



The experiences you have in the BDPs contribute to how you present yourself to others, especially when applying for future educational and professional opportunities including scholarships, internships, career openings, and graduate or professional school programs. This resource offers tips and examples for how to share your BDP experiences in resumes/CVs, portfolios, online profiles, and personal statements.

### **Naming your BDP as an Education Experience/Achievement**

Your BDP certificate can be listed under *Education* on your resume/CV or online profile such as LinkedIn. How you choose to list your BDP should reflect what you want to emphasize: interdisciplinary studies, your BDP topic, and/or your strand concentration.

Example 1:      *The University of Texas at Austin, expected May 2018*  
Bachelor of Arts, International Relations & Global Studies  
Interdisciplinary Certificate in Social Inequality, Health and Policy

Example 2:      *The University of Texas at Austin, May 2018*  
Bachelor of Science, Biology (Integrative Biology)  
Certificate, Ethics and Leadership in Health Care

Example 3:      *The University of Texas at Austin, May 2018*  
Bachelor of Arts in Communication Studies  
Bridging Disciplines Certificate in Digital Arts and Media

### **Writing about your Connecting Experiences**

Connecting Experiences can be shared on a resume/CV or online profile in a variety of ways, depending on other experiences you are including and what you want to emphasize. Remember that your audience won't be familiar with the term *Connecting Experience*, but they will understand *Research*, *Internship*, or *Creative Work*.

**Example 1: If you have multiple research experiences, consider a “research experience” subheading.**

#### Research Experience

*Research Assistant, Innovations for Peace & Development, Fall 2016*

- Geocoded data on maternal health in developing nations to evaluate the effectiveness of foreign aid
- Created interactive maps to report disparities in maternal healthcare in Malawi
- Presented research findings to USAID representatives

*Independent Research Project, Humanities Senior Thesis, Fall 2015-Spring 2016*

- Examined general international theories on conflict minerals and resources
- Researched the commodity chain of coltan mined in the Congo in order to understand stakeholders in the Congolese economy and civil war

**Example 2: If you have multiple internship experiences or a variety of experiences, you might consider subheadings such as “professional experience,” “international experience,” or “internships.”**

### Professional Experience

*Research Assistant, Innovations for Peace & Development, Fall 2016*

- Geocoded data on maternal health in developing nations to evaluate the effectiveness of foreign aid
- Created interactive maps to report the disparities in maternal healthcare in Malawi
- Presented research findings to USAID representatives

*Prevention Outreach Intern, AIDS Services of Austin, Summer 2015*

- Raised awareness about AIDS prevention, nutrition, and coping methods by visiting high-risk communities
- Led nutrition seminars for women living with HIV/AIDS

### International Experience

*Study Abroad in Lizard Island, Australia, May-June 2015*

- Conducted ecological research on the aquatic environment in the Great Barrier Reef, working with a class on field research and analysis
- Designed and completed an independent research project on an endangered plant species

**Example 3: If you completed a Digital Arts & Media Creative Project, or your Connecting Experience included creative work, you may want to consider including a link to your project or creating an online profile.**

### Creative Work

*Ultimate Frisbee Tournament Android Application, Spring 2015*

- Collaborated with computer programmer to design and develop a mobile application for the Android platform
- Conceptualized and designed user interface and graphics
- Launched application during national college ultimate frisbee tournament; application significantly streamlined communication
- Viewable on digital portfolio at {INSERT LINK}

*2D Animated Short "The Yellow Wallpaper," Summer 2016*

- Adapted Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short story "The Yellow Wallpaper" for animated film
- Directed and filmed live-action scenes, then rotoscoped over 2,000 frames of video to create animation effects
- Selected to screen at Longhorn Showcase, London Feminist Film Festival, Portobello Film Festival
- Grand Prize award at Texas Union Film Festival and Best Narrative Drama award at Jump Cut Film Festival
- Viewable on Vimeo at {INSERT LINK}

## Online Profiles and Portfolios



If you don't have one already, consider creating an online profile through LinkedIn, a professional networking site that allows you to connect with other professionals and groups and also search for employment opportunities. The BDPs have a LinkedIn group, *UT Bridging Disciplines Programs Network*, where you can connect with BDP students and alumni to develop professional contacts. Be sure to join our group!

**onlineportfolios** If you are in a creative field, you may want to consider developing an online portfolio or webpage to display your work. Online portfolios are a great place to share your work with potential clients, employees, or academic programs. This could include marketing projects, documentaries, films, business plans, game designs, or any other work you'd like people to see. There are a number of free and fee-based portfolio sites on the web that allow you to display your work. One example is Seelio, where you can view and link your work to a BDP Digital Arts & Media group.

## Personal Statements

Depending on the purpose of your personal statement, you may want to address your experiences in the BDPs. You may want to elaborate on your interdisciplinary education, discuss a Connecting Experience, and/or highlight a specific course you took. There are a number of on-campus resources available to help you with your personal statement.

### **Vick Center for Strategic Advising & Career Counseling**

Career counselors in the Vick Center can help you with resumes, mock interviews, graduate planning, personal statements, and more. Schedule a career counseling appointment by calling their office at 512-232-8400.

### **University Writing Center**

The University Writing Center offers free, individualized, expert help with writing for any UT undergraduate, by appointment or on a drop-in basis. The center supports writers for academic and non-academic writing, including personal statements. Visit their website ([uwc.utexas.edu](http://uwc.utexas.edu)) to schedule an appointment online or drop by their office in the Learning Commons in the Perry Castañeda Library.

### **College Career Services Offices**

If your college or school has its own career services office, consider reaching out to them for support in writing your personal statement. Ask your major advisor about college-specific career counseling services.