

# LEVERAGING EDUCATION ABROAD IN THE JOB SEARCH



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# SO YOU WENT ABROAD, NOW WHAT?

- Networking
- Elevator pitch
- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Interview
- CSU Career Center



**WRITE DOWN THREE THINGS THAT COME TO MIND  
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT YOUR TIME ABROAD.**

# NETWORKING

THE ACTION OR PROCESS OF INTERACTING WITH OTHERS TO SEEK ADVICE, ATTAIN NEW INFORMATION AND REFERRALS AND DEVELOP PROFESSIONAL OR SOCIAL CONTACTS.



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[https://www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=7BBrgb9AfUY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7BBrgb9AfUY)



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# Elevator Pitch



## The nine “C’s”

1. Concise
2. Concrete
3. Clear
4. Customized
5. Compelling
6. Consistent
7. Credible
8. Conversational
9. Conceptual



“My study abroad experience in London, England provided the opportunity to live in a really vibrant city. The visits to museums and historical sites allowed me to better understand the British culture. I learned a lot about myself in the process, as I had many conversations with locals who held different points of view than I hear at home. It challenged me to apply my learning and diplomatically share my point of view in a cross-cultural setting.”



# Cover Letter + Education Abroad

- First paragraph: Introduce yourself, explain how you learned about the position and **why you're a good fit.**

“Through my business coursework at Colorado State University and my study abroad experience in (list location), summer internship with/as (list organization or title), and leadership experiences with Boys & Girls Club, I have developed the analytical, interpersonal, and project management skills that will allow me to be an asset to (name of organization/team).”





# Transferable Skills

Adaptability / Flexibility • Leadership •  
Independence • Problem Solving •  
Intercultural Competencies • Motivation •  
Tolerance • Examples?



# Resume + Education Abroad



- List the name of the program/institution in the "education" section of your resume
- Consider listing coursework if it is related to your internship/job search.

**Master's in Business Administration (MBA)** • University of Baltimore • Baltimore, MD • May 2014

Business Ventures Study Abroad • University of Baltimore • Mumbai & Bangalore, India • January 2012

**Bachelor of Arts, Sociology** • St. Bonaventure University • St. Bonaventure, NY • May 2008

Spanish Language & Culture Study Abroad • Universidad Veritas • San Jose, Costa Rica • Fall 2006



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# Interview + Education Abroad



- Have a clear understanding of the skills and qualities you possess.
- Identify the skills and qualities in which the employer is **most interested**.
- Identify **concrete examples** of how you have demonstrated the **qualities the employer is looking for**.
- Using these **concrete examples**, develop compelling yet concise stories that illustrate how you have developed your skills, and how these skills in turn benefit the employer.
- **Practice, practice, practice** telling these stories. Consider scheduling a mock interview with the Career Center.
- Remember, most people are **interested!**



# CSU Career center

- LSC ground floor
- Hours: 8-5; Drop-In Career Counseling: 10am – 2pm
- [Career\\_Info@mail.colostate.edu](mailto:Career_Info@mail.colostate.edu)
- The department takes a holistic approach to **career and job search counseling and education**, encouraging students to investigate opportunities with **consideration to their skills, goals, and values**. In its employer relations role, the CSU Career Center also **provides a valuable link in the university/employer network**.



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