

Talking about your Global Experience with Employers



Having a Global Experience Shows That You...

- Take initiative
- Are able to adapt to unusual situations
- Can manage without your support network
- Have built problem-solving skills in new environments
- Can adapt to different expectations
- Are resourceful
- Appreciate diversity
- Deal with ambiguity
- Have gained cultural sensitivity
- Are eager for knowledge and new experiences
- Overcome challenges
- Gained perspective that will allow you to be more creative and open in the workplace

Job Hiring Advantages

- Six out of 10 employers around the world give extra credit for an international student experience, and more than 80% said they actively sought graduates who had studied abroad.
(QS Global Employer Survey Report)
- Students with global experience have a higher likelihood of finding a job within 6 months after graduation than students without.
(National Association of Colleges & Employers)
- Salaries are \$5-7K higher for grads with international experience.
(National Association of Colleges & Employers)

Possible Interview Questions

Tell me about your experience abroad.

What did you learn from being in another country?

What new skills did you gain?

How did you adapt to the new environment?

Talk about a time when you worked with people from different backgrounds. How did you gain trust and build rapport?



How to Write about your Global Experience



Adaptability

- What was the environment like?
- How was it different from/similar to Clemson?
- How did you pivot and adjust to new courses, language, culture, and routine?

Problem - Solving & Analytical Skills

- What was the hardest adjustment you had to make?
- How did you deal with homesickness?
- In what ways did your placement or internship inform your future goals?

Self - Awareness

- What was the hardest adjustment you had to make?
- What did you learn about your own culture by living in another one?
- How did you gain/increase your confidence?
- How did you manage without your support network?
- Did you learn any skills/competencies you need to improve upon?

Communication

- How did your communication skills improve/change?
- Did you notice more non-verbal cues?
- Were there any language barriers/accent or word choice variances that you learned?

Leadership

- How did you gain/improve your leadership skills?
- How did you facilitate any meetings?
- How did you motivate or encourage your peers?

Brand

- What unique experiences did you have during this program?
- How could those experiences influence your unique value proposition?
- How did this experience alter your personal/professional brand?

