



# professional & future benefits **workshop**

**Placement specific expertise** (benefits from being overseas, such as courses, language, country expertise):

**'Soft skills' or personal traits I developed, demonstrated or reinforced:**

- verbal communication
- teamwork
- analytic skills
- initiative
- problem-solving
- written communication
- interpersonal skills
- adaptability

**1** EXAMPLE:

**2** EXAMPLE:

**3** EXAMPLE:

**Travel story → Career story**

Prepare in advance. ★ Focus on success & learning. ★

De-emphasise frustrations, failures or bizarre. ★ Concrete examples!

**'Cultural relativism': moral v. mental**

**Cross-cultural skills:**

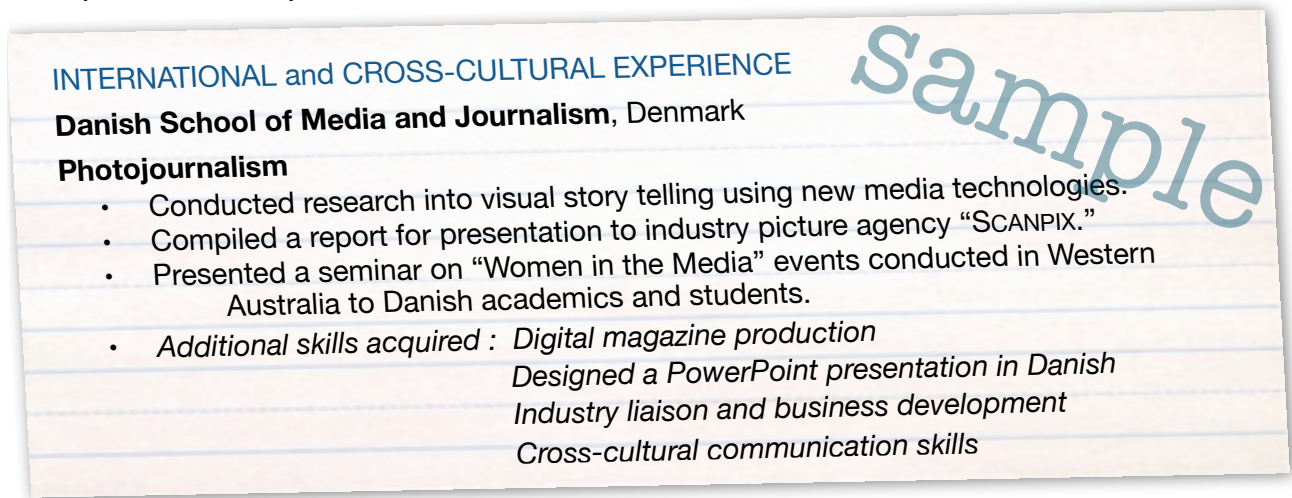
(What have you learned about working with other sorts of people that you might be able to generalize to other situations?)

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**

'accustomed to navigating cultural difference' ★ 'able to accommodate local norms' ★  
'aware of my own culture' ★ 'savvy' ★ 'tolerate ambiguity' ★ 'negotiate well' ★ 'versatile  
communication skills' ★ 'tolerant' ★ 'open-minded' ★ 'can establish rapport' ★  
'cosmopolitan'

# 1. portfolio building

**Study abroad on your résumé** (it's not the *fact* of going abroad, but the *effects*...



INTERNATIONAL and CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE  
**Danish School of Media and Journalism**, Denmark  
**Photojournalism**

- Conducted research into visual story telling using new media technologies.
- Compiled a report for presentation to industry picture agency "SCANPIX."
- Presented a seminar on "Women in the Media" events conducted in Western Australia to Danish academics and students.

*Additional skills acquired :* Digital magazine production  
Designed a PowerPoint presentation in Danish  
Industry liaison and business development  
Cross-cultural communication skills

*Sample*

## PROJECTS:

## HARD SKILLS:

## SOFT SKILLS:

### The WHY? questions:

Why did you choose to study abroad?

Why & how did you choose your study location?

What do you think you got out of your study abroad experience?

### 'Elevator Speech'

1. Who are you?
2. What do you want to do?
3. What's your motivation?
4. Your interest in the other person.
5. Differentiation.
6. Hook, passion, mission.

2.

3.

5.

6.