

Brijhette Farmer

Language and intercultural competencies led to success in career
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“I credit the opportunity to live, work, and study in another country with much of how this career dream came to be.”

Brijhette’s time as a Gilman Scholar in Germany changed her perspectives on foreign policy, long-term sustainability in the built environment, international disaster mitigation, and more. Her time there also helped her achieve her language fluency goal as she completed most of her courses in German and worked as an English-German translator. When Brijhette returned from Germany, she began a graduate program in Architecture and focused on disaster mitigation. The perspective shifts and language skills she gained in Germany helped during her graduate studies, especially when doing technical research or learning about sustainable design.

The intercultural competencies Brijhette strengthened while abroad have enabled her to thrive at Adobe, an international company. Her career goal is to advance disaster mitigation worldwide using cost-effective sensors and data-acquisition technologies.

- Earned a Bachelor of Arts with International Distinction and Departmental Honors in German and Pre-Architecture from Webster University
- Earned a Master of Architecture from the University of Buffalo
- Pursuing a Master of Science in Structural Engineering at the University of California, San Diego with plans for a PhD
- Currently works as a Design Manager for Creative Cloud Growth at Adobe

