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My name’s Caspar Roxburgh and I’m studying a degree in Agricultural Science and International Development at La Trobe University Bundoora.

Well I’m hoping to work in International Development, specifically in Agricultural International Development. I’m hoping to work with government and non-government organisations in rural parts of third world countries and I’d like to try and increase farming yields for subsistent farmers.

I did an industry cadetship at a Dutch seed production company during one of the summers. La Trobe helped me get that cadetship over summer though their cadetship office in my Faculty. The cadetship was a great experience for me, it gave me exposure to research in agriculture, it gave me experience on the farm - I grew up in the city so I didn’t have much experience working on farms - so that was a fantastic opportunity to see what it was like going in the morning and actually tending to crops, weeding, watering, that sort of thing. In addition it was a really useful experience to get an understanding of global supply chains for seeds, learning a lot more about particular crops, mainly horticulture crops, and it really helped me gain a better insight into the commercial side of my industry.

My advice for future students is probably the same advice that I got given when I was starting out, which is that it’s really important get involved at your university beyond simply doing the classes and studying – extracurricular activities will set you aside from the rest of the people who you will eventually be working with. They’re also a great way to network and make friend on campus, clubs in particular have been fantastic for me. As well as that, it’s really important to not leave all your studying to the last minute, and past year exams are a student’s best friend.