

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CAREERS

INDUSTRY GUIDE

This guide provides an initial, brief summary of career prospects, industry resources, and professional development information for students interested in International Development Careers. Whether you are new to the field, or pivoting from another field or industry, you can start here and continue to utilize 1:1 advising, industry engagement, and additional resources from Wagner's Office of Career Services.

International development looks at improving the lives of individuals worldwide through areas of need and interest. Careers in this sector are diverse, ranging from governance, healthcare, education, gender, disaster preparedness, infrastructure, economics, human rights, security, conflict, the environment and beyond.



KEY INDUSTRY QUALIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- Academic training and years of experience with strong administrative & writing skills
 - up to 2 years for entry level, 5-7+ years for mid level, and 10-15+ years for senior level careers
- Able to build and maintain effective relationships
- Knowledge in public health, medicine, & climate change
- Familiar with Social Policy
- Comfort with economics & financial management
- Relevant language skills and proficiencies

SAMPLE EMPLOYERS & ALUMNI

View [Wagner Alumni Profiles](#) and see how Wagner alumni have taken roles in organizations like International Rescue Committee, Economic Growth Institute, Unidos Por Puerto Rico, 100 degrees Consulting, city government agencies, and more. You can connect with alumni for informational interviews through [LinkedIn groups](#) and the [NYU Violet Network](#).

CAREER EXAMPLES AND PATHWAYS

- Regional Director
- Deputy Director
- Foreign Affairs Officer
- Political Affairs Officer
- Development Lead
- Sustainability Strategist
- Grants Manager
- Special Assistant
- Program Coordinator

SALARY INFORMATION

More information can be found on our [Recent Employment Statistics](#).

Salaries related to the relevant field, location, career stage, and organization of interest can be found on our [salary research sites page](#).



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

As an NYU student, there are a number of [Wagner student organizations](#) and [NYU organizations](#) to engage in community and belonging. Additionally, you can join and participate in [industry professional associations](#) such as:

- **Wagner student associations**
 - IPPA, PASA, WHN, WagRAC
- **Industry professional associations**
 - [African Association for Public Administration and Management \(AAPAM\)](#)
 - [Association for Women's Rights in Development](#)
 - [Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia \(AMDISA\)](#)
 - [BOND](#)
 - [InterAction](#)
 - [International Society for Ecological Economies \(ISEE\)](#)
 - [Latin-American Centre for Development Administration \(CLAD\)](#)
 - [Society for International Development](#)
- **Newsletters**
 - [Aidnography, Center for Global Development, The Wilson Center](#)
 - [Development That Works](#)
 - [From Poverty to Power](#)
 - [Monitoring and Evaluation News](#)
 - [Project Syndicate, Vox Dox, Africa is a Country](#)
- **LinkedIn Groups**
 - Boston Network on International Development
 - Center for Strategic and International Studies
 - International Relations and Affairs Group
 - World Bank Group
- **Social Media**
 - @DAWNSDigest, @GLBCTXN, @UnitedNations @GoinGlobal, @SEAWL, @EVLIEB

INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- [Asian Development Bank Internship](#)
- [Cause Strategy Partners Fellowship](#)
- [Council on Foreign Relations](#)
- [Grameen Foundation Fellows](#)
- [Pathways Internship](#)
- [Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans](#)
- [United Nations Global Impact](#)
- [USAID Fellows](#)
- [The World Bank](#)

CAREER ADVISEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

The Office of Career Services

OCS provides individual career coaching and support. Visit our website to schedule a career advising appointment or email us at wagner.ocs@nyu.edu

How To Guides

[Networking & Informational Interviews, Interviewing, Career Planning](#) and more!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Wasserman Center for Career Development](#)
email us at career.development@nyu.edu.
- [Devex](#)
Students can access this resource via the Wagner Career Directory
- [Office of Global Services](#)
email us at ogs.scholars@nyu.edu.

