two semester breaks: end of November until mid February and end of June until the beginning of August.	
39	New Zealand	1-Nov	17-Mar	3-4 Months	November 1- March 2 is the range of dates at major universities in New Zealand. Individual universities, however do not exceed four months.	
40	Pakistan	1-Jun	1-Aug	2-3 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months.	
41	Peru	1-Dec	30-Mar	4 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months.	
42	Philippines	21-Mar	18-Jun	3 Months	Dates vary for major university but are in the range of late March and Mid June. De Salle university summer break is April 18 to May 23.	
43	Poland	25-May	15-Oct	4 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months.	
44	Russia	30-May	30-Sep	4 Months	<p>To accommodate U.S. employers who have requested SWT participants for Memorial Day weekend, Mission Russia's SWT Program Dates will be 20 May to 20 September. These dates will also allow students to benefit from the 30-day post-SWT grace period for travel, taking into consideration that Russian universities are back in session 1 October. Mission Russia is #1 worldwide for Summer Work and Travel processing in 2008. Here are a few additional details about our procedures.</p> <p>Given the volume of SWT cases, we require that all prospective SWT applicants to work through a local SWT provider that is registered through the Embassy (For example, currently, Moscow has 44 registered providers which are listed on the Embassy's website). Students that wish to find their own jobs and places to stay in the US, still work through a local provider (at a reduced fee for limited services). These providers do data entry, collect fees, make appointments, arrange transport, facilitate waiting room, organize the students etc. We would be unable to accommodate current numbers without their assistance. At the end of the SWT season in autumn, we host several informal, frank, SWT alumni gatherings to hear from Russian students freshly returned from the US. We use their input to adjust our processes and assess the effectiveness of the program as a diplomatic tool.</p>	
45	Serbia	15-May	15-Sep	4 Months	The indicated dates are general but do not exceed 4 months.	
46	Slovenia	1-May	30-Sep	4 Months	The majority of the travels last about 3 Months. Final exams are in July, so May 1 to July 1 is the range for the start date.	
47	South Africa	25-Oct	15-Mar	4 Months	The indicated dates is a broad range for many schools in South Africa, but none exceed 4 months.	
48	Sri Lanka	26-Jun	17-Sep	3-4 Months		
49	Taiwan	22-Jun	20-Sep	3 Months		
50	Tajikistan	1-Jun	1-Sep	3 Months		
51	Thailand	1-May	31-Aug	4 Months	Thai-style schools - March 5 to July 5. Western-style schools - May 1 to August 31. Mahidol University - July 1 to September 30.	
52	Turkey	1-Jun	1-Oct	4 Months		

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53	Ukraine	1-May	31-Aug	4 Months	Some students may begin early depending on university.
54	Uzbekistan	1-Jun	31-Aug	3 Months	
55	Vietnam	23-May	8-Sep	3 Months	
56	Yemen	1-Jul	1-Oct	3 Months	
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