Career Development Center at a Glance

Since its founding, Skidmore has been committed to developing a close tie between a liberal arts and science education, and career development. The Career Development Center helps students and alumni discover that creative and critical thought, applied to knowledge of self and the labor market, is the key to successful career development.

Services We Provide:
- Unlimited one-on-one career counseling for students and alumni
- Internship and fellowship information
- Resume/cover letter writing
- Networking resources and events
- Graduate & professional school preparation
- On-campus recruiting

Programs We Offer:
- Career Jam
- Living the Liberal Arts
- Multicultural Career Networking Reception
- Job Shadowing
- Summer Funded Internship Awards
- Transformation & Transitions Evening
- Eastern College Career Days
- Career and Internship Connections
- Real World Etiquette Dinner
- Health Professions Panel
- Graduate and Professional School Expo
- International Student Programming
- Modern Job Skills You Need To Know
- Wall Street 401

Sample Employers Chosen by 2011 Graduates:
- American Civil Liberties Union
- BNP Paribas
- French Embassy
- The Huffington Post
- Massachusetts General Hospital
- Nielsen
- Peace Corps
- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
- Teach for America
- AmeriCorps
- ESPN
- Groupon
- JP Morgan Chase
- Nickelodeon
- NYU Langone Medical Center
- Price WaterHouse Coopers
- Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom
- Vanity Fair

Sample Industry Trends: 2011 vs. 2007:

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*Self-employment ranges in fields from health to art, hospitality to business.

Connecting Liberal Arts Education to Career Success.

Jeremy King ’06: Premium Sales Associate, Livestream.com

“The education I received at Skidmore prepared me not only for my career, but for life after graduation. The Introductory Liberal Studies course required for every first year student, and the Introduction to Business Management course both served as great orientations into college and life. The ‘Creative Thought Matters’ slogan continues to inspire me while working at a technology startup. I am often challenged daily by my boss to think outside of the box and provide constructive feedback on ideas we are working on.”
On average, within 5 years of graduating, 50% of Skidmore alumni have completed or are currently enrolled in graduate or professional school education.

**GRADUATE DEGREE FIELDS:**
The five most popular graduate school fields five years out are:
1. Education
2. Law
3. Social Work
4. Business Administration
5. Art

**HIGH ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT:**
Within 5 years, of those who are currently pursuing or have completed post-secondary degrees, 20% are either pursuing or have pursued Ph.D. or professional degree programs, and 5% of the group either are completing or have completed two post-secondary degrees.

**MOST POPULAR HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAMS:**
Columbia University
Commonwealth Medical School
New York University
University of Washington

**MOST POPULAR LAW PROGRAMS:**
DuPaul University
Georgetown University
New York Law School
Suffolk University

Creative Thought Matters. Creative Thought Achieves.

![Graph showing attend graduate school within 1 year vs. completed or currently attending graduate school within 5 years.]

**Sample graduate/professional schools chosen by 2011 graduates:**
- Boston University
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- New York University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Clarkson University
- Dartmouth College
- London School of Economics
- Notre Dame University
- University of Pennsylvania

Emily Cowan ’11: Ph.D. candidate in neural science, New York University
“During my senior year, I contacted labs and successfully secured an internship for this year at Columbia University, conducting research on empathy, and will attend New York University’s Ph.D. program in Neural Science beginning September 2012.

“My Skidmore experience was invaluable, providing a wide breadth of classes in my major to explore the expansive field. I also took advantage of the opportunity to collaborate with Skidmore professors in lab research, most significantly with Professor Mary Ann Foley. We collaborated on a paper published this year in the journal Memory, and I am writing another paper with Foley and other students.

“Skidmore professors are so caring. Even after graduation, I was able to come to campus to speak with professors and receive advice about applying to graduate school.”
Creative Thought Works. Creative Thought Travels.

Skidmore graduates continue to pursue multicultural perspectives by applying their liberal arts education throughout the world.

Most Popular International Options One Year Out:
1. Skidmore College Teach in China
2. Peace Corps
3. Spanish Ministry of Education Language & Cultural Assistants Program
4. French Ministry of Education Teaching Assistant Program
5. Fulbright Program

The Skidmore College Teach in China Program
Since 1989, Skidmore graduates and faculty have taught at Qufu Normal University and, since 2008, at Sun Yat-sen University through Skidmore's Teach in China Program. This unique and fulfilling program allows participants to spend one year teaching oral English, composition, literature, and Western culture to undergraduate Chinese students studying to be English language teachers.

Sadie Kitchen ’10: Teacher, Skidmore College Teach in China

“During my time at Skidmore I was a financial aid student. As such, when spring term would roll around I questioned whether or not to take an unpaid internship to build my resume or work to put money in the bank. I thought I would have to forego resume building in favor of making some cash. In the end I did not have to make this difficult decision year after year, because of both Student Opportunity funds and the Levine Internship Awards. Through this funding, made possible by the Skidmore community, I was able to complete a wide array of summer internships that would not be available otherwise. I spent a summer working on a congressional campaign, another serving as a research intern with my State Planning Office, and was able to complete a year of thesis research analyzing economic development revitalization plans for my state. In addition to the internship and research opportunities I was awarded through Skidmore’s scholarship funds, I was able to spend a semester studying abroad in Vienna, living with a host family, traveling throughout Europe, and learning German.

“Finally, through Skidmore’s wealth of opportunities, I was able to spend this past year teaching in rural China as a university English professor through Skidmore’s Teach in China Program. I know this sounds cliché, but it was an experience that truly changed my life, or at the very least changed my direction in life. Not only was I able to spend a year living in rural China, but I also had two months of paid vacation during the spring festival to tour around Southeast Asia. This experience made me decide that I wanted to not only work on studying Mandarin but that I wanted to pursue a career in International Development, potentially with a focus on Asia.

“Without this culmination of experiences awarded to me through the generosity of the Skidmore community, I would not be considering moving to Laos in mid-December to work as a project assistant with a nonprofit foundation. Despite the bad economy, it is the close-knit community; the individualized attention and advice from professors, and the services provided at the Career Center that have made me fully aware of the options available when looking for employment.”