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“My experience taught me that I do not need to limit my college experiences to what I can afford, but to pursue the opportunities that I want to have.”

While abroad, Ahmed took courses at the University of Birmingham toward his degree, allowing him to experience teaching methods that differed from those in the United States. The experience of being a student in another country allowed him to truly immerse himself in a new culture instead of being a tourist.

Upon returning to the United States, Ahmed had developed a better sense of direction about his career. His time in the United Kingdom was not only academically, culturally, and professionally fulfilling but also fostered personal growth. Studying abroad gave him numerous opportunities to enhance skills such as critical thinking, time management, problem solving, and, of course, communication. Ahmed believes studying abroad helps set him apart as a student, job candidate, and graduate school applicant.

- ★ Industrial engineering major and data science minor at Iowa State University
- ★ Chapter president of National Society of Black Engineers at ISU
- ★ Promoted international experiences as peer advisor at university study abroad center

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