A Philosophical statement on the Importance of Global Citizenship for today's college Student

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I believe that every college student should experience studying and living abroad. There is nothing more important in today's world than to educate our college students about the importance of global citizenship. Awareness through education and personal experiences of diverse cultures is the first step in teaching our young people about other countries. The second step is making sure our students know how to communicate and work with other cultures as our world is technologically connected and more global.

I grew up in the city of Chicago. This is an international city, whereby, I was exposed to global thinking at many levels as a young person way before this term has become a part of our vernacular. Exposure to college life insured that I would commiserate with a number of persons from different international cultures. My parents were global travelers and exposed to me, at a young age, cultures in many countries including Thailand, China, Japan, Mexico, Europe and many countries in Central and South America. This cultural immersement, in addition to my visual art education, has molded my personhood. Thus, global awareness is a natural part of being.

I am also first and foremost a person who enjoys relating to a wide range of people and culture. I enjoy embracing diversity at all levels. I have lived for several months as a student both in Austria and Australia. Australia was an especially international experience for me as my intense PhD studio art coursework and art production, pared me with great international artists and thinkers. One could not have a stilted, regional attitude in this environment. Wide ranging and liberal, thinking are the standard and natural order of this environment.

Please consider my application. I am a person who is a practicing painter and full of innovative ideas. I enjoy challenges as they come .This position suits my personality and experience as a global citizen.