

You left SA to study overseas when you were 16. How come?

When I was in high school I found out about United World College, an amazing international school that brings together about 200 kids from 100 different countries with the aim of forging world peace.

How did you adjust when you arrived in Canada?

I have to admit that it was harder academically. I was an A-student at Pietermaritzburg Girls High when I left at the end of Grade 10 and I found their programme much more rigorous. At first I struggled, but there was a really great support system and I ended up getting top marks.


What did your parents have to prepare for financially?

UWC covers the tuition and board

costs for all the students. The idea is that it's basically free so any student who qualifies can participate, regardless of their financial situation. My parents covered my pocket money. **You have lived in several countries since you attended UWC and you are now a business analyst at Standard Charter Bank. You're also fluent in Chinese. How did that come about?**

The CEO of the Standard Charter Bank went to the UWC and every summer he would give an opportunity to some students to do an internship at the bank's headquarters in London. I went for an interview and got the internship. I got to live in London for five months, which was amazing. I was going to study international politics and economics anyway at Middlebury College in Vermont after high school, which is one of the best language schools in the US. The five months in London inspired me to study Chinese. At my college they encouraged us to get immersed in the language, so I did my thesis research and spent a year working with my current department at SC Bank in China. I went back to the United States to complete my studies and then, after I graduated, I was offered my current position based here in South Africa.

What advice would you give to anyone wanting to embark on a programme like this?

Do your research thoroughly – the idea of going abroad is fairly new, especially to our parents. It's not something that their generation may have had access to, so you need to make that extra effort to put your parents at ease and make sure that you know exactly what you're talking about. 



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TOP WEBSITES

1. For scholarships and bursaries for students from developing countries, go to www.scholars4dev.com
2. www.StudyinBritain.com is a directory of study and full degree programmes in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.
3. www.AfterschoolAfrica.com is a handy site that recently compiled the Top 82 Annual Study Abroad Scholarships for African Students and Developing Countries.
4. www.nrf.ac.za/students is a

foundation that awards a limited amount of overseas funding. They also have a great downloadable scholarship and fellowship funding manual, which they update yearly.

5. www.EducationUSA.com is the official US government source on higher education opportunities. Also check out their satellite centres at Soweto's Rosa Parks Library, the Cape Town Central Library, and Durban's Bessie Head Library for info.
6. www.uwc.org.za is a fully funded

international high-school programme with 14 campuses in diverse locations around the world.

7. southafrica.usembassy.gov/fulbright_program.htm offers info on Fulbright awards scholarships that are awarded for studies at US institutions.
8. China Scholarships are facilitated by Department of Higher Education and Training. Contact Ruth Roberts at DHET on 012 312 5025 or email Roberts.R@dhet.gov.za for more information.

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