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## I studied abroad because...

I chose to study abroad because of my love of culture, language, and travel. Being able to combine my passion for travel and my desire to get international working experience is what fueled my desire to study abroad in Beijing over the summer.

## While abroad I got an opportunity to volunteer...

I spent a weekend learning about the education system and quality of life orphans had in Beijing. At the orphanage, the children taught a group of us a traditional dance and made us lunch, it was such a humbling experience to know that these kids who have so little were so willing to share everything they had to make the volunteers feel welcome.

## My favorite spot in my host city was...

My favorite place in Beijing was the hutong across the street from the 798 art district, it had the best and most authentic Chinese cuisine in the city

## The weirdest food I tried while abroad...

Scorpions

## One cool thing that happened was...

I made a spontaneous decision to go bungee jumping at Longqing gorge with my US and Chinese friends.

## My typical breakfast abroad...

Jianbing (Chinese breakfast crepe) and baozi

## The most surprising thing that happened to me...

I was surprised how immersed I became in Chinese business culture, I adapted similar communication mannerisms, worked efficiently in a structured business setting, and collaborated with co-workers in and out of the office.

## Lastly, I would like to tell you...

UF in Beijing has been the experience of a lifetime and I can't imagine my life without thinking of the work experience that will contribute to my future endeavors, the amazing people that have become my best friends, and the country that had become my home once again.