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Studying Abroad

Traveling and experiencing new cultures has been one of my interests for as long as I can remember. Since I was a kid, my family would take me traveling around Europe and Asia to see the world. Although I wasn’t old enough to appreciate and understand the different cultures around me at first, I realize now that those experiences definitely improved my perspective of the world. Now that I’ve grown an interest for seeing the world, I am overexcited for an opportunity to venture through Europe this summer while studying in London.

The focus of the specific program I chose resonates with me because while its purpose is to influence students to grow their academic experience in another culture, it heavily emphasizes on exploring and experiencing the cities and even offers field trips to other countries. I thought that what the program was offering completely aligns with my goals of studying abroad.

Studying abroad has many values in my opinion, but I believe the most important one would be opening my mind. It will be interesting to discover my mutual interests with others and study different social interactions despite our cultural differences and gain a new perspective. Aside from being able to learn more about myself, I can also improve the career aspects of my life. Studying in London would emphasize my ability to adapt to new environments and break out of comfort zones, which I think could be a huge influence to future employees.

Studying abroad in London will challenge me to go outside my comfort zone and meet new people of other cultures. It may be a little scary to go out into the world by myself, but the future benefits of self-reliance and self-growth inspires me to go out into the world. Academically, it could be difficult to study in an environment such as London, given that I have never studied at another country before and could anticipate different academic rigorousness and pace.

Finally, I would cherish this opportunity to study abroad and make it an unforgettable one. I am truly excited for the foreseeable future and I can’t wait to meet and venture with new people from all over the world.