

## A Seamlessly Fruitful Quest

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Hello! I'm Quyen and I'm a senior studying Environmental Studies and Geography. Career Quest answered questions that I originally did not even have. I came into Career Quest's Media and Communications cohort interested in how scientific concepts are best portrayed to the public. Not only did I gain insight about that, but I also inadvertently learned about 1) my future career preferences, 2) my future living interests, and 3) experience New York culture—discussed below.

### 1. My future career preferences

I learned a lot about office culture during this trip. One quirk of meeting several companies in their offices is that each organization had unique office environments. Some companies had their teams working interchangeably while others had distinct specialized branches. Seeing each business model in person allowed me to get a better feel of what type of work environment I'd prefer.

### 2. My future housing interests

Another unexpected insight I gained from this trip was what type of living environment I'd like after college. Although I had been there as a tourist before, being in New York as a student gave me a different vision of the city—I started to envision myself there as a resident. Full disclosure: although I was previously always excited by the energy of being in New York City, I no longer think the constant hustle bustle is a good long-term arrangement for me. Regardless, our hotel was conveniently right next to Times Square and it was inspiring to stay in the midst of city life!

### 3. New York culture

Another benefit was that there was time to take in a little part of New York City. I took a lot of my free time to walk around the city. I ended up going to a comedy show, the Eataly marketplace, the MoMA, and wandering through miles in the lights and sights. I also met great people, such my roommate and people in my cohort, as well as residents of New York.

My experience with Career Quest has been effortlessly productive. Even as someone whose academic background doesn't directly correlate to Media and Communications I gained a plethora of useful knowledge. I'm beyond glad I had the opportunity to explore my professional paths, personal preferences, and academic inquiries with a great group of people!