

Presidential Global Scholars Program Facts and Figures about Study Abroad

A) Only 1.5% of American college students (and 10% of all U.S. college graduates) have done study abroad, which makes those who have the experience extremely competitive and marketable to employers.

B) \$7,000 — Amount more that study abroad students earn, on average, in starting salaries, across all degree fields and career paths, compared to recent U.S. college graduates from the general population. [Study abroad thus pays for itself the first year after graduation.]

C) 97% — Percentage of study abroad students who secured a job within one year after graduation, compared to only 49% of respondents in the general college graduate population.

D) 90% — Percentage of study abroad students who got into their 1st or 2nd choice for graduate or professional school.

E) 84% — Percentage of study abroad students who felt that studying abroad helped them build valuable job skills, such as language proficiency, cultural training, tolerance for ambiguity, adaptability, and communication.

F) 73% of employers cited study abroad as a critical factor when evaluating candidates' resumé's.

Sources

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