

# Value of Your Volunteer Experience

## Add it to your Resume:

Each experience has value for employers on a resume, as it demonstrates skill-development as well as broadened perspective gained outside of the classroom. As you add your Exchange Buddy experience to your resume, ask yourself:

- What **new skills** did you learn?
- What skills did you **develop**?
- What were your **accomplishments**?
- What **impact** did you have on the students?
- How did you take **initiative**?
- What is most **impressive** to future employers?

You might find these Action Verbs and Skills Developed helpful in articulating your experience:

### Action Verbs

Clarified  
Discussed  
Encouraged  
Engaged  
Explained  
Facilitated  
Guided  
Informed  
Interacted  
Led  
Mentored  
Referred

### Skills Developed

Active Listening  
Adaptability and Flexibility  
Collaboration and Teamwork  
Communication  
Creative / Innovation  
Interpersonal  
Leadership  
Planning and Organization  
Persuasion  
Resourceful  
Time Management

## Where do I put this experience on my resume?

Wherever it fits best for you. It could go in **Volunteer**, **Extracurricular** or **Professional Development** if it relates to your area of interest.

## Tying it all Together

Examples:

- Listen and respond to student needs through 1:1 appointment and drop ins as it relates to volunteering, conveying the value of experience and providing innovative ideas to build connections
- Motivate and support students, bolstering encouragement by providing support and recommendations for service

