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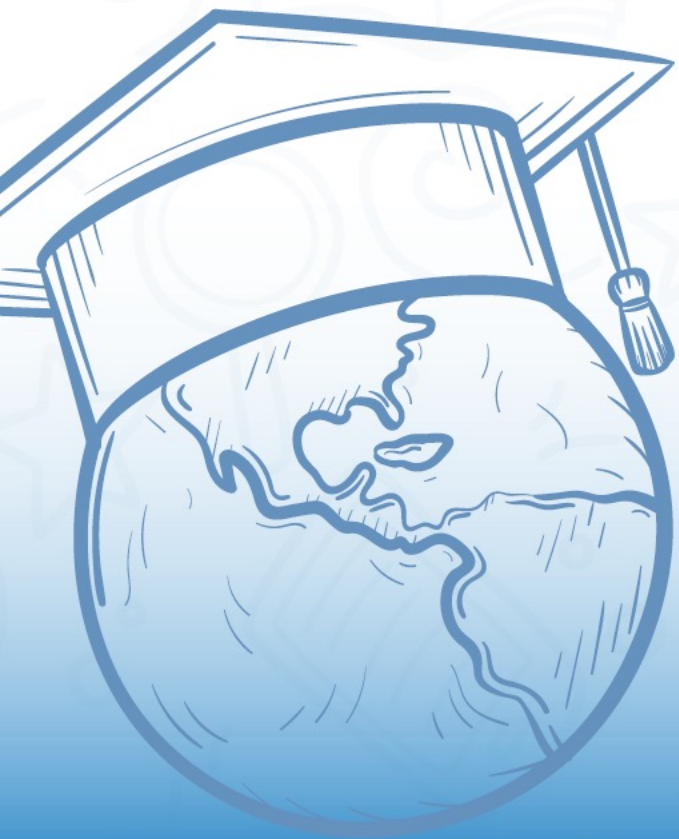




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Actively promoting internationalization efforts, establishing global partnerships, and facilitating programs such as Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility to enrich the educational experiences of students and staff at DIU.

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Daffodil International University

Established: 2002 - Present

FOUNDING YEAR

DIU has 22,000+ students under 6 different faculties and 28 departments. Around 200 international students from many different countries are currently studying here as well.

RANKING

Daffodil International University (DIU) is the 2nd ranked university in Bangladesh according to many national and international rankings, including THE, QS and GreenMetric for its green outlook.

NETWORK

DIU established international collaborations with around 530 universities all over the world and members of leading international organizations like AUPF, IIE, IAU, IAUP, and more.



Daffodil International University - Internationalization

- Erasmus+ ICM Student and Faculty Exchange
- GKS Student Exchange
- International Internship Program (IIP)
- Erasmus+ CBHE Harmony Project
- Social Business Summer/Winter Camp



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Internationalization Across Bangladeshi Universities | Current Scenario

The increasing trend of Bangladeshi students seeking international educational opportunities reflects the growing importance of globalization in education.

- **According to UNESCO Data (2023):** 52,799 Bangladeshi students pursued studies abroad in 2023, emphasizing the demand for international education.
- **Top Destinations:** USA, UK, Europe, Canada, Malaysia, Germany, Australia, Japan, India, Korea Republic, and Saudi Arabia remain popular choices.
- **Study Abroad/Exchange Programs:** These programs offered invaluable experiences for students, facilitating academic, career, and personal growth.

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Internationalization Across Bangladeshi Universities | Identified Gaps

Over 50 Bangladeshi universities have partnerships with international institutions to promote educational globalization.

- **Limited Integrations:** Despite collaborations, few universities actively incorporate exchange programs into their academic curricula.
- **Opportunities Missed:** Failure to pursue any active exchange programs are limiting students' exposure to international perspectives and cross-cultural experiences.

Active Universities actively promoting study exchange programs other than **Daffodil International University (DIU)** are,

1. **University of Liberal Arts (ULAB)**
2. **United International University (UIU)**
3. **American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB)**
4. **Green University of Bangladesh (GUB)**
5. **Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), and more.**

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Impact of Exchange Program on the Career/Life of DIU Graduates

| A Comprehensive Survey Analysis

- A Survey conducted on Daffodil International University graduates (2017-2019)
- All surveyed graduates participated in either a one-week/15-day boot camp or one-semester exchange program

Aim: Understand how internationalization accelerates studies and informs career decisions.

Outcome: Exchange programs viewed as catalysts for career progression and personal development.





Abstract

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Impact Assessment of Exchange Programs

Evaluates effects of DIU's international exchange programs on graduates academic and career paths

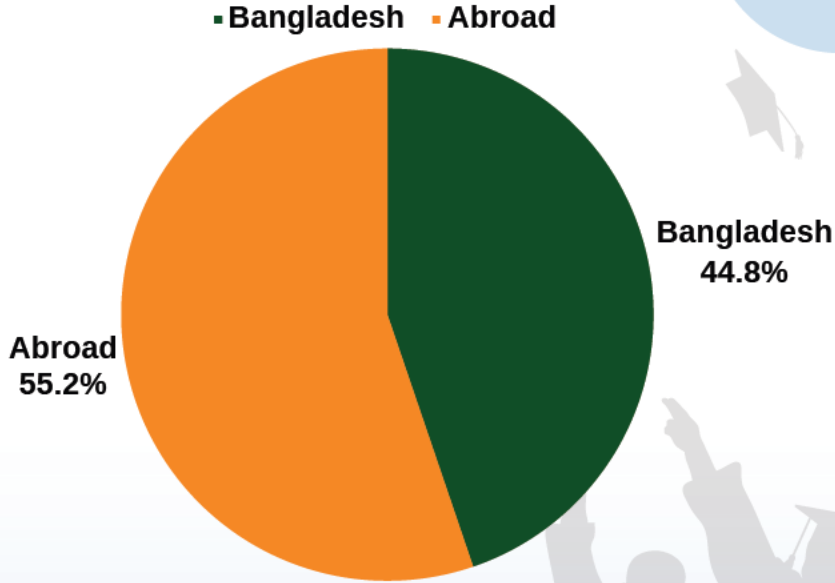
Post-Program Evaluation

Examines graduates' overall life transformation for their experiences in exchange programs

Advocacy for Program Integration

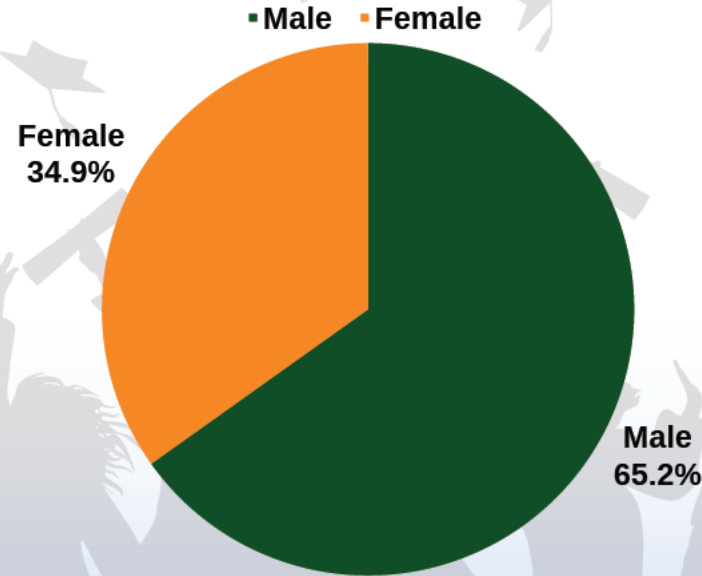
Urges integration of exchange programs in higher education for global readiness.

Demographics



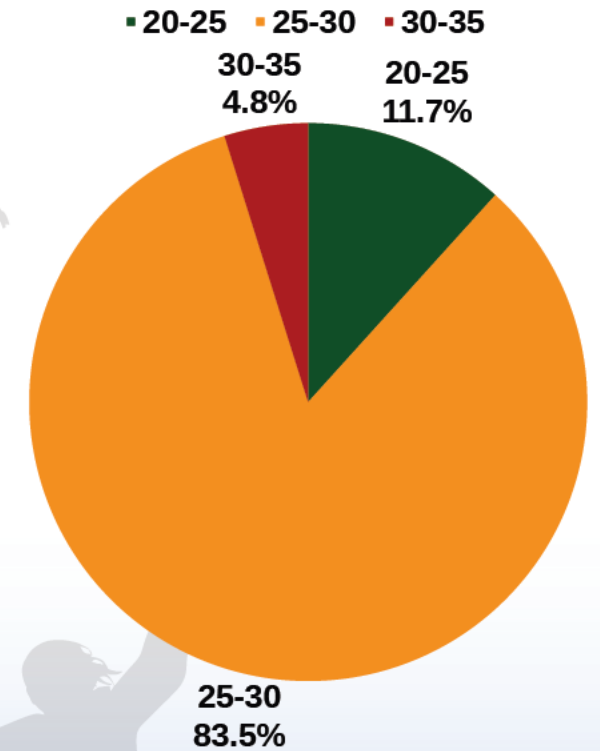
Current Residence

55.2% DIU graduates are now residing abroad which is a comparatively good based on current students residing in Bangladesh 44.8%.



Gender

The majority of the respondents of the survey were male 65.2% whereas the female participants are 34.9%

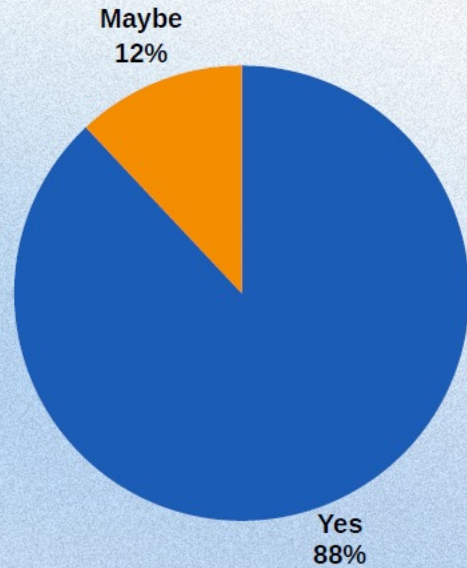


Group of Age

We conducted the study between the age bracket 25 - 35 years old, and the majority of 25-30 aged people responded (83%).

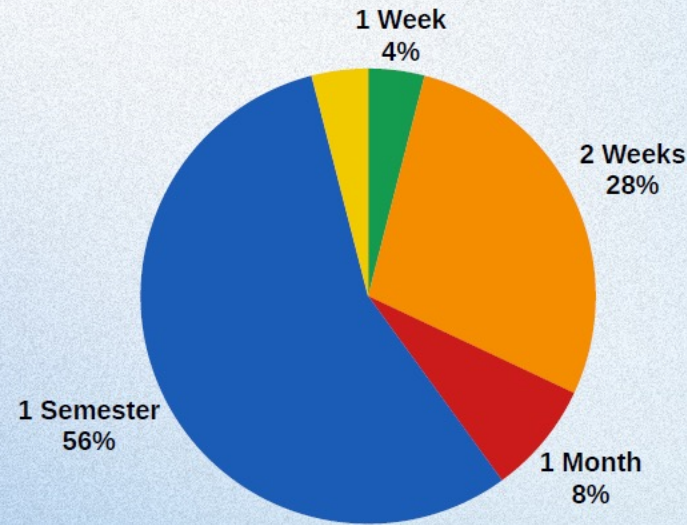
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Graduates Residing in Bangladesh



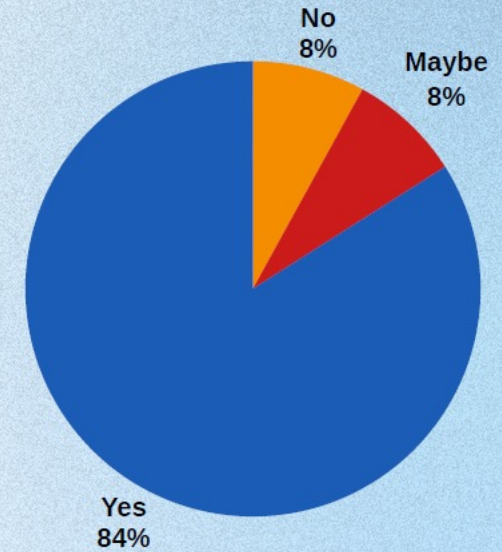
Do They Want to Move Abroad for Academic and Career Enhancement?

Most students (88%) want to move abroad for studies and their career growth.



Participated Exchange Program Duration

56% of graduates experienced a one-semester exchange program, while 28% engaged in two-week exchange bootcamp programs.



Do They Recommend Other Students to Take Such Exchange Program Opportunities?

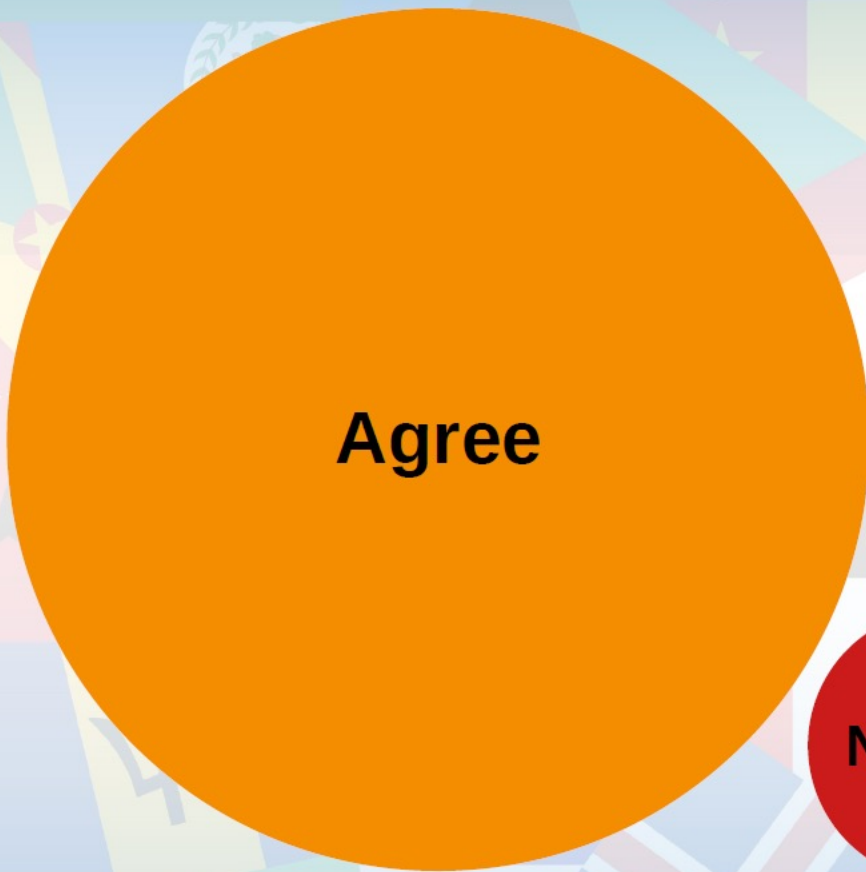
84% of experienced graduates agree to recommend other students to take such international mobility opportunities

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Impact of Exchange Program: Accelerating Growth

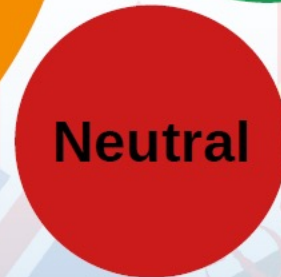
A Comprehensive Overview |



Agree



Disagree

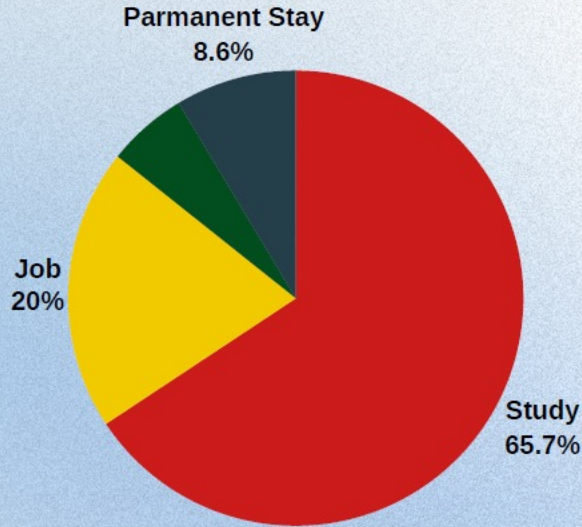


Neutral

Graduates Residing in Bangladesh

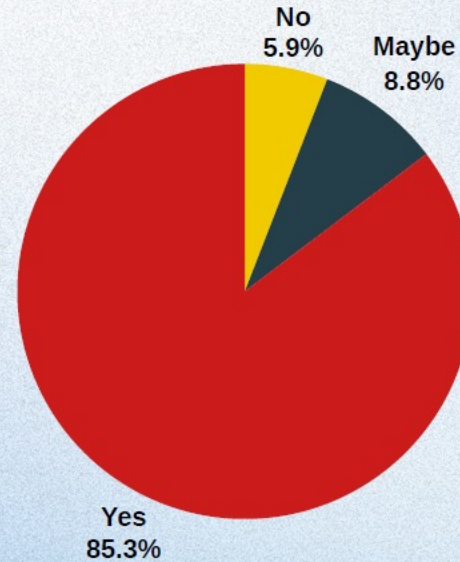
80% acknowledged a positive impact on their academic and professional growth, while 12% disagreed, and 8% remained neutral.

Graduates Residing Abroad



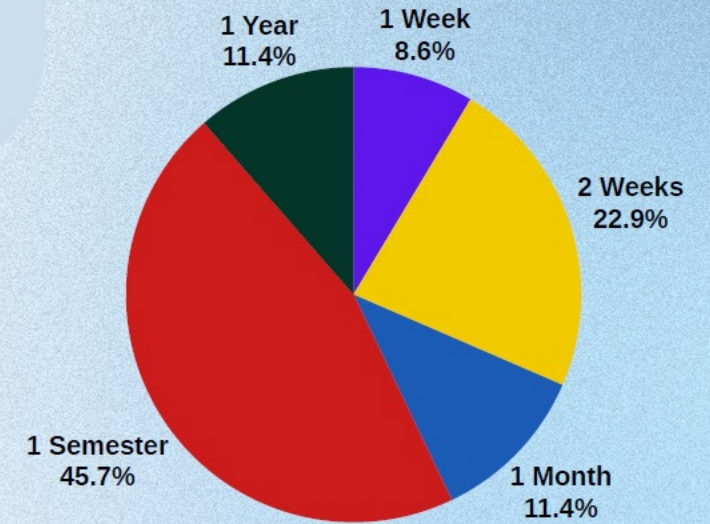
Purpose of Residence

Most students (65.7%) moved abroad for studies, followed by 20% for job opportunities, 5.7% as entrepreneurs, and the remaining 8.6% opted to permanently stay with family.



Do They Recommend Other Students to Take Such Exchange Program Opportunities?

85.3% of experienced graduates agrees to recommend other students to take such international mobility opportunities



Participated Exchange Program Duration

45.7% of graduates experienced a one-semester exchange program, while 22.9% engaged in two-week exchange boot camp programs, followed by 11.4% graduates participation in consecutively 1 year and 1 week exchange programs.

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Impact of Exchange Program: Accelerating Growth

A Comprehensive Overview |



Graduates Residing Abroad

83% acknowledged a positive impact on their academic and professional growth, while 8% disagreed, and 9% remained neutral.

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

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Impact Assessment of Exchange Program

SKILLS LEARNED

Intercultural Communication, Confidence and Adaptability, Research Skills, Networking, International Service Standards, and more.

GROWTH

Graduates in Bangladesh and abroad are thriving with high-paying jobs while pursuing further studies, accelerating their career and personal growth significantly.

Post-Program Evaluation

The analysis of transformation in participants' lives revealed several notable benefits across various dimensions:

- **Cultural adaptability:** Participants demonstrated enhanced abilities to adapt to new cultures and interact with diverse groups.
- **Goal orientation:** The program fostered better clarity and resolution in participants' study and career goals, empowering them to chart a more defined path for their future.
- **Professional development:** Many participants noted advancements in their professional competencies, such as leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, contributing to their overall career growth.
- **Self-awareness:** The experience encouraged participants to engage in introspection, leading to greater self-awareness and a deeper understanding of their strengths, weaknesses, and areas for improvement.

Integration of Exchange Program in Academics

Survey results strongly support integrating exchange programs into curricula for enhanced student growth. This approach fosters practical skills, cultural competence, job readiness, and long-term development. According to the survey, such integration is key to preparing students for success in a globalized world.



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