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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Readers,

We are pleased to share the latest edition of 'The Next Step' Careers newsletter!

This edition is aimed to help the students who are looking for international opportunities/college admissions, covering topics which are more focused on overseas education for Indian students; showing the popular destinations, the courses and the various scholarships that one can get in order to study abroad without spending much money.


It will also provide possible career insights along with highlighting the benefits of studying abroad like boosting of confidence and encouraging independent thinking all while introducing new opportunities, concepts and ideas from different people around the world, which allows exposure to a new global environment.

This edition also features a special article written by Les Roches alumnus, Kaiz Patel, which offers a unique perspective and a firsthand account of hospitality as a career, making it a valuable read for you, our dear readers.

As always, we value your feedback and suggestions, therefore if you have any better suggestions or ideas for future topics, please feel free to write to us at careers@assamvalleyschool.com.

Your input is crucial in ensuring that we continue to provide relevant and beneficial content to our readers.

**Sincerely,
Carlynda Lyngdoh**



STUDYING ABROAD



INTRODUCTION:

Studying abroad offers more than just academic and career opportunities; it provides a truly transformative experience. By earning an international degree, you can expand your horizons, gain a global perspective, and create memories that will last a lifetime. There are numerous compelling reasons to consider studying internationally.

DESTINATIONS TO CONSIDER:

Here are some of the most popular destinations for Indian students looking to study abroad:

- **United States:** The US is a popular destination for Indian students due to its world-renowned universities, diverse culture, and ample job opportunities. However, the US can be an expensive option, and the visa process can be challenging.
- **United Kingdom:** The UK is another popular destination for Indian students, thanks to its high-quality education system, rich history and culture, and relatively easy visa process. However, the UK can also be an expensive option, and the weather can be a bit dreary.



- **Canada:** Canada is a popular destination for Indian students due to its welcoming immigration policies, diverse culture, and affordable tuition fees. However, the weather in Canada can be quite cold and the job market can be competitive.
- **Australia:** Australia is a popular destination for Indian students due to its high-quality education system, beautiful beaches, and relaxed lifestyle. However, Australia can be an expensive option, and the distance from India can be a deterrent.
- **Germany:** Germany is a popular destination for Indian students due to its world-renowned universities, affordable tuition fees, and strong economy. However, the language barrier can be a challenge to some students.
- **Japan:** Japan is a growing popular destination for Indian students since it provides not only a good environment to study and conduct research but also offers an inexpensive tuition fee compared to other countries. It is also known as a safe country to live in with its low crime rate.
- **South Korea:** South Korea has been attracting a lot of international students into their undergraduate, graduate and research programmes. It stands out as a study abroad destination not only for its innovative spirit and booming economy, but also for its strong academic institutions. The process for attaining a visa is also easier and quick compared to other European countries.



Ultimately, the best destination for you will depend on your individual needs and preferences. Consider your academic goals, financial situation, career aspirations, and personal preferences before making your decision.

Here are some additional factors to consider when choosing a study abroad destination:

- **Cost of living:** The cost of living can vary significantly from country to country. Be sure to research the cost of living in your chosen destination before making your decision.
- **Visa requirements:** The visa requirements for Indian students vary from country to country. Be sure to research the visa requirements for your chosen destination well.
- **Language:** If you are not fluent in the language of your chosen destination, you may need to take language classes before you can begin your studies.
- **Culture:** Be sure to research the culture of your chosen destination before you go. This will help you to adjust to your new surroundings and avoid any cultural faux pas.



Courses To Study Abroad

Studying abroad provides a unique educational experience that goes beyond traditional classroom learning. It offers opportunities to explore the exciting realm of technology and innovation, as well as to delve into the complexities of international relations. By immersing oneself in a different cultural setting, students can gain a deeper understanding of these subjects and develop a global perspective. Whether it's through hands-on projects, industry collaborations, or engaging discussions with international peers, studying abroad opens doors to new perspectives and fosters personal and intellectual growth.

Discover a wide array of popular programs available for studying abroad, with some of them including:

- Business Administration
- Engineering (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, Computer, etc.)
- Computer Science
- Medicine
- Environmental Science
- Psychology
- International Relations
- Art and Design
- Hospitality and Tourism Management and more.





APPLICATION PROCESS & SCHOLARSHIPS



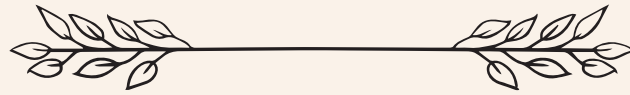
After completing 12th, many students dream of studying abroad and getting a chance to experience a different culture, get global exposure, and acquire a world-class education. However, the financial burden is one of the big hurdles for students coming from diverse backgrounds. Especially if students choose to prefer the top study abroad destinations including the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, and more. This is where scholarships come into play.

Types of Scholarships for Indian Students after 12th to Study Abroad

There are basically, four broad types of scholarships to study abroad for Indian students and they are as follows:

1. Merit-based Scholarships
2. Need-based Scholarships
3. Government funded Scholarships
4. External Scholarships

Apart from the above-given types of scholarships abroad, there are also Athletic Scholarships, Community Scholarships and National Merit Scholarships. Though these are less popular ones but can be considered. Understanding the difference between Need and Merit-Based Scholarships is crucial for you to apply accordingly.



AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit based:

- **National overseas scholarships:** The National Overseas Scholarship helps low-income students from marginalized communities, including Scheduled Castes, nomadic tribes, landless agricultural workers, and traditional artisans. It supports their higher education goals, like Master's or Ph.D. programs, by offering opportunities to study abroad, which aids in their economic and social improvement.
For more information visit: <https://nosmsje.gov.in/nosmsje/>
- **Dr. Kalam scholarship :** In reverential memory of late President and Scientist Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam, TERRE Policy Centre, instituted the scheme for Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam Young Research Fellowship with the aim of distinguishing young Researchers from India with extraordinary promise and creativity who have made notable research contributions in the field of Environment protection.
For more information visit: <https://www.drkalamfellowship.com/>
- **National Talent Scholarship :** Merit based support through National Talent Scholarship to the Under-graduates and Post graduate students seeking admission in Agricultural Universities in a State other than the State of their domicile, through ICAR All India Entrance Examination (AIEE).

For more information, visit: <https://www.indiascienceandtechnology.gov.in/nurturing-minds/scholarships/school/national-talent-search-exam-ntse>

Embassy Scholarships including various countries like

- US Embassy: Website - <https://in.usembassy.gov/education-culture/study-usa/>
- Japan Embassy: Website - <https://www.studyinjapan.go.jp/en/>
- South Korea Embassy: Website - <https://www.indembassyseoul.gov.in/study-korea>
- Sweden: Website - <https://www.swedenabroad.se/en/about-sweden-non-swedish-citizens/india/going-to-sweden/studying-in-sweden/>

All scholarships have their own criteria to fill and it is up to the discretion of the student to choose which destination is the best for their further studies.



Cultural Insights & Career Opportunities for studying abroad

CULTURAL INSIGHTS

Immersive Experience: Living abroad allows for direct engagement with local customs and traditions, fostering a deeper understanding of the culture.

Language Acquisition: Interacting with native speakers helps improve language skills and reveals cultural nuances integral to effective communication.

Diverse Perspectives: Exposure to different educational systems and viewpoints broadens understanding and challenges preconceptions, encouraging critical thinking.

Global Citizenship: Studying in a foreign country cultivates adaptability and a sense of global responsibility, preparing students to engage with international issues and diverse communities.

CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Explore Diverse Careers: Studying abroad opens doors to exciting fields such as tech (software developer, data scientist), business (finance, marketing), engineering (civil, mechanical), and health (doctor, nurse), allowing you to pursue your passion in a global context.

Enhance Job Prospects: Choose your study destination wisely! Countries like the US and Germany are renowned for their tech and engineering sectors, respectively, providing unique opportunities to launch your career.

Gain Valuable Support: Many countries offer programs specifically designed to help international students find employment after graduation, making your transition into the workforce smoother and more accessible.

Develop Essential Skills: Studying abroad helps you cultivate vital skills such as problem-solving, communication, and teamwork, all of which are highly valued by employers and can set you apart in the competitive job market.



SPECIAL ARTICLE ON HOSPITALITY EDUCATION

Hospitality Education: A Gateway to Diverse Global Careers

by Kaiz Patel

The charm of a well-run hotel or resort can leave lasting impressions on guests, from luxurious rooms and stunning décor, to impeccable service and culinary delights. What guests see externally is the result of the internal workings of hospitality.

The flawless guest experience in a top-tier hotel happens when there is efficiency in operations, a people-centered culture, and effective leadership. It involves skilled professionals across ranks working seamlessly behind the scenes. Every aspect, from management to customer service, relies on expertise and experience to ensure each guest feels valued and cared for.

The global hospitality and travel industry accounts for 1 out of every 10 employment opportunities. Pre-Covid 19, there were 173 million people employed by hotels. In 2022, there were 22 million new jobs. The World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) forecasts an additional 126 million jobs created between now and 2032.

What does this mean?

The industry must keep up with the urgent need to shape the leaders of tomorrow with the right hard and soft skills, technology and hands-on application of theories to succeed in the fast-paced world of hospitality. Graduates of local and international institutions specializing in the field have opportunities awaiting them beyond the typical career paths of F&B and Rooms.



A Holistic Education for Global Careers

Hospitality management programs provide students with a strong business foundation, offering courses in finance, marketing, human resources, and strategic management. These subjects equip students with the relevant knowledge for their future leadership roles. Practical training in customer service, communication, and operations management further develops a versatile skill set, making them attractive and valued hires across sectors and even other industries beyond hospitality.

Expanding Career Horizons : Opportunities Beyond Gender Roles

A degree in hospitality management unlocks numerous career paths across industries and borders. Many graduates find themselves thriving in fields like hotel operations, events planning, brand management, retail and tourism. Their path towards becoming General Managers, Sales Directors, Brand Managers, or as Entrepreneurs managing their own hospitality ventures are made possible through systems and frameworks from years of understanding and decoding what works best in hospitality.

Corporate Leadership and Business Management

A hospitality education equips graduates with a solid business foundation, making them valuable in corporate roles across finance, marketing, consulting, and beyond. Graduates can find opportunities in business development, real estate, or start their own company. The leadership and management skills acquired in hospitality programs serve as essential assets for corporate success.



Luxury and Lifestyle Brands

Hospitality graduates have a natural fit in the luxury industry, where they often work with world-renowned brands in roles such as luxury marketing, customer experience management, and brand management. Companies in fashion, retail, and fine dining increasingly seek out hospitality professionals, recognizing their expertise in creating personalized and world-class experiences for their luxury and ultra luxury customer segments.

Events Management

Events management is one of the most dynamic fields for hospitality graduates, offering roles in planning, managing and executing events like corporate meetings, sports tournaments, destination weddings, and trade fairs. Graduates of hospitality can take part in creating memorable experiences at events ranging from the Olympics to global music festivals, making it a field that combines creativity with logistical expertise.

Golf Tourism

Golf tourism is a growing niche that allows hospitality professionals to work with luxury resorts, exclusive golf courses, and tour operators, curating travel packages tailored for golf enthusiasts. This role can involve planning events at world-renowned courses, creating unique experiences for players, and managing logistics for high-profile tournaments, making it a rewarding sector that combines sports and hospitality.



Culinary Arts and Food Innovation

For those passionate about food, hospitality education offers career opportunities that extend beyond traditional kitchen roles. Graduates can explore careers as food blogging, research and development specialists in culinary innovation, sommeliers, or creatives specializing in food styling and photography. These roles provide opportunities to work in acclaimed restaurants, start a unique food business, or even consult for top culinary brands.

In conclusion, hospitality education goes far

beyond training for hotel and restaurant roles, which will continue to grow and stay relevant in every corner of the world. It provides students with essential business knowledge, leadership skills, and cultural awareness, opening doors to diverse global careers.

Whether you aspire to work in luxury, tourism, event management, technology, or sustainability, a hospitality degree offers an adaptable, future-focused career path.

The world of hospitality is rich with exciting opportunities, from managing international brands to creating unforgettable experiences for guests.

Now is the time to embrace the full potential of a hospitality education. With its unique blend of business, service, and innovation, hospitality remains one of the most versatile and rewarding fields of study today.





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