Becoming the Global You: 5 Tools for Success

Are you ready to embark on the exciting process of becoming the Global You?

There are five key documents – three models and two maps – that will jump-start your journey. Here, you’ll find an introduction to each of the documents, as well as an explanation of why they’re so important. These five simple tools will change your outlook – and your life!

Why do you need global skills?

The world needs young professionals with a global outlook! The 21st century is bringing unique challenges and opportunities, requiring us to connect and collaborate across cultural boundaries to solve the biggest issues of our time. By developing global skills, you’ll enrich your life, expand your career prospects and become part of the conversation. And, since workplaces are becoming ever-more diverse and intercultural, these skills are just as useful at home as they are abroad. So, are you ready to build the most sought-after skills?

Check out this important Quick Guide:

- Why You Need International Skills
The 3 Core Models: Learn the essentials

These 3 models work together, providing you with a solid knowledge framework.

Use them to understand the concept of culture, the importance of global skills in the modern workplace and the best methods for becoming a versatile, career-ready worker. These models will also help you figure out your personal learning targets, identify opportunities and prepare for the job search. Refer back to them often throughout your journey!

Life Skills

The Global You: For Life & Career Success

The 8 Components of the Global You provides you with a foundation for life & career success in the 21st century. It outlines the eight essential components and explains how you can develop them. The model helps you target knowledge, skills and experiences, and gives you a framework for speaking professionally about your global self.

View the Quick Guide (9 pgs)

Career Skills

The 3 Core Global Competencies & Career Readiness

When to use it

Get familiar with this model in your first year and return to it frequently throughout your school career – and beyond. Aim to fully develop each of the eight components before your graduation.
Career Skills

The 3 Core Global Competencies & Career Readiness highlights key skills required to succeed in an interconnected world. No matter what your career path, these are the competencies expected of today’s top candidates. The model outlines the 3 Core Global Competencies and seven career competencies. It also clearly demonstrates the huge impact global career skills have on your entire professional profile. Use the model to guide your learning objectives, target skill areas and prepare for the professional job search.

View the Quick Guide
(12 pgs)

When to use it
In your first or second year, learn the names and descriptions of the three core global competencies and the seven career readiness competencies. As you progress towards graduation and the job search, refer to the model more frequently to ensure that you’re building all necessary competencies.

Culture Skills

The Culture Tree: Intro to the 3 Levels of Culture is designed as a first introduction to help you grasp the complex layers of culture in an easy-to-understand format. This model will help you: navigate cross-cultural social and work environments, build a framework for discussions on diversity and inclusion, analyze your home culture objectively and develop your professional vocabulary.

View the Quick Guide
(2 pgs)

When to use it
Refer to this model frequently. It’s an excellent reference point for moments of cultural self-reflection, when starting a new job or project, while traveling or while preparing an international job or program application.
2 Planning Maps: Take action & set goals

The Global Mindset Maps help you bridge the gap between your learning objectives and day-to-day goal-setting.

They help you take practical action to meet the targets of building the Global You. Follow along with the Mindset Maps to plan your schedule and enrich your understanding of the concepts outlined in the three core models shown above.

**The 1-year Global Mindset Map**

Wondering where to begin when building the Global You? Supercharge your school year with these month-by-month suggested key actions. This map also features self-reflection checkpoints, core reading materials and links to a do-it-yourself Word template. Don’t miss it!

**When to use it**

You can dive into this map any time of the year to start a 12-month cycle of amping up your studies.

[View the map]

(5 pgs)

**The 4-year Global Mindset Map**

Get a bird’s eye view of your entire undergraduate career! This easy-to-use chart-style tool helps you identify opportunities and key actions across six categories, starting in your first year. Categories include: Develop the Global You, Go Global on Campus, Get International Experience, Build Career Credentials, and more. Plus, you’ll find a link to a do-it-yourself Word template. Don’t miss it!

**When to use it**

Start using this map at any point during your school career. Tailor the suggestions to suit your personal timeline, and see the Global You blossom with every action you take!

[View the map]

(2 pgs)
Why Go Abroad?

Think positively and challenge the barriers to going abroad with these helpful Quick Guides.

Adventurous or cautious, every student can benefit from scanning these guides. They are packed with real information to enrich your time abroad — don’t overlook the career advantages, too! Start now to make the most of your international experience.

10 Reasons to Go Abroad During Your Studies
8 People Who Can Help You Go Abroad
Overcoming the 7 Barriers to Going Abroad
Study Abroad for a Great Education

TOP ADVICE: Why You Need International Skills

Read this essential Quick Guide to understand the importance of adopting a professional approach to skills awareness. This valuable knowledge will benefit you for a lifetime, so start now!

Why You Need International Skills
(4 pgs)

The research shows that students with international skills and experience do much better in their careers.
Monthly Nudges with the Student Bulletin

It’s been proven time and time again that with simple nudges – like a monthly e-newsletter – students are more likely to meet their personal and professional goals. Register for a MyWorldAbroad account and you’ll automatically receive the Student Bulletin with simple calls to action, useful reminders, quick links and featured Quick Guides. Stay inspired and on track by registering today!

Overwhelmed?
Don’t Be!

When you’re just starting out, the process of becoming global can seem mysterious, complicated or overly challenging. Simply working through the models and maps above – and taking the key concepts onboard – will demystify the process and give you concrete tools and actions for developing the Global You. And keep in mind: every globally literate, cross-culturally aware young worker contributes to building a better, more understanding and more inclusive world!

The Future Is Bright!

Looking ahead
Good luck as you lay the foundations for the Global You and prepare to enter the working world. The future is bright!

See the Article Version
Want more advice? Login or register for free access to MyWorldAbroad.com

Your free subscription paid for by your school.