



Career Workshop for Education Abroad

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CAREER CENTER
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Name

Pronouns (if you wish)

Major

Where did you go abroad?



The Flow

- Creating or editing resume with abroad experiences
- How to use experience abroad in an interview or cover letter
- Strategies and resources for international job searches
- Questions?

EDUCATION

Colorado State University (CSU), Fort Collins, CO

B.A. Journalism and Media Communication (GPA 3.8) (GPA is optional)

Expected Month 20XX

- **Relevant Coursework:** Social Media Management; Online Storytelling & Audience Engagement
- **Awards:** Honors Program; Dean's List (Spring 2022- Present); Green & Gold Scholarship

Study Abroad: Multimedia and Magazine Journalism in Urbino, Italy

Summer 20XX

- Explored Italy's culture, food, people, and history through a journalism lens.
- Published a final piece of original writing and photography in the Urbino Now magazine.

Relevant Experience

The School for Field Studies, Center for Rainforest Studies, Queensland, Australia
Student/Researcher

Summer 20XX

Learned techniques for rainforest restoration through field exercises, such as:

- ☑ Determining causal factors of cyclone damage such as landscape variable or plan attributes
- ☑ Collecting geographic information system (GIS) data on weed, vegetation, and soil cover
- ☑ Identifying bird groups integral to the functioning of rainforest ecosystems and determining means to attract them to replanting areas

GLOBAL CONTEXT

Demonstrate an understanding of diverse people, cultures, and systems; understand actions have local and global implications for the future.

CRITICAL THINKING/ PROBLEM SOLVING

Identify important problems and questions, then gather, analyze, and evaluate information from diverse sources before forming a strategy, decision, or opinion.

PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Demonstrate integrity, honesty, dependability, responsibility; accepts guidance and develops effective work habits.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

Access information and opportunities for career exploration; understand and articulate the importance of transferable skills in the job search process.



SELF-REFLECTION

Evaluate, understand, and communicate personal skills and abilities; learns from past mistakes through feedback to become more flexible and gain new insights/understandings.



DIGITAL PROFICIENCY

Use technology to communicate, problem-solve, and complete tasks in a responsible manner.



Career COMPETENCIES

*ability to demonstrate skill
and knowledge proficiently*

INCLUSIVE TEAMWORK

Join together with individuals and teams from diverse backgrounds to pursue a common goal. Often requires negotiating and managing conflict.



VERBAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Respond to needs of diverse audiences through flexible writing and speaking methods. Develop ideas through written and oral forms of expression.



CREATIVITY

Challenge existing ideas in creative ways to develop new possibilities. Often requires informed risk taking.

LEADERSHIP

Definitions will vary based on context. Can include situational judgement, informed risk taking, resiliency to challenges, motivate and encourage participation to work towards a shared purpose and vision.



*Career Competencies are what employers
are looking for from CSU Rams.*

Refer to handout

Think back to your time abroad.
Where do these competencies
show up?



3 minutes to make
updates to our
resume



So...

You got the interview

Behavioral Interview Questions

- Tell me about a time when...
- Describe a situation where you...
- Give me an example of when you...

Situation/Task

- The Organization/Context
- Your Role
- What Needed to Happen

Action

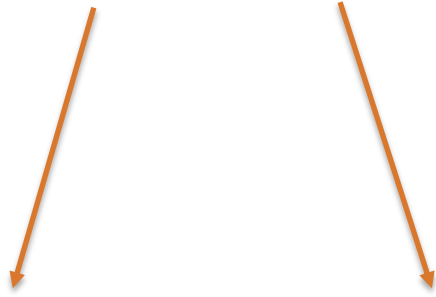
- How you addressed
- The unique talent and skill you utilized

Result/Relevance

- What was accomplished or learned
- How it'll be a value add in your next role

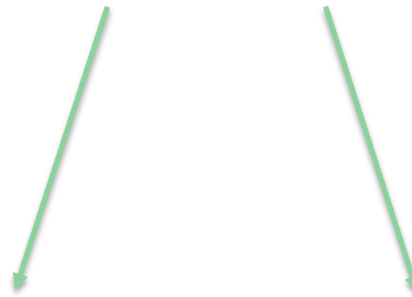
Your experiences abroad

Collected data for research project



Conducted research on bird population of Costa Rica.

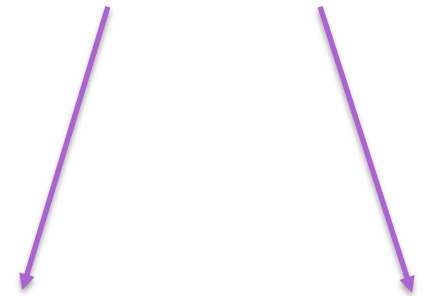
Studied a different language



Took 2 Spanish courses in Valencia.

Practiced speaking Spanish with locals at weekly farmers markets.

Experienced the culture



Explored history, culture, and national identity in South Korean through cinema and television.

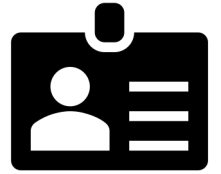


Searching for jobs abroad

Considerations

- Work Visas
- Graduate School
- Working for an affiliate
- Jobs that take us abroad
 - Teaching English
 - Peace Corps
- Connecting with people already doing it

Working Visas



When you work abroad, you will need a visa for employment (and to get paid!). Every country is different with the visa process and requirements.

Countries where it is “easy” to get a visa:

Most students qualify for a Working Holiday Visa which allows US citizens to work abroad for 6 months to 24 months depending on the country. US citizens may obtain a Working Holiday Visa from the following countries:

- Australia
- New Zealand
- Singapore
- Canada
- South Korea
- Ireland

***To understand the ins and outs of each visa, visit the country’s immigration and citizenship webpage**

Graduate School



Attending graduate school may be a way to boost your career options, and going abroad could be an affordable opportunity to gain cultural experiences. If attending graduate school, you often obtain a **STUDENT or STUDY VISA**, which can allow graduate students to also work while in school.

Tips for Graduate School:

- Most importantly, consider **WHERE** you would like to live for 1 – 3 years (depending on program length)
- Consider the cost of the program and if there is financial aid available as an international student

Resources:

- Across the Pond for options in the UK
- DAAD Masters Scholarship for options in Germany
- GoOverseas Graduate School article published this year for specific programs and details

Work for an affiliate



This option may keep you based in the United States but will have the opportunity to travel abroad for work. This can also be an easier way to gain employment without a work visa because you will be hired by a US company.

Affiliate Programs to consider

- School for Field Studies (SFS)
 - Just recently posted a Wellness Coordinator position
- CEA
- API
- ISA
- USAC
- SIT
- Semester at Sea – home office is in Fort Collins!

OR consider working for an Education Abroad office at any university!

Teaching English



Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) is a program that reaches across the world. Countries that are always seeking English teachers are: China, South Korea, Japan, Cambodia.

- **Explore programs that assist with the TEFL certification and provide job placement**
 - Premier TEFL
 - International TEFL Academy
 - The International Educator
 - JET Program
- **What to keep in mind when looking at TEFL certifications and programs**
 - Cost of the program
 - The support you receive with finding positions and making connections
 - Housing options once you are abroad
 - If it feels like a scam, it probably is!

Peace Corps



Peace Corps Recruiter here on campus!

CONTACT INFORMATION

August through April, please contact the CSU Peace Corps Strategic Campus Recruiter:

Chrissa K. Percival, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, Ghana 2010-2012

- Get a **CSU Peace Corps Recruiter Appointment** here (In-person/Virtual/Phone options).
- Email chrissa.percival@colostate.edu to schedule a class/club talk or have her come speak at your event.
- Call CSU Peace Corps at (970) 491 – 4266
- Get on the **CSU Peace Corps Interest List** to learn more & receive emails about Peace Corps events on campus & in Fort Collins.
- Find **Peace Corps National Events** happening online here.

*Walk-Ins welcome most Thursdays 1pm-3pm at the Peace Corps Recruiter Office in Laurel Hall on the CSU Fort Collins campus
– check in at front desk!*

International connections



People who have worked abroad, or are currently working abroad, have great insight to the ins and outs of international work. Think about...

- **The staff you met from your program - can you reach out to them?**
- **What about faculty you know who have gone abroad?**
- **Family and friend connections – reach out to them and ask about their experience**
- **Social media and LinkedIn – can you make a professional connection and ask to chat for 10 – 20 minutes to learn more about their experience?**

- Teaching English
- Work Away
- Funded opportunities: Fulbright or fellowships
- Going Global
- Career Center
- Graduate School
- Working for an affiliate
- Government jobs
- Peace Corps
- Companies in the US that have international components such as non profits, tour guides, corporations that conduct international business
- LinkedIn - Alumni tool through CSU

Resources to consider

All Majors Career Fair



CAREER CENTER
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Feb 13

10:30–3:30 p.m. MT
LSC Ballrooms

Communications, Business,
Social Services, Liberal Arts,
Hospitality/Tourism, and
Health/Wellness

Feb 14

10:30–3:30 p.m. MT
LSC Ballrooms

Agricultural Sciences,
Natural Resources,
Technology, Computing,
Biotech, and Life Sciences

Feb 15

10:30–3:30 p.m. MT
LSC Ballrooms

Partnered with Walter Scott,
Jr. College of Engineering

In collaboration with
WSCOE Career Services



**Learn more and
register here!**

Stop by LSC 120 to get your resume prepped!

Thank you!

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Please take this survey for the
Education Abroad office

