

SUMMER WORK TRAVEL 2026 SEASON PROGRAM DATES BY COUNTRY

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The program dates are windows of opportunity for program participation. Within this timeframe, students are still subject to their university's official academic break schedule. Even though the window of opportunity may be longer than four months, a participant may only participate a maximum of four months or the length of the period of their academic break, whichever is shorter. If a country is not listed on the chart, please contact the Office of Private Sector Exchange Designation at DesignationSWT@state.gov for guidance.

Country	Opening Date	Closing Date	Approximate Length	Additional Notes
Albania	15-Jun	2-Oct	3.5 months	
Argentina	1-Dec	1-Apr	4 months	
Andorra	10-Jun	10-Sep	3 months	
Armenia	1-Jun	31-Aug	3 months	
Australia	15-Nov	8-Mar	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Austria	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 months	Visa Waiver Country
Azerbaijan	16-Jun	16-Sep	3 months	
Bahamas	5-May	17 Aug	3.5 months	University of Bahamas - tentative, based on 2025 dates.
Barbados	11-May	31-Aug	3.5 months	University of West Indies, tentative, based on 2025 dates
Belarus	25-Jun	1-Sep	2.5 months	
Belgium	1-Jun	30-Sep	2.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Belize	16-May	16-Sep	3 months	
Bermuda	16-May	16-Sep	4 months	
Bolivia	15-Nov	15-Mar	4 months	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	28-May	1-Oct	4 months	
Botswana	7-Apr	15-Aug	4 months	
Brazil	15-Nov	15-Mar	4 months	

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Bulgaria	17-May	1-Oct	4.5 months	Institutions' academic year end dates vary widely (and can include exam periods), but most universities are back in session as of Oct 1.
Canada	15-Apr	20-Sep	5 months	Exact academic calendars vary from one university to another.
Cape Verde	8-Jul	4-Oct		
Chile	1-Dec	15-Mar	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
China	1-Jun	15-Sep	3.5 months	Summer breaks vary by university, and this range covers the earliest and latest dates.
Colombia	1-May	30-Aug	3.5 months	The official break in Colombia runs from June 1st to July 31st. Some universities may start or finish a couple of weeks earlier or later, but those are exceptions rather than the rule.
Costa Rica	1-Dec	31-Mar	4 months	
Croatia	10-Jun	10-Oct	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Cyprus	25-May	7-Sep	3.5 months	Republic of Cyprus (ROC) state universities break runs May 25 to Sep 7, but most students go to class mid-Sep. ROC private universities, as well as institutions in the Turkish Cypriot Community end early June Between Jun 3 and Jun 13 and start again late September to early October.
Czech Republic	1-May	30-Sep	5 months	Institutions' academic year end dates vary widely, which also can include early exam dates in May. All universities are back in session by Oct 1. The Czech Republic is a visa waiver country.
Denmark this includes (Greenland and Faroe Islands)	1-Jul	1-Sep	2 months	Visa Waiver Country
Djibouti	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 months	
Dominican Republic	15-May	14-Aug	3 months	

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Ecuador	20-Dec	1-Oct	3 months	In Ecuador, universities generally follow a two-semester academic year, with dates varying by institution. While each university sets its own calendar, in the highlands, most universities observe breaks from December to January and from late June through mid-August or early September. Universities in the coast, generally observe a break from February to April and a short break in September.
El Salvador	9-Feb	30-Nov	2 months	In El Salvador, the typical university academic year runs from February or March to November or December, often split into two main semesters or three trimesters. Most students conclude classes in early- to mid-December and return in late January or February.
Estonia	15-May	15-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Fiji	9-Nov	4-Feb	3 months	
Finland	Mid-May	1-Sep	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country; SWT Inquires: HelsinkiNIV@state.gov
France	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Germany	1-Jul	31-Oct	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Georgia	15-Jul	15-Sep	2 months	Georgia does not have a nationally standardized university summer break; the dates vary by institution.
Greece	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Greenland	26-Jun	3-Sep	2 months	Greenland is a part of Denmark, and therefore is a visa waiver country
Grenada	11-May	31-Aug	2.5 months	Community College Only; Based on previous dates from TAMCC community college
Guatemala	15-Nov	15-Jan	2 Months	
Guinea-Bissau	1-Aug	7-Oct	2 months	
Guyana	1-Jun	31-Aug	3 months	
Honduras	15-Nov	1-Feb	2.5 months	
Hong Kong	Mid-May	1-Sep	3.5 months	

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Hungary	19-May	15-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Iceland	10-May	31-Aug	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
India	15-May	15-Aug	4 months	Confirmed that these dates apply for 2026
Indonesia	1-Jun	30-Aug	3 months	There is variation among higher education institutions, with some resuming courses as early as July.
Ireland	15-May	15-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Israel - Tel Aviv	1-Jul	31-Oct	4 months	There is some variation among higher education institutions.
Italy	15-Jun	15-Sep	3 months	Visa Waiver Country
Jamaica	Mid-May	31-Aug	3.5 months	There is some variation among higher education institutions
Japan (Summer)	15-Jun	16-Oct	4 months	
Japan (Spring)	19-Jan	3-Apr	3 months	Only for students without classes
Jordan	14-Jun	13-Sep	3 months	The academic break period for public universities (and some private universities) is from June 14 to September 13. There are institutional variations among private universities; academic breaks are typically scheduled at private universities from July 9 to October 13.
Kazakhstan	25-May	31-Aug	3 months	There is some variation among higher education institutions.
Kenya	1-May	31-Aug	4 months	
Kosovo	15-May	30-Sep	4.5 months	
Latvia	1-May	15-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Lebanon	15-Jun	15-Sep	3 months	Lebanese University and USJ's break is early June-late September. AUB/LAU have earlier start dates.
Lesotho	5-Jun	5-Aug	2 months	

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Lithuania	1-Jul	31-Aug	2 months	Visa Waiver Country; the academic year officially runs September 1 through June 30 however, some students have been able to make individual arrangements to leave earlier or return later. The official end of lectures at universities is May 31 and the examination period concludes by June 30, with some variations. Some students may finish their exams as early as June 15.
Luxembourg	6-Jul	12-Sep	2 months	Visa Waiver Country
Macau	17-May	30-Aug	3.5 months	
Malta	1-Jul	30-Sep	3 months	Visa Waiver Country
Mexico	15-May	2-Oct	4.5 months	In Mexico, the summer academic break runs from mid-May through early August. Both public and private institutions manage their academic calendars independently, and while some universities may begin or conclude their breaks a few weeks earlier or later.
Moldova	23-May	7-Sep	3.5 months	Universities set up academic calendars and summer breaks differ. Students can rearrange exam dates if they are planned for later than May.
Monaco	1-Jun	10-Sep	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Mongolia	1-Jun	1-Sep	3 months	
Montenegro	15-Jun	21-Sep	3 months	
Morocco	15-Jul	31-Aug	1.5 month	
Namibia	15-Jun	19-Jul	2.3 months	
	6-Dec	11-Jan	2.3 months	
Nepal	10-Oct	10-Nov	1 month	The longest continuous academic break generally coincides with the major national festivals of Dashain, Tihar, and Chhath. This festival-related break typically falls from mid-October to mid-November and does not exceed one month, though shorter or staggered breaks may occur depending on institutional calendars.
Netherlands	29-Jun	31-Aug	2 months	Visa Waiver Country, In some cases, exam and resit weeks extend into June and July even after regular teaching ends

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New Zealand	23-Oct	26-Feb	4 months	
Nicaragua	18-May	1-Sep	3.5 months	Dates correspond to academic breaks for accredited institutions, which vary across Nicaragua due to differences in academic calendars.
	14-Dec	14-Mar	3 months	
Norway	16-Jun	14-Aug	2 months	Visa Waiver Country
Pakistan	1-Jun	14-Aug	2.5 months	The is variation in the country based on location and weather. Variation is usually not significant.
Palestinian Territories - Jerusalem	10-Jun	1-Sep	3 months	
Panama	19-Dec	2-Mar	2.5 months	
Papua New Guinea	1-Dec	1-Feb	2 months	
Paraguay	7-Nov	27-Feb	3.5 months	University break period start and end dates vary by up to a month and 2027 start dates are not yet available; this period represents an average of known dates and uses an estimate based on previous years to set the end of the SWT period
Peru	5-Dec	15-Mar	3 months	
Philippines	26-Mar	1-Sep	5 months	
Poland	25-May	30-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Portugal	24-May	7-Oct	3 months	Visa Waiver Country
Qatar	1-Jun	30-Aug	3 months	Visa Waiver Country. For local U..S universities in Qatar, the summer break is July and August.
Republic of North Macedonia	30-Jun	30-Sep	3 months	
Romania	15-Jun	30-Sep	3.5 months	
Russia (Moscow)	15-May	15-Sep	4 months	
Saudia Arabia	19-Jun	23-Aug	2 months	

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Serbia (Belgrade)	21-May	10-Oct	4.5 months	
Singapore	1-May	31-Aug	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Slovakia	15-May	15-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Slovenia	15-Jun	30-Sep	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Solomon Islands	1-Dec	1-Feb	2 months	
South Africa	1-Nov	1-Mar	4 months	
South Korea	15-Dec	1-Mar	2.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Spain	24-May	7-Oct	4.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Suriname	15-Aug	15-Oct	2 months	
Swaziland (Eswatini)	1-Jun	31-Aug	3 months	
Sweden	6-Jun	30-Aug	3 months	Visa Waiver Country
Switzerland	30-May	15-Sep	3.5 months	Visa Waiver Country
Taiwan	1-Jun	30-Sep	3 months	
Thailand (Spring)	7-Mar	7-Jul	4 months	
Thailand (Summer)	7-May	7-Sep	4 months	
Trinidad and Tobago	8-May	24-Aug	3.5 months	
Tunisia	30-Jun	1-Oct	3 months	the official start date of the academic year is September 15 for secondary schools and October 1 for most universities.
Turkey	15-May	1-Oct	4.5 months	

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Turkmenistan	30-Jun	25-Aug	2 months	The dates provided for summer vacation are approximate, as each university in Turkmenistan sets its own schedule. Turkmenistan has never participated in the Work and Travel Program. While Turkmen students studying abroad may be eligible to participate, students residing in Turkmenistan do not take part. This is because participation in any program, including those during summer vacation, requires approval from the Turkmen government.
Ukraine	6-May	6-Sep	4 months	
United Arab Emirates	2-May	6-Sep	4 months	
United Kingdom	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 months	Visa Waiver Country
Uruguay	15-Nov	1-Apr	4.5 months	Participants are only permitted to participate in the program for four months or less and once a year during their official academic summer break.
Uzbekistan	Mid June	2-Sep	2 months	These dates are for state schools. Private schools and international branches of universities have their own schedule (usually from end of May-middle of September). Webster, WIUT, MDIS, INHA students usually apply to SWT, as they have more time for summer breaks.
Vietnam	15-Jun	15-Aug	2 months	
Countries Under Review				
Country	Opening Date	Closing Date	Approximate Length	Additional Notes
Bhutan				
Cabo Verde				
Cambodia				
Cameroon				
Democratic Republic of Congo				

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Djibouti	1-Jun	30-Sep	4 months	
Ethiopia				
Egypt	24-May	24-Sep	4 months	This is a general timeframe. Exact schedules depend on university and location. CONS reports that Egyptians remain eligible for the program, with the only change being the addition of social media reviews.
Ghana	13-May	5-Sep	3 months	
Kyrgyzstan	30-Jun	1-Sep	2 months	
Liberia				
Saint Kitts and Nevis	11-May	31-Aug	3.5 months	Community College Only; Based on Clarence Fitzroy Bryant Community College Previous Dates
Saint Lucia	11-May	31-Aug	3.5 months	Community College Only; Based on Sir Arthur Lewis Community College Previous Dates
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	11-May	31-Aug	3.5 months	Community College Only; Based on St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College Previous Dates
Sao Tome and Principe				
Tuvalu				
Uganda				
Vanuatu				
Countries with Restrictions of Entry for Foreign Nationals				
Afghanistan	Full Ban			
Burkina Faso	Full Ban			
Burma	Full Ban			
Chad	Full Ban			
Republic of the Congo	Full Ban			
Equatorial Guinea	Full Ban			

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Eritrea	Full Ban
Haiti	Full Ban
Iran	Full Ban
Laos	Full Ban
Libya	Full Ban
Mali	Full Ban
Niger	Full Ban
Sierra Leone	Full Ban
Somalia	Full Ban
Sudan	Full Ban
South Sudan	Full Ban
Syria	Full Ban
Yemen	Full Ban
Angola	Partial Ban
Antigua and Barbuda	Partial Ban
Benin	Partial Ban
Burundi	Partial Ban
Cote D'Ivoire	Partial Ban
Cuba	Partial Ban
Dominica	Partial Ban
Gabon	Partial Ban
The Gambia	Partial Ban
Malawi	Partial Ban
Mauritania	Partial Ban
Nigeria	Partial Ban
Senegal	Partial Ban
Tanzania	Partial Ban
Tonga	Partial Ban
Togo	Partial Ban

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Turkmenistan	Partial Ban
Venezuela	Partial Ban
Zambia	Partial Ban
Zimbabwe	Partial Ban

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Turkmenistan
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subject to a
visa ban for
non-
immigrant
visa*

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