

# Translating International Experience to Graduate School<sup>1</sup>

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**Abstract:** Globalization has made movement so accessible with young professionals relocating for career upliftment more than ever. Therefore, a part of professional development skills for early professionals should include preparing for working and translating experience in a different context. I am currently an International Graduate student in Canada with past working experience across different countries and continents, which has given me a different perspective on environmental and social issues than many of my peers. I will highlight the importance of bringing diverse opinions and ideas in a broad discipline like environmental studies and looking at a problem through multiple lenses. Secondly, I will outline how different experiences have helped me upgrade my personal skills like adaptability, communication, and confidence. Finally, I will conclude with tips and ideas for young professionals who are considering working in a new environment.

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