

## <u>Items to consider</u> when deciding to partake in an international job or internship:

- Are you interested in a full-time or part-time job?
- Where do you want to work? What setting?
  - "Athletic training" may not be recognized as a career in the country you consider working in. You need to be able to communicate your skills and how they can be applied in the setting you desire.
- What is available?
  - Using personal network connections and resources that the NATA may provide via website or LinkedIn could be helpful to you in finding international opportunities. You might also find useful information in books such as <u>Getting a Job Abroad: The International Jobseekers'</u> <u>Directory</u> by Roger Jones or <u>Working in Sport: How to find a sports</u> <u>related job in the UK or abroad</u> by James Masters.
- Are in-person interviews required for the position?
  - You should discuss this in the beginning when inquiring about a position.
    It will vary depending on the situation. It is important to consider because it is costly to fly abroad for interviews.
- What are the work visa requirements for this country?
  - You can find this specific information in the particular country's embassy website, and if you work in a college or university you might find this information if you talk to an international advisor at that institution.
- How much does a work visa cost for the country you are interested in working?
  - This can also be found on the particular country's embassy website, and a good resource is an international advisor at a local university.
- Does your employer provide visa support/sponsorship as part of their contract or stipend?
  - This is something you need to discuss with the person you interview with for the job. It will vary depending on the situation.
- Is there any type of training provided or required before departure and upon arrival into the country?
  - Again, it will vary depending on the situation. You should discuss this with the person you interview with for the job.
- Will you need travel insurance and does your employer provide this? What about work and liability insurance?
  - This is another topic to bring up during the interview for the job. Each situation will vary.
- Are you willing to take an un-paid internship/job?
  - Just like in the US, there are many internships and job experiences that are unpaid. The experience could be viewed as an opportunity to gain knowledge in your field and career rather than a way of making money. This depends on the job that you are looking for. Some of them might

provide a small stipend to be able to cover living expenses while living and working abroad.

## • Is there any academic credit or continuing education credit for the internship?

 There may be some instances where a formal internship placement requires completion of a class in conjunction to the fieldwork, similar to the way some international programs work in the U.S. It would be helpful to find more details about this before or during the interview. If it will be required, it would be worth asking if they are or might become approved BOC providers for your coursework to count for CEU's.

