***Global Students***

One of the biggest challenges facing employers and educators nowadays is the rapid advance of globalisation. The market place is no longer national or regional, but it stands in all corners of the world and this requires a global ready workforce.

Universities have a large part to play in preparing students for the 21st century labour marker by promoting international educational experiences.

The most obvious way universities can help develop the global workforce is by encouraging students to study abroad as part of their course. Students who have experienced another culture first hand are more likely to be global ready when they graduate.

Global workforce development does not always have to involve travel abroad however: If students learn another language and study other cultures, they will be more global ready when they graduate. It’s important to point out that students also need to have a deep understanding of their own culture before they can begin to observe, analyse and evaluate other cultures.

In multicultural societies, people can study each other’s cultures to develop intercultural competences such as critical and reflective thinking and intellectual flexibility. This can be done both through the curriculum and through activities on campus outside of the classroom such as art exhibitions and lectures from international experts.

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