

WHY STUDY ABROAD BUILDS YOUR FUTURE



Today's employers seek graduates who can thrive in diverse, fast-changing environments. Study abroad is more than an enriching academic and cultural experience — it is a proven pathway to developing the skills that make you stand out in the global job market.

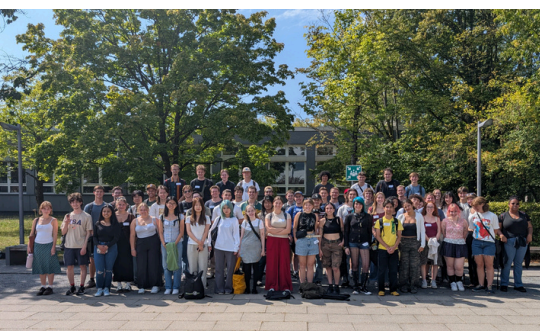
WHAT RECENT RESEARCH SHOWS:

- Alumni consistently report that study abroad strengthened their intercultural communication, adaptability, critical thinking, problem-solving, and teamwork skills—competencies that employers worldwide expressly value
- Employers are more likely to hire candidates with global learning experience
- Education abroad has been linked to a positive effect on early-career wages
- Study abroad helps students clarify career goals, gain confidence, and advance professionally

HOW FU-BEST FURTHERS CAREER-READINESS SKILLS

FU-BEST (Freie Universität Berlin European Studies Program) provides a semester abroad in Berlin, combining rigorous academics with the city's dynamic environment. Let us empower you to connect this study abroad experience directly to your future career by making the above-mentioned competencies gained at FU-BEST visible, accessible, and transferable for you:

- **Intercultural Communication:** Courses in English and German, Berlin's diversity, and the experience of living in a different cultural environment encourage cross-cultural dialogue and understanding.
- **Adaptability & Critical Thinking:** Immersion in a new academic system and European perspectives challenge students to think critically and adapt to unfamiliar contexts, building resilience that translates into the workplace — enabling graduates to navigate organizational change, technological shifts, and complex global business environments.
- **Problem-Solving & Teamwork:** Group projects, interactive seminars, and community engagement activities encourage collaboration and creative solutions.



STUDY ABROAD X CAREER ORIENTATION AT FU-BEST

Internships abroad are often decisive in securing a first job and advancing careers. Research shows that alumni and employers emphasize their impact.

With the **FU-BEST Internship Program**, students gain hands-on professional experience, practical insights into German and international workplace cultures, and further strengthen the competencies that employers consistently seek.



Internships and international experience are what make employers ‘much more likely to consider’ hiring a candidate. With FU-BEST Internship you combine both!



Source: Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), *How college contributes to workforce success: Employer views on what matters most* (2021, p. 10).



THE TAKEAWAY

FU-BEST turns study abroad into a career advantage: by blending academics, cultural immersion, and internships in Berlin, students gain the skills, confidence, and global perspective to stand out in today’s workforce.

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