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## Summers for Teenagers That Enhance Résumés

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There was a time when teenagers could spend the summer doing nothing more challenging than working at a camp or filing papers at Dad's office and still get into [Harvard](#). No more. Now they had better be polishing their résumés. Luckily, they can do it in places that give them a taste of adventure and offer a break from home.

The New York-based China Institute is offering high school students the chance to take intensive language classes this summer (July 10 to Aug. 13) while living with a host family in [Beijing](#). Weekday four-hour Mandarin classes are complemented by after-class workshops (mask painting, calligraphy, martial arts), trips to heritage sites (the Forbidden City, the Great Wall and the Temple of Heaven) and community service projects. The cost of the trip is \$6,000, including air fare; scholarships are available. The deadline for applications is March 2; [www.chinasummerstudy.org](http://www.chinasummerstudy.org).

Global Leadership Adventures is taking a group of teenagers to [Fortaleza](#), in northern [Brazil](#), from July 15 to Aug. 4, where they will learn Portuguese, experience cultural activities (capoeira dancing) and volunteer on projects like working in schools and day care centers. The application deadline is Feb. 28, and the trip costs \$4,395, not including air fare; [www.experiencegla.com](http://www.experiencegla.com).

In [St. Petersburg](#), [Russia](#), Summer Advantage is giving teenagers early college credit for Russian language classes. During the five-week trip (June 21 to July 29), students live mostly with a Russian family, take in local sights and visit [Moscow](#) for a weekend. The application deadline is April 1, and the cost is \$5,995, including round-trip air fare from New York; [www.summeradvantage.com](http://www.summeradvantage.com).