SHOWCASING THE STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCE TO GAIN AN EMPLOYMENT EDGE

**ASK YOURSELF**
- In what ways have I changed?
- What were my most meaningful accomplishments while abroad?
- What challenge did I encounter abroad, and how did I overcome it?

*Your answers to these questions are transferable to your resume, cover letter, and interviews.*

**TOP CAREER READINESS COMPETENCIES VALUED BY EMPLOYERS**
- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- Teamwork/Collaboration
- Professionalism/Work Ethic
- Oral/Written Communications
- Digital Technology
- Leadership
- Career Management
- Global/Multi-Cultural Fluency

**TOP COGNITIVE, INTRAPERSONAL, AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS THROUGH STUDY ABROAD**
- Intercultural Skills
- Curiosity
- Flexibility & Adaptability
- Confidence
- Self-Awareness
- Interpersonal Skills
- Communication
- Problem-Solving
- Language
- Tolerance for Ambiguity
- Course or Major-Related Knowledge

**RESOURCES**
1. Open Doors: U.S. Study Abroad
2. Gaining an Employment Edge: The Impact of Study Abroad on 21st Century Skills & Career Prospects
3. The Four Career Competencies Employers Value Most
4. How Study Abroad Contributes to Career Readiness: 8 Studies

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