

# Short-term programs

## Career outcomes of learning abroad

Short-term learning abroad programs have greatly increased access to international study opportunities. They've introduced more diversity to the learning abroad cohort in terms of **study discipline, destination, program type** and **family background**.

### In 2014

short-term programs accounted for

**56%** (13,145)

of all undergraduate learning abroad experiences.

### By 2017

short-term programs accounted for

**68%** (23,557)

of all undergraduate learning abroad experiences.

These are the top-line results of their learning abroad experience and how it has impacted their skills and career.

### About the study

With more than 3,300 respondents, this is the first large-scale examination of learning abroad outcomes for participants from 31 Australian universities.

Led by Dr Davina Potts and published by IEAA, this research explores how international study opportunities connect to skills development and career outcomes of graduates and alumni who have undertaken learning abroad.

## Short-term respondents What do they look like?

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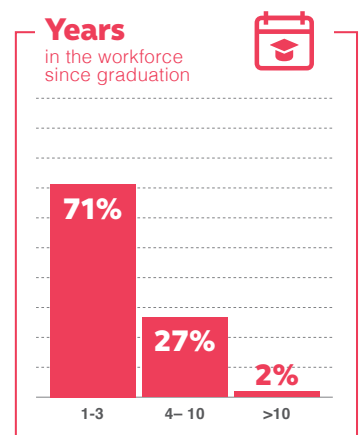
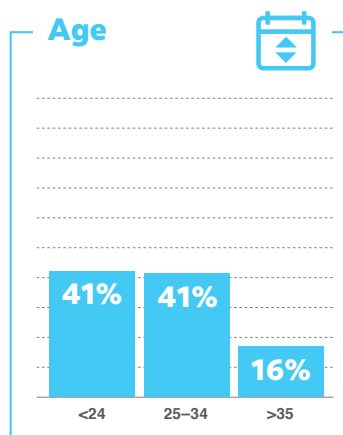
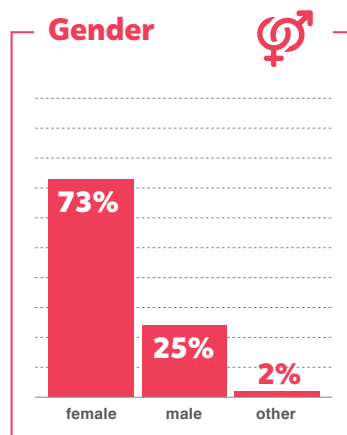
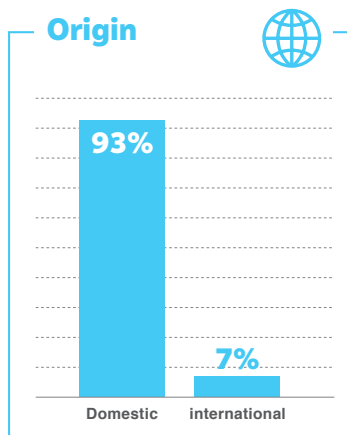
Short-term respondents

**41%**

First in family to study at university

**24%**

Multiple learning abroad experiences



### Top 4 disciplines



**26%**  
Society & culture



**20%**  
Management & commerce



**19%**  
Health



**15%**  
Creative arts

### Level of study

**80%**  
Undergraduate

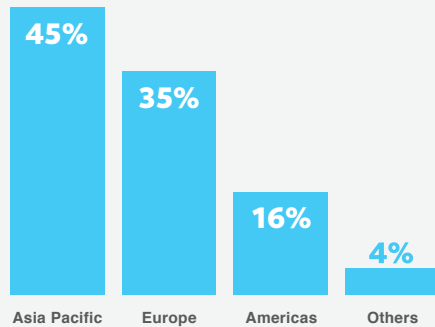
**3%**  
Research

**17%**  
Postgraduate coursework





## Where did they go?



## How did it impact their employability?

**83%**

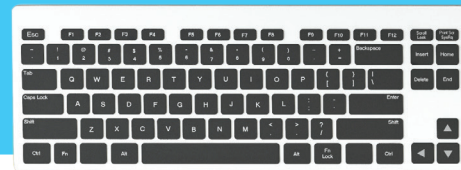
developed skills to support their **current and future professional role**

**63%**

said it had a positive impact on their **long-term career prospects**

**53%**

said it helped them **obtain their first job** in their field of study.



## Learning abroad supports the top 3 skills

identified by the World Economic Forum's 'Future of Jobs' report.



**Complex problem solving**



**Critical thinking**



**Creativity**

## What core skills did they develop?

Short-term learning abroad helps graduates to develop core skills for academic and professional development.



**95%**

**Ability to interact with others**



**94%**

**Communication**



**90%**

**Capacity to adapt and learn quickly**



**88%**

**Teamwork**



**86%**

**Critical thinking**



**85%**

**Problem solving**



**84%**

**Creativity**



**83%**

**Judgement & decision-making**



**54%**

**Entrepreneurship**