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#### Career/Education Background:

I've been working at Global Programs for a year and a half now in what has been my first full-time position since I graduated from New York University in 2007 with a BFA in screenwriting. Let's face it, there's no clear link between screenwriting and international education, and there probably won't be until I write the next study abroad movie. I'll just say that I've enjoyed the unique experience of being on the flip side of student services here at NYU. I remember what I expected of offices such as Global Programs while I was a student, and now I'm part of that system responsible for delivering service to the students. I'm also fortunate enough to work alongside a wonderful staff of professionals.

#### Why do you think students should study abroad?

Gain exposure to a new culture. Master another language through true immersion. Join a local university and experience the curriculum of a top tier school outside the US. Or just escape from your helicopter mom for a few months.

#### What advice do you have for students who are about to study abroad?

Use your resources. We have a great staff in place in New York and abroad to assist you with everything, from obtaining those pesky visas to showing you the best spot for espresso in Florence. Want to speak with a student who has been abroad through one of our programs? Let us know and we'd be happy to put you in touch with one of our global ambassadors.