Overview: **Start Your Global Journey!**

*Take a tour of MyWorldAbroad’s main menu, content & tools*

**Navigate to success with MyWorldAbroad.**

This site takes you all the way from ground zero to landing your first professional position — and helps you have fun along the way.

No matter what your career aspirations, *MyWorldAbroad* has advice for you!

The model below shows the structure of the site.

Visit the link below to start your global journey:

www.myworldabroad.com/start-your-global-journey

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The Global You

*Start here!*

The Global You is a core concept running through the entire MyWorldAbroad site, which is why it’s at the center of the navigation model!

The model highlights eight components for unlocking your global potential and helps you lay the foundations for life and career success in the 21st century!

**What you’ll learn:**
The key building blocks of every cross-cultural journey — and how to plan your own.

Why Go Abroad?

*Find support & reach for your dreams*

Why Go Abroad? explains exactly why every young person should be pursuing international skills and experiences. You’ll learn how to rethink perceived barriers, uncover unexpected opportunities and, above all, make the commitment to going abroad.

**What you’ll learn:**
How to overcome challenges, build motivation and find networks of inspiration and support.

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Culture Smarts

*International people are different!*

*Culture Smarts* teaches you skills and traits to help you become a cross-culturally successful worker and traveler.

- Are you a good cross-cultural communicator?
- Can you discuss belief systems, attitudes and approaches to work from around the world?
- Do you understand culture shock?

This part answers these questions and more, helping you navigate cultural differences at home, abroad and in the workplace.

**What you’ll learn:**

What cross-cultural skills are, why they’re important and how to build them.

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  - Women Living & Working Abroad
  - Intro to the Virtual Cross-cultural Workplace
Travel Smarts

Get practical about going abroad!

Travel Smarts explains how to prepare for your journey and the skills you’ll need to thrive on the ground.

- Do you know what culture shock and re-entry shock are? Do you know the skills needed to overcome them?
- Do you know how to research and plan your experience abroad?
- Do you know how to make the most of a trip, both personally and professionally?

It’s exciting to dream about life overseas, but personal and practical preparation are crucial parts of every journey.

What you’ll learn:

You’ll learn to recognize the layers of culture, how to adapt to new cross-cultural environments and how to manage relationships both at home and abroad.

You’ll also learn how to master the practical side of travel and make every career-boosting trip run smoothly.

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Getting Experience

Choose your program and have real-world experiences!

*Getting Experience* takes you through the multiple pathways to gaining international experience.

- Are you making the most of your time on campus?
- Do you know how to create a standout application for an international program?
- Have you decided whether you want to study, intern, work, volunteer or travel abroad?

The advice in this part will help you determine exactly which type of global experience to pursue and how to make the most of the opportunity.

**What you'll learn:**

How to build a winning application and succeed before, during and after your international experience. You'll also learn how to find cross-cultural opportunities at home and online.

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- Teach English Abroad
- Learn a Language
The Job Search

*Use global career skills to land the perfect job!*

The Job Search is all about learning how to market yourself (and your international skills) with confidence.

- Do you know how to speak about your international skills?
- Do you have a flawless resume with a global spin?
- Do you know how to network confidently with employers?

No matter whether you want an international position or a domestic one, you need to highlight international skills during your job search.

**What you’ll learn:**

How to target employers, conduct a successful job search, speak about your international skills and prove you can thrive in a cross-cultural workplace.

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- Job Hunting When You Return
The Professions

*Interested in an international career?*

*The Professions* focuses on the most popular industries for young people working internationally at home or abroad.

- Are you interested in international development?
- Do you know what it takes to break into international engineering or law?
- Have you considered working internationally for your home government?

Every field — from urban planning to museum curation — has international opportunities!

**What you’ll learn:**

The top industries for international employment. How to target and research organizations and opportunities. How to make connections and land your dream role.

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- Health Careers Abroad
- International Business Careers
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- The 50+ Worker Abroad
- US Government
- Canadian Government
- United Nations & Other IGOs

*If you work your way through all six elements, the Global You will be ready for lift-off!*
Articles & Quick Guides

*MyWorldAbroad* has everything you need! Within and alongside the six sections outlined above, you'll find hundreds of pages of advice, as well as thousands of useful external resources to help you at every phase of your go-abroad and job-hunting journey. Take a look!

300+ Articles & 70+ Quick Guides

From the left-hand menu you can access encouraging expert advice on all aspects of going abroad and building the Global You.

1. QUICK GUIDES: For a better reading experience, click the Quick Guide links (blue boxes on the right) wherever you see them.

2. QUICK GUIDE LANDING PAGE: Access all our guides from the *MyWorldAbroad* footer.

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## Resources

### 3,500+ Resources in 63 Resource Lists:

From the left-hand menu you can access individual curated resource lists featuring external programs, further advice, job sites, major organizations and more.

1. **RESOURCE FILTERS:** Where needed, refine your search with filters.
2. **MY STARRED ITEMS:** Save all your favorite resources (one of the reasons it’s useful to have a registered account).
3. **FILTER FOR NATIONALITY:** Filter all resource lists by citizenship: US citizen, Canadian citizen, not US or Canadian citizen (for international students) or see all resources.

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Stories from Abroad
Nothing beats inspiration from those who’ve been there! Explore 100+ stories from students who have studied, interned, worked and traveled abroad.

Top Job Boards
Already on the job hunt? Discover international job boards in your field by browsing this curated collection.

Top Resource Lists
We’ve scoured the web so you don’t have to. Check out the top resource lists for any young go-abroad hopeful.

International Quizzes
Quiz yourself! Use this simple multiple-choice collection to quickly assess your readiness for cross-cultural travel and the global workplace.

COMING SOON!

(Coming in Feb 2023.)

Workplace Country Guides
Want to learn about a specific country’s professional work culture?
- Access 116 country profiles in English and French!
- See sample guide for Algeria (draft).

(Coming in May 2023.)

Culture Spectrum Generator
Select and compare pairs of contrasting workplace behaviors for 65 countries.
See culture spectrum definitions here.

Superlink Selection
Browse top links and advice from across the entire MyWorldAbroad website.

Every country has unique patterns of workplace behavior. With this tool, you can select up to five countries and find out how they score on the Culture Spectrum’s eight behavior scales. This is an excellent research tool to help you prepare for cross-cultural workplace adaptation.

Got a minute? Browse the Superlink Selection! Pick and choose from some of MyWorldAbroad’s top advice on culture, travel, skill-building and career readiness. You’ll always find something new to explore.
Certificate Program (mini courses)

(Coming in May 2023.)

Soon, students will be able to complete ten online mini courses, involving reading and reflection. Both students and schools will be able to track progress through these courses, which are aligned with the main MyWorldAbroad parts and sections. This promises to be a fantastic tool for independent and self-managed learning. Keep your eyes peeled! (See the draft outline of the first six mini courses.)

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. Students and staff can Register for a MyWorldAbroad account and they will receive the Student Bulletin with simple calls to action, useful reminders, quick links and featured Quick Guides.

Additional Entry Points into MyWorldAbroad

If you’re looking for a quick avenue into MyWorldAbroad, consider diving into one of the Quick Guides below, which provide excellent selections of content to start you off with a bang!

- Becoming the Global You: 5 Tools for Success Launch your global life!
- Becoming a Culture Wiz Your journey to cross-cultural competence starts here!

The Future Is Bright!

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