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## THE ROLE OF STUDYING ABROAD IN EDUCATION

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Education is very important in everyone's life. Study abroad gives excellent opportunity for achieving these goals.

The reasons to study abroad are the following: seeing the world and broadening experience; gaining a new perspective on one's own country; learning a language in a country where it is spoken; improving one's professional and financial potential. Studying abroad gives international skills, employment opportunities and income potential.

The drawbacks of study abroad programs include academic transfer issues and money issues.

Thus, once all advantages and disadvantages have been looked into, it can be estimated that there are far more pros, than cons. There are countries leading in the number of foreign students: the USA, the United Kingdom and Germany. These countries are pursuing the policy of attracting students from all over the world to their universities. The policy includes improvement of quality of educational services in accordance with international standards.

In Belarus, the number of people willing to study abroad increases by 14-15% every year. Major group comprises young people of 18 and accounts 45%.

International research organizations and Belarusian researchers as well denote the process of young educated people going abroad as 'brain drain'. The process is believed to have just a negative side, which is obvious: young intelligent people are the greatest potential of the country. However there is a positive side as well. The opportunity to work and study abroad enhances involvement of our specialists in the international academic and scientific community and enables to educate highly qualified professionals.

Studying abroad is a great opportunity, but great number of young people considers it as an opportunity to leave abroad, not just get an education. This is a problem that needs to be solved. The possible solutions: raising students' and post-graduates' allowance; awarding diplomas of international status; attraction students on the job in native country; developing new prestigious professions; improvement of educational system.

Thus, education abroad is very popular, but Belarus is offers great possibilities to launch your successful career as well. If there is a will, there is a way to obtain the knowledge you wish.