

# Global Experience Blog Contributor Guide

Explore some of the many [blogs](#) published on our website for ideas and inspiration to share your own unique story! On the following page we have provided a list of examples. It is designed to prompt you and provide you with some ideas about what you could write about, however we want to hear about your personal experience and want your voice to shine through. Your story should showcase your unique journey as a student abroad!

## Requirements

- Approximate word count for each blog 300 – 400 words.
- Supporting photos – Descriptions of each photo \*

## Step 1) Access & Draft Your Blog

1. Log into the blog site with your FAN and password:  
<https://blogs.flinders.edu.au/student-exchange-experiences/category/student-exchange-101-2/>
2. Click on the **'Add New'** link under **'Posts'** in the main menu bar (left of the screen).
3. Write a catchy blog title into the **'Enter title here'** then type your blog text into the body field.

### **Remember:**

- *If you are copying and pasting use Notepad instead of Word.*
  - *Use appropriate mark-up in your post, for example bullet lists and numbered lists.*
4. Click the **'Save draft'** button, located on the (right of screen).
  5. Click the Preview button to see what the post looks like on a 'live' webpage. You can make any final changes to your post at this stage.
  6. **\*Important** Click the blue **'Submit for Review'** button > status should now read **'Pending Review'** and the Global Experience Team will be notified of your post.

*\*Important the Global Experience team can only publish photos of people that have completed our blog consent form.*

## Step 2) Upload Your Photos

1. Our blog system doesn't have an option for you to upload photos. We can review the post, upload the photos on behalf of you before publishing them online.
2. Upload your photos [here](#) with descriptions OR email your photo(s) for each blog post with photo captions to us at [global.expereince@flinders.edu.au](mailto:global.expereince@flinders.edu.au)
3. The Global Experience Team will publish your post and will share it with you.

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## Topic Ideas

We would love you to post multiple blogs either before, during or after your experience abroad. Here are some examples of topics you may want to cover throughout:

### *Before you go*

- What are you most looking forward to?
- How and why did you choose your exchange destination?
- What do you hope to get out of this experience?

### *While your away*

- What are you enjoying most?
- What are the main differences in studying at a foreign university?
- Are you travelling during breaks, if so, where to?
- What's surprised you about the experience so far?

### *Return/Reflection*

- Would you recommend an exchange at Flinders to others? – Provide some general advice to students thinking about studying overseas.
- What have you learnt from this experience – how has it changed you?
- What will be your lasting memories of your exchange experience?

### *Needs a title to get you started....*

- Life as an Exchange Student: My first week in [Country]
- The Ultimate Checklist for Students Heading Abroad on Exchange
- Why I chose (Host University or Program, Country)
- Living like a local: How to embrace new cultures while studying abroad
- Language Hacks: How to learn and improve your language skills abroad
- Exploring [Country] on a student budget: Affordable travel ideas
- The impact of studying abroad on my career: How it changed me
- The unexpected lessons I learned from living abroad
- 3 unexpected ways my overseas experience made me grow

**Use this page to help you get started, but remember we love to hear about YOUR story and what has made YOUR experience so memorable!**