[How is a Global Mindset Curated?](file:///Users/carolinacolobon/Cloud/Carolina%20Website/blog-article1.html)

Before the pandemic, even during the Coronavirus outbreak, I traveled to many countries, particularly in Colombia, Mexico, and The United States attending universities classes and immersing myself in the culture and language. For those with an interest in recruiting people without gaps in employment, I may not be the right fit for them and their organizations. However, there is so much I have learned about people and culture beyond the traditional definition of a workplace that the positive effects of this experience have instilled in me the importance of understanding the wider world.

Becoming a global citizen comes with multiple challenges, such as a constant adaptation to unfamiliar environments, language barriers, and different norms, beliefs, and behavioral expectations. Regardless of how difficult this experience may seem; it is rewarding in the end because the adaptability gives us a competitive edge by providing innovative solutions through a wide variety of perspectives as we are interacting with diverse people. I have made many trips for the last few years that I want to make this point loud and clear: We should live abroad at least once in our lifetime.

How do you overcome these challenges and stand out globally? Here are some tips to help you in this amazing journey.

* Recognize and respect cultural diversity: I thought I was an open-minded person until I lived abroad. Thanks to my college experience, I have come across a variety of personalities and cultures. When I was finishing my final project for the university, a little more than a year ago, one person set us into direct conflict against each other regarding our team project. misinformation was passed along to the group, specifically the member who was underperforming, and this lack of communication led to the "grapevine" effect or “telephone game” within the group which caused tension, disarray, panic, and overall disaster to finish our semester project. If I had been in my home country, Surely, I would have known easily how to respond to this type of situation. However, culture plays an important role in this diverse society, that only a global leader can overcome. To make a long story short, my team and I were able to cope with our differences and deliver a successful project.
* Overcome your fear of speaking in a second language: using a second language is not as easy as learning it. Although I knew basic English grammar rules, reaching a conversational level was not something that happened overnight. I was so focused on avoiding mistakes while talking that my English skills were not improving. It was until I let go of the need for perfection that I became fluent.
* Prepare to wear as many hats as possible to achieve your goals: where I come from, there is a fixed mindset that limits us to start working in a certain type of job because it is not what is socially acceptable. if there is one thing that I know for certain it’s in this: you can have the life you want, just work hard to make your dreams come true.

These principles are true everywhere. Unfortunately, you don't understand it until you learn through living life abroad.