

# Postdoc à l'Étranger / Postdoc Abroad

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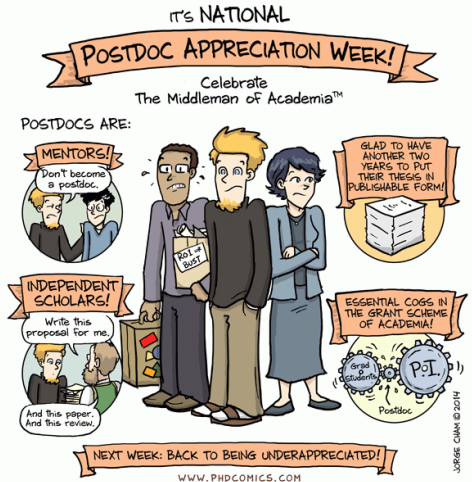
## **Why to do a postdoc abroad?**

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# Why to do a postdoc abroad?

Besides the benefits of doing a postdoc, such as:

- Gain research experience
- Learn new ways of doing research
- A taste of the real academic world
- etc.



# Why to do a postdoc abroad?

A postdoc abroad:

- Can be considered better than a national or local postdoc
- Expands your network globally
- Opens the doors to new cultures/languages



**Where to find a postdoc?**

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# Where to find a postdoc?

Some websites where you can find a postdoc, here and abroad:

- LinkedIn
- ResearchGate
- Jobs.ac.uk
- Welcometothejungle.com
- Mailing lists
  - Liste-proml
  - Bulle-i3
- Directly on the university/company website

**Welcome  
to theJungle**



# Where to find a postdoc?

Specific for Natural Language Processing:

- [NLPPeople.com](http://NLPPeople.com)
- [Aclweb.org](http://Aclweb.org)
- Mailing lists:
  - [Ln@groupes.renater.fr](mailto:Ln@groupes.renater.fr)

**NLP** People  
Association for Computational Linguistics



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## Where to find a postdoc?

Sometimes employers say that they might not be able to support/sponsor visas.

That's because, hiring a foreigner might be hard or expensive:

- Better than any local candidate
- Limits on immigration
- Special tax to pay to hire someone foreigner
- Time-related aspects

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*The world is your oyster*



# What do I need to go abroad?

Besides the recruitment process, the decision to go abroad and do a postdoc in another country is mostly yours.



## What do I need to go abroad?

*But there might be some considerations to take into account...*

Most of them valid once we have been selected as the best candidate!

# What do I need to go abroad? - Bureaucracy

## Bureaucracy

These things might be inherit of going abroad:

- How to get a visa?
  - Time to get it
  - Documents to fill
  - Where do I need to go to get it
- Get certified translations of documents (birth certificate, diplomas, etc.)
- Embassy appointments
- Language tests





# What do I need to go abroad? - Money

## Money

Getting ready to go abroad can be very expensive or not, depends on many aspects:

- In some countries paperwork is expensive, e.g. UK, and in others cheap, e.g. France
- Some HR have mobility funds, so they pay part of expenses:
  - But they might require invoices
  - Or they just cover certain expenses
  - Or prove that it was the less expensive X thing

So....

Have a financial cushion



# What do I need to go abroad? - Time

## Time

Consider that it might take time to being able to go abroad...

- Sometimes bureaucracy is slow, by default.
- Sometimes you need to take a language test, which happens every two months.
- Sometimes there are no booking slots in the Embassy



Don't get desperate.

Your new colleagues are also waiting for you, so don't rush.

Sometimes, money can speed-up things. But don't spend more unless you're really really late, and it is because of you.

## Conclusion

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Doing a postdoc abroad can be an amazing experience, not only academical but also personal.

It might be harder to get a postdoc abroad, than a national or local one, but it will definitely add value to your career.

So, don't hesitate in going abroad!



**Any questions? Comments?**

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