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So, my trip to Vancouver and UBC in Vancouver ---At the time, I was just enrolled in straight science, so I was helping out the university's radio station at the time. But, I was doing just a basic science degree. So the courses I did over in Canada were all science-based courses. I spent my five years of study, a lot of time working in laboratories. I mean, I think the exchange for me taught me a lot about science, just as a subject area, that I didn't know and got me thinking about science in ways that I hadn't thought about. But also in terms of just - exactly, like life skills.

The whole exchange just completely changed my view on how people live and how people do things and what kind of opportunities there are out there in the world. Also, it was around that time that I was working at the university's radio station and thinking about how maybe I could do something a little bit different to straight science. So I would say it was around that time that I became much more passionate about science communication and that led me down the snowball path to where I am now.

Facilitator

Fantastic. That's great. So in your current position then, is there much of an intercultural component to it, would you say, like is there any travel involved with your job at the moment outside of Australia or within intercultural communication and that sort of thing specifically?

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Yeah, there's loads of stuff that I do. So before I started in the cadetship last year, I was working, or studying, with Radio National and as part of my work with Radio National I was making science documentaries and talking to people all the way around the world about some of the things they were doing there. I found that that experience - just understanding quite simply that science can be different in other countries was really useful. It fed into some of the work I was doing on those documentaries.

But also, during my cadetship, there were numerous occasions, I remember being out in the field talking about the Vancouver Canucks, the ice hockey team over there, or meeting Canadians out in the field and becoming friends with them. But also just that ability of going over there, being with a whole bunch of different people from a bunch of different backgrounds, I think gave me more skills to be able to go into any situation out there in the field as a young journalist, and be able to adapt and be able to figure out people and ask them good questions.

Now, with BTN as well, we are an Australian show for sure, but at the moment we're doing a story on Vanuatu, for example. We've got a kid over in Vanuatu. He's sending back some content to us. We regularly do that when there's stories internationally that are interesting for our national audience. So, whenever I'm calling Tim Cahill over in China or someone over in Europe, or someone in Vanuatu, I think having that understanding that life is different, and how different it can be definitely feeds into my job here as well.