

DMU Global

Annual Report 2024-25

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Foreword

The 2024-25 academic year was a hugely successful one for DMU Global with over 1,200 students benefiting from an international experience. The growth in the number and scope of short-term mobilities, coupled with significant improvements in our Turing Scheme activity demonstrate the importance of international experiences to students at DMU.

The successes and achievements outlined in this report would not be possible however, without the support, hard work and innovation of tens if not hundreds of colleagues at the institution. The beauty of the programme is that there is equal opportunity for academic and professional services staff to engage and contribute to the success of DMU Global.

Thank you to everyone who works with us, we hope to cooperate for many years to come!

Leo Smith
Head of Global Mobility



Summary

DMU Global successfully delivered a full year of international experiences for DMU students, with an impressive **95% of participants stating that they'd recommend our opportunities to fellow students.**

Through enhanced support for both students and staff, along with continued innovation and a commitment to making experiences accessible to all, we enabled **1,232** students to participate in our opportunities during the 2024-25 academic year.



Student Feedback

A significant 83% of participants believe that international experiences are an important part of their time at DMU. These students are keen to explore new overseas destinations, develop their intercultural skills and build networks. Here are some of the main takeaways from their feedback:



As a result of participating, students not only **met new people**, but also felt a **stronger connection to the university**. They developed **transferable skills** and **DMU Graduate Attributes** such as:

- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Confidence
- ✓ Communication skills
- ✓ Understanding of different cultures
- ✓ Adaptability to new environments

Encouragingly, **90% are now more interested in future international experiences at DMU.**

Student Exchange

In total, 39 DMU students studied or worked abroad across 32 different destinations. A remarkable **97% were satisfied with their experience and said they would recommend student exchange** to fellow students. After completing their year abroad:



Overseas trips

Throughout the academic year, DMU Global offered a comprehensive range of overseas opportunities. We continued to receive **strong interest** with nearly 1,500 applications to take part in our opportunities. This resulted in a total of 778 participants which represents a **5% increase** from last year.

Key highlights

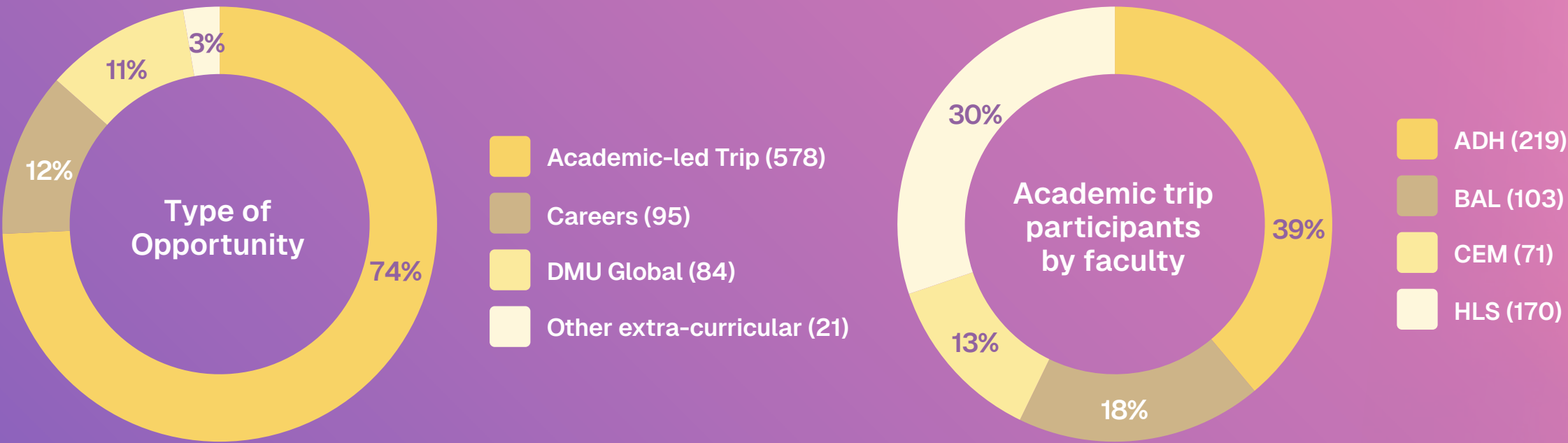
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participants from the
1,061 places offered

52
overseas
opportunities

36
destinations
visited

What types of overseas opportunities did students participate in?

Below is a breakdown of participants by type of opportunity. As academic-led trips accounted for the largest share, we have also provided a breakdown of participants on these trips by faculty. Notably, **83% of participants reported that the opportunity enhanced their studies at DMU.**

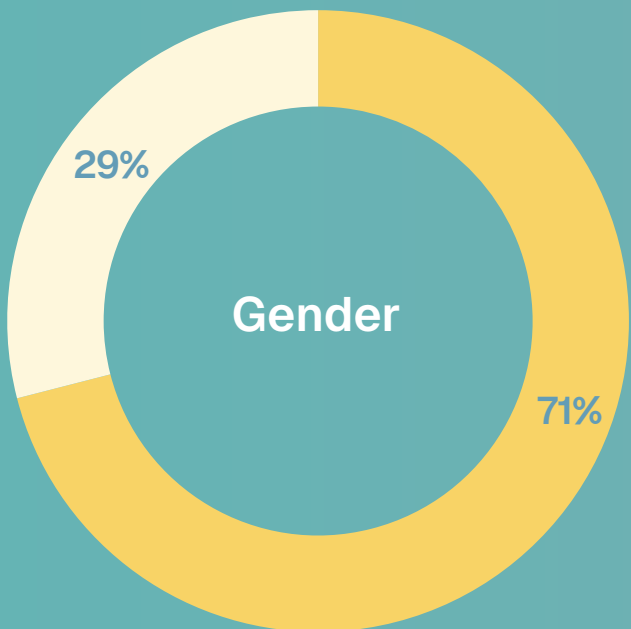


How did students feel about their trip?

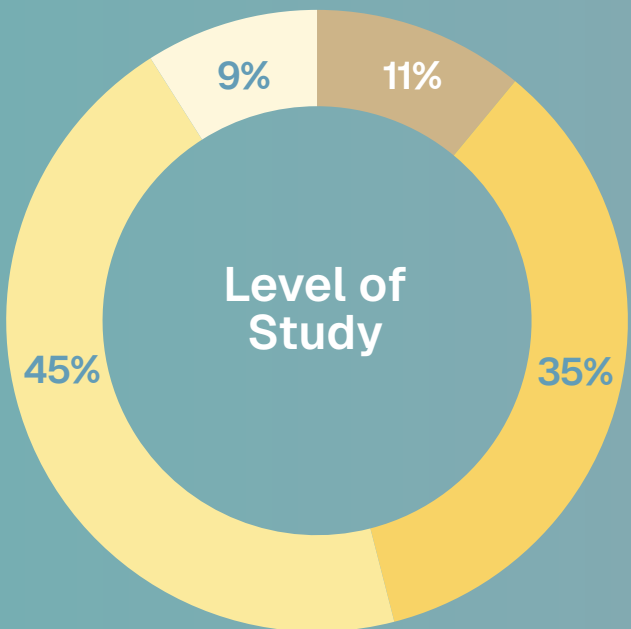


Participant profile

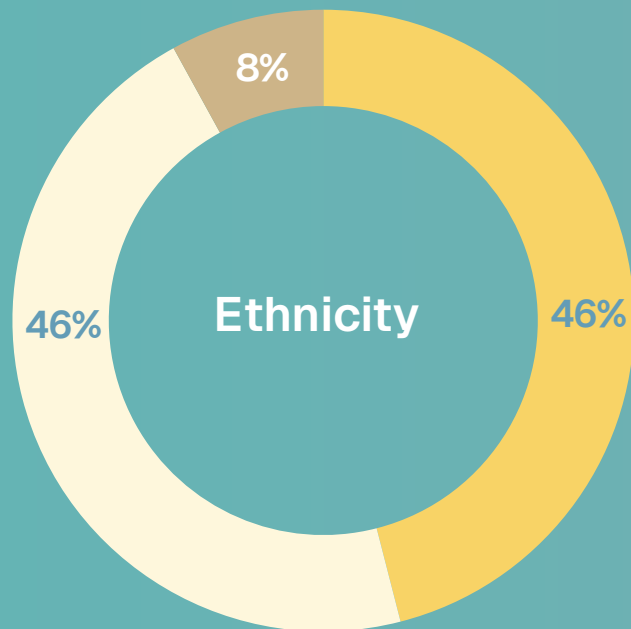
Below are the demographics of DMU Global participants, showing that a diverse range of students participated in our opportunities.



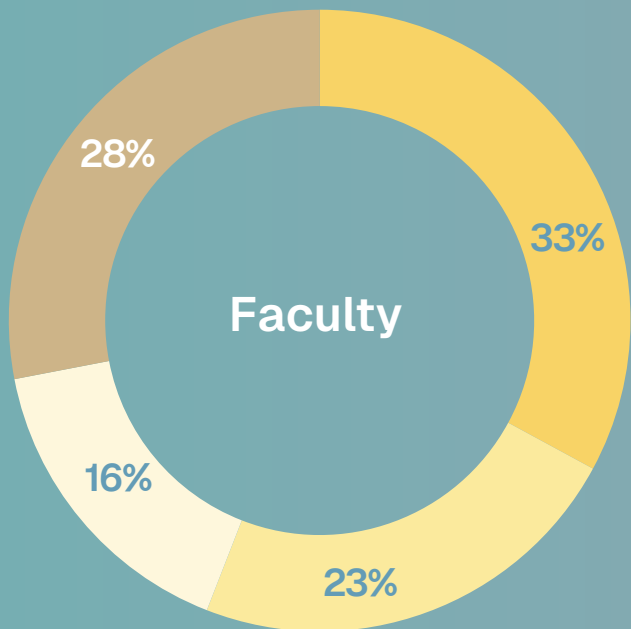
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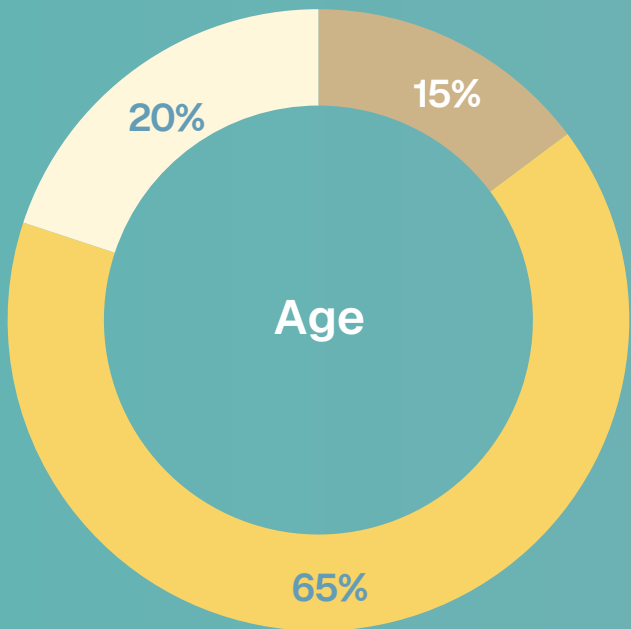
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- Level 6
- Level 7 and above



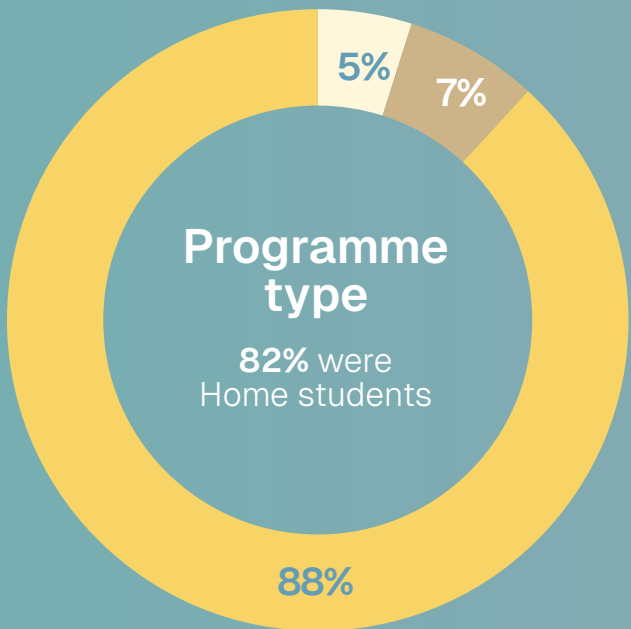
- BAME
- White
- Not known



- ADH
- BAL
- CEM
- HLS



- 18-20 years
- 21-24 years
- 25 years and over



- Integrated Masters
- Postgraduate Taught
- Undergraduate



Student feedback

We invited 778 participants from our overseas trips to share feedback about their experiences. Of those, 403 responded, resulting in a good **52% response rate**. Here's what they had to say...

98%

of participants were satisfied with their experience

95%

would recommend DMU Global opportunities to fellow DMU students

94%

felt the opportunity improved their overall experience at DMU

90%

felt the experience was good value for money

Why did students take part?

A considerable **83%** thought that international experiences were an important part of their time at DMU. Some of the main reasons students chose to participate in DMU Global experiences included:



To experience something new overseas



To improve their intercultural awareness



To enrich their studies

How did they benefit from the opportunity?

90% of participants said that the funding from DMU Global helped them to take part in their experience, and because of participating, they reported a number of benefits including:

83%

said they met new people and built networks

82%

felt more connected and part of the University community

82%

felt it helped them develop skills for future employment

Student feedback

After taking part in their DMU Global experience...

90%

are now more interested in future international experiences at DMU

89%

are now more interested in learning about different cultures

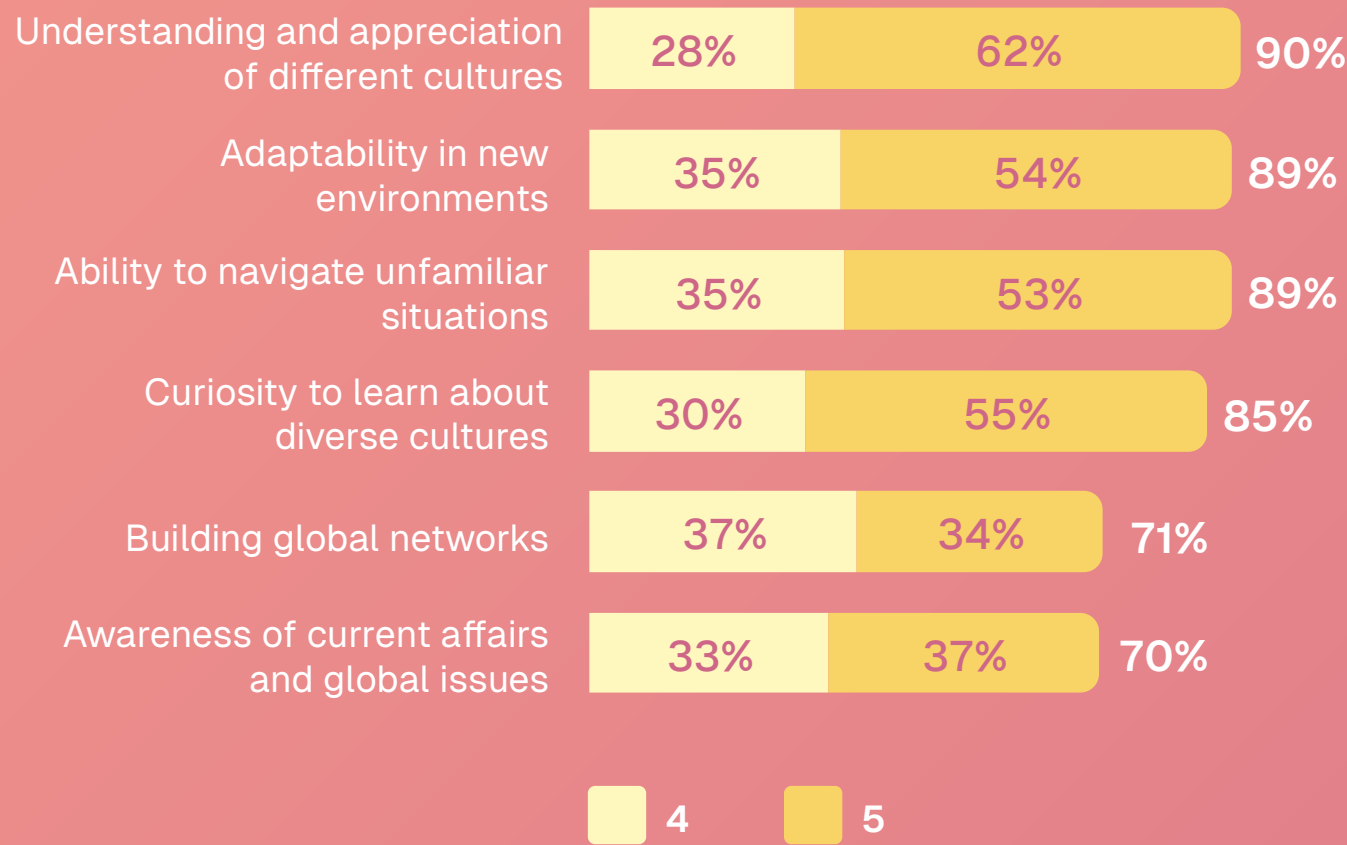
88%

now feel more confident to travel overseas independently

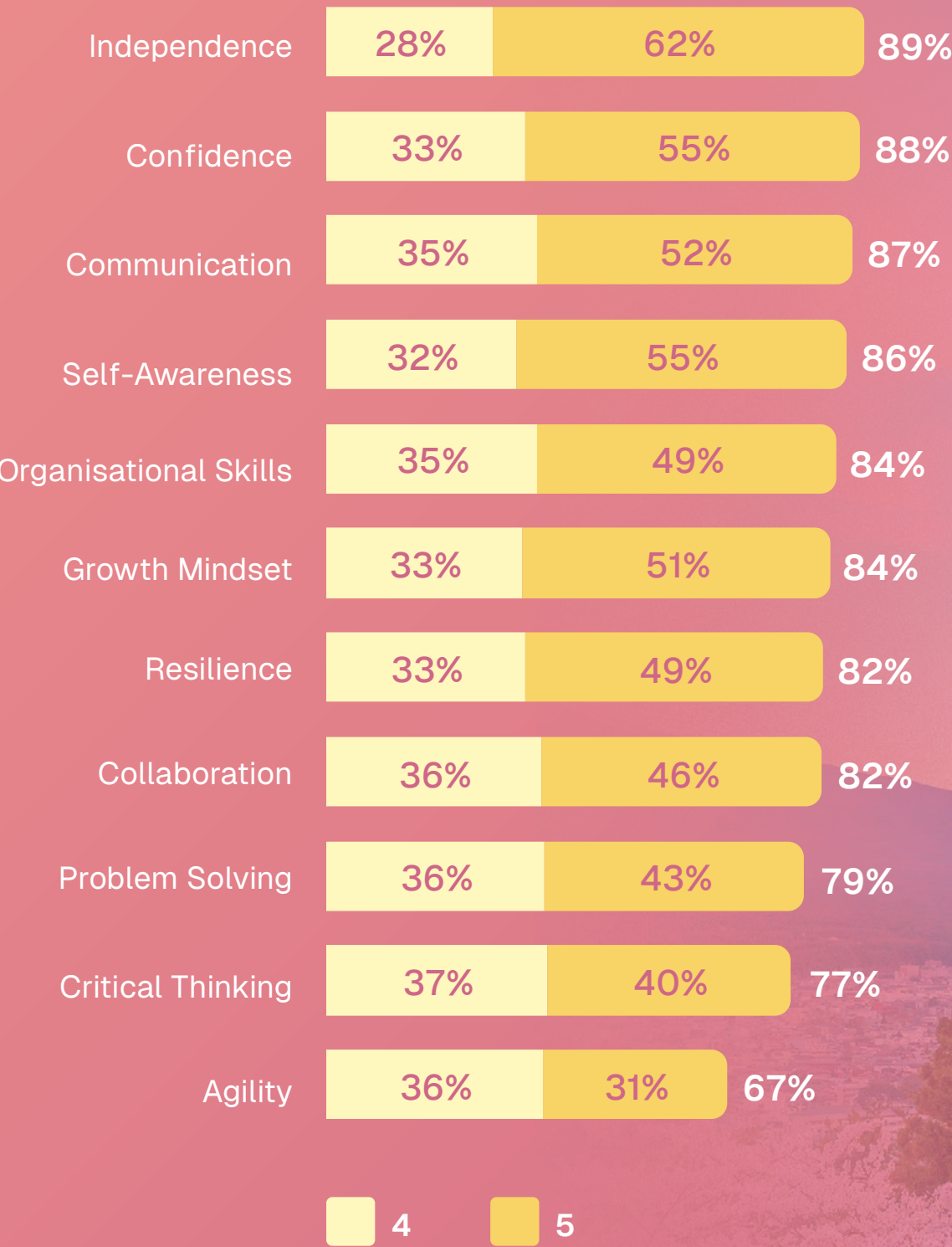
What kind of skills did they develop?

Students were asked to reflect on their experience and rate the development of DMU Global related skills and the new DMU Graduate Attributes on a scale from one (least developed) to five (most developed).

DMU Global Skills



Graduate Attributes



Student exchange

Every year DMU Global offers second year students the chance to spend a year studying or working abroad as part of their degree, with the experience funded by the Turing Scheme. **In 2024-25, a total of 39 DMU students spent the year studying (34) or working (5) overseas.**

Key highlights

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97%

would recommend studying on exchange to fellow students

94%

felt the opportunity improved their overall experience at DMU

How did they benefit from the opportunity?

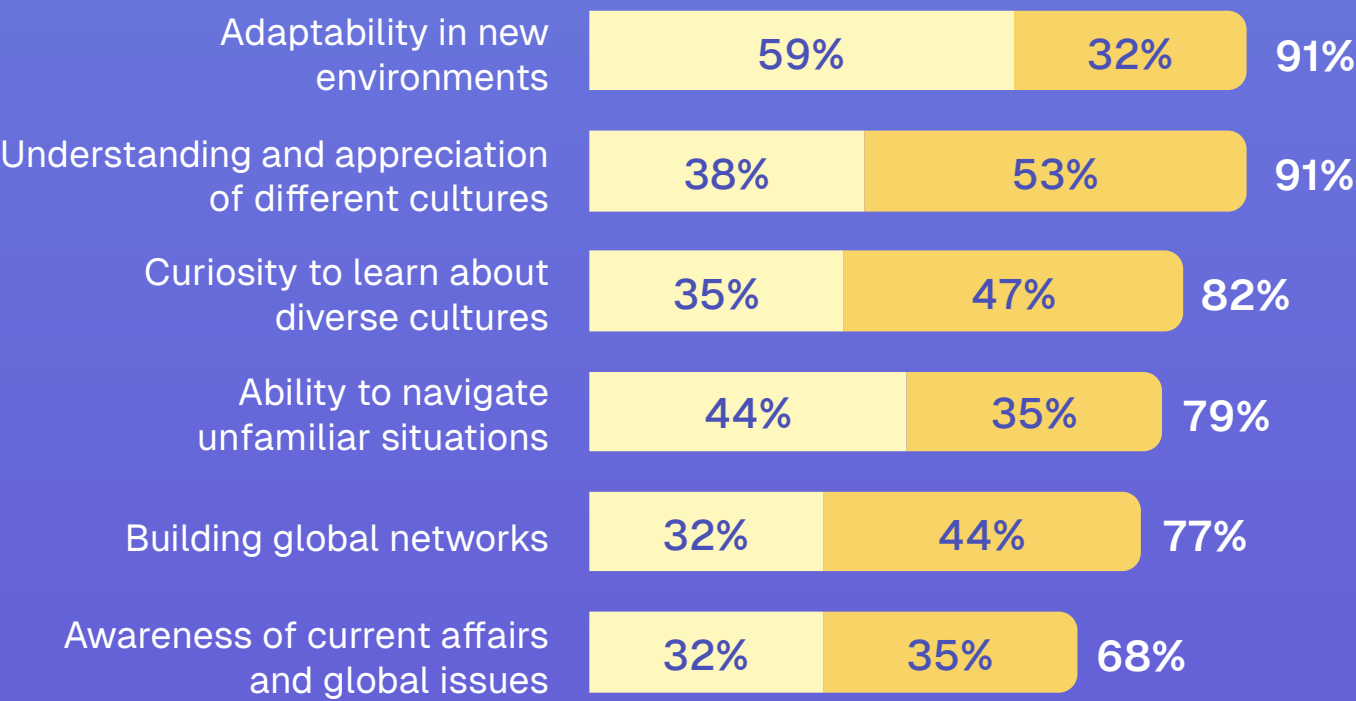
All 34 students that studied abroad completed our student exchange evaluation form. Here is what they had to say...



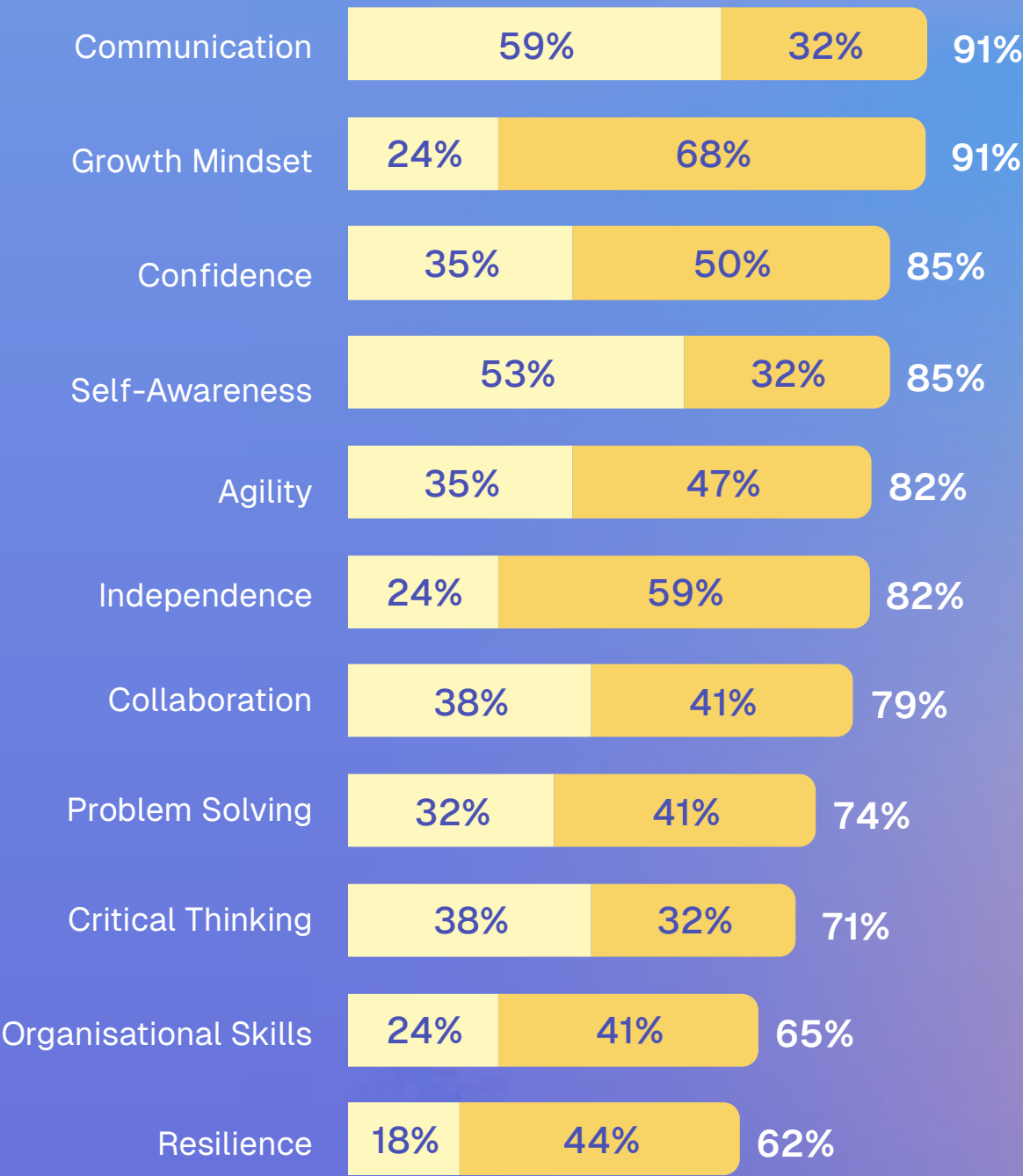
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DMU Global Skills



Graduate Attributes



On-campus & virtual experiences

Complementing our overseas activity, DMU Global continued to offer a combination of low cost and accessible virtual and on-campus international opportunities to students.

Key highlights

415

participated in on-campus
and virtual experiences

- **Languages:** 210 students studied languages including: French (42), German (40), Japanese (46), Korean (28) and Spanish (54).
- **Mandarin:** 131 students studied with the Confucius Institute.
- **Teach English as a Foreign Language (TEFL):** 74 students participated in a TEFL online course to help them learn how to teach English to non-native speakers.



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