



Manessa Lormejuste

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France, 2015

“Studying abroad truly changed the trajectory of my life. It offered me a unique competitive advantage that separated me from my peers.”

Manessa attributes much of her career success to her experience studying abroad as a Gilman Scholar. Before studying abroad in France, Manessa faced much opposition when trying to intern with research labs. Her ability to discuss differences in the European cosmetic market as a result of observations made during her program abroad in Paris caught the attention of a recruiter from L’Oréal during a career fair. This experience led her to an internship with L’Oréal USA, which now has blossomed into a fruitful career. Manessa’s study abroad experience has impacted the way she sees the world. She has always been a dreamer, and her experience abroad allows Manessa to see opportunities as endless without placing a limit on her potential.

Manessa now works as a cosmetic chemist for L’Oréal USA, where she formulates professional hair color products. She graduated from Rutgers University in May 2017 with a major in chemistry and a minor in French.

- ★ Studied chemistry and French at Rutgers University
- ★ Improved French language skills
- ★ Travel and lifestyle blogger, nessknows.com
- ★ Advocate for STEM, diversity, and international education
- ★ Bachelor of Arts in Japanese and creative writing from the University of Washington
- ★ 2019 Pickering Fellow
- ★ Contributed articles for the Japan Eco Foundation
- ★ Volunteered at an assisted living center in Japan

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