

So, you want to Work Overseas?



Horticulture is really an international profession. There are horticulturists in every part of the world. Where there are people plants are grown, often as food crops, but sometimes for the beauty and joy they bring.

So, working overseas is a strong possibility if you want it to be. There is a world-wide community of botanic gardens, giving work opportunities to young people in many different countries.

There are American gardens with their internships or student placements of three months to one year.

The Internet has made arranging these placements easier, as many nurseries and gardens are now on the Internet, with their own web pages, and email.

However Peter Clements did not make use of the Internet when he chose to further his horticultural career by working overseas. Peter had been interested in horticulture since he grew plants from seeds as a young child. He studied for a BSc (Hons) degree in Horticultural Technology and Management at the University of Central Lancashire in association with Myerscough College in Lancashire, and was lucky enough to be chosen for a year-long exchange with Clemson University in South Carolina, where he worked as a full-time member of the garden's staff.

Working overseas has a unique appeal, allowing you to experience living in a different country and culture. It wasn't long before Peter was jetting back to America to the University of California, Berkeley Botanical Garden and Quarryhill Botanical Garden, with a Martin McLaren Scholarship.

So, you too could follow in Peter's footsteps. A passport is nearly as useful as a trowel to the horticulturist of today!