



CAREERS FOR RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL DIVERSITY GRADUATES

RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL DIVERSITY AT UCC

Religions and Global Diversity is concerned with the academic, objective study of religions. It does not make any assumptions about your personal beliefs. If you are interested in understanding the diverse ways in which people live their lives, and in learning more about yourself and the world of which you are apart, this subject may be for you. On completion of their BA degree Religions and Global Diversity and for other graduates who achieved highly in their primary degree in cognate areas seeking to study religions at postgraduate level, the department offers a Masters programme (MA Contemporary Religions).



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University College Cork, Ireland
Coláiste na hOllscoile Corcaigh

Department of
Study of Religions

WHAT CAN RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL DIVERSITY GRADUATES OFFER EMPLOYERS?

Study of Religions graduates are reflexive, cultural diversity sensitive, conscientious, hard-working and highly self-responsible graduates with a range of transversal/soft skills. The transversal skills are crucial in a wide variety of situations and work settings and are increasingly in high demand for learners to successfully adapt to social, cultural, environmental and global climate changes to lead meaningful and productive lives. Skills such as:

- Critical and innovative thinking.
- Inter-personal skills (e.g. presentation and communication skills, organizational skills, teamwork, etc.)
- Intra-personal skills (e.g. self-discipline, enthusiasm, perseverance, self-motivation, etc.)



- Global citizenship (e.g. tolerance, openness, respect for diversity, intercultural understanding, etc.)
- Religious literacy such as the ability know the basic aspects and differences of world and minority religions.

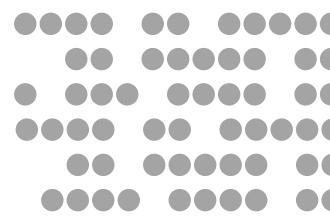
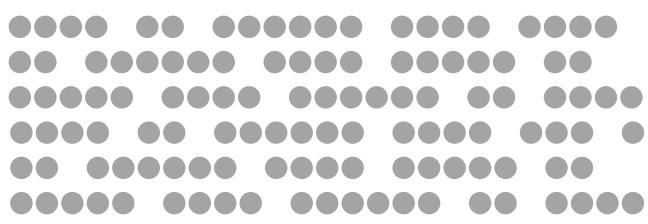
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GRADUATE OUTCOMES FOR RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL DIVERSITY STUDENTS

Religions and Global Diversity is an innovative subject which explores tradition such as Buddhism, Indian and Japanese religions, Islam, Christianity, indigenous religions and new spiritualities. Religion and Global Diversity is offered on the following courses:

- CK101 Arts
- CK104 Arts-Music
- CK105 Film and Screen Media
- CK106 Applied Psychology
- CK112 Drama and Theatre Studies
- CK118 Digital Humanities and IT



GRADUATE STUDIES

Year 1: You will study a module on Religions in the Contemporary World which looks at the various ways in which religions can be studied and provides overviews of religions East and West and their role in contemporary societies.

Years 2/3: You will study a range of religious traditions and approaches in more depth, including: Authority & Community in Contemporary Christianities, Christianities in a Global Age, Hinduism and Indian Religions, Indigenous Religions, Islam: Historical & Contemporary Perspectives, Religions and Gender, Religions in Contemporary Ireland, New Religious Movements and Western Esotericism, Religions of East Asia, Buddhism in Practice, Dissertation in the Study of Religions.

AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT FOR RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL DIVERSITY GRADUATES



This programme is recognised by the Teaching Council of Ireland as suitable for graduates who intend to follow a career in secondary school teaching. As societies in Ireland and across the world become at the same time more culturally diverse and more closely interlinked, understanding different religious beliefs and practices becomes increasingly important for careers in areas including:

Teaching

01

Civil Service

02

Journalism

03

Business

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HR

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Diplomatic Service

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And many more.



Graduate Profile 1

MARIAN CAULFIELD

2014 MA Contemporary Religions. Teaches today at UCC as assistant lecturer in Study of Religions.



"My research within the study of religions has nearly always been influenced in my involvement in music studies (BA Music 2009 -2012). Through these joint subjects I have developed interest in various philosophies of sound and sonority within the 'religious' realm. The instinctive development of my interest in these joint interests was opportune, as it has catapulted me into a new and exciting field of international research which has been emerging in the last decade within the discipline of 'study of religions'."

Graduate Profile 2

CHRIS HEINHOLD

BA Graduate 2013



"Study of Religions at UCC offers an interdisciplinary lens through which to look at our world. Religious literacy is incredibly important today, no matter your chosen career path.

Having completed the BA in Study of Religions, I went on to finish an MA in Politics, and found what I had learned in my BA to be incredibly valuable. The skills acquired through the Study of Religions BA at UCC, a unique course in Ireland, have a wide range of applications. I am now completing a PhD at the University of Chester.

Graduate Profile 3

MICHAEL CROWLEY

Following a successful career in Education Michael Crowley returned to study at post-graduate level with the Study of Religions Department in University College Cork in 2017/18. In doing so, he joined a dynamic faculty where students are exposed to critical theory and stimulating context within a dynamic and collegial working environment where good practice is modeled and high standards are expected. On completion of a Masters programme Michael is better informed academically, more aware of the rigour of academic research and more comfortable with the interdisciplinary team orientated approach which is the hallmark of the SOR team. In addition to the explicit acquisition of knowledge his learning experiences within the Department has embedded in him a broad range of related skills such as critical thinking, improved communicative abilities and presentation skills.

Graduate Profile 4

BRENDAN MCNAMARA

PhD (2017), Study of Religions Department, UCC.

After finishing my Masters in Religions and Diversity,

I have extensively researched ‘East/West’ links in the early twentieth century, the early formation of the study of religion, ‘Orientalism’, and the construction of memory around modern religious history for my PhD in Study of Religions.

Apart from being a researcher I am a successful businessman in Cork.



**WHERE CAN I
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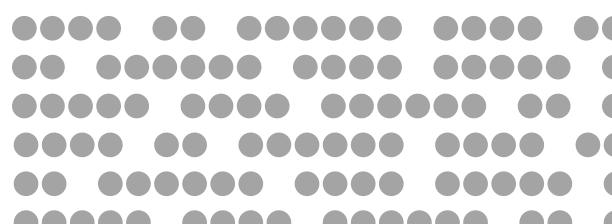
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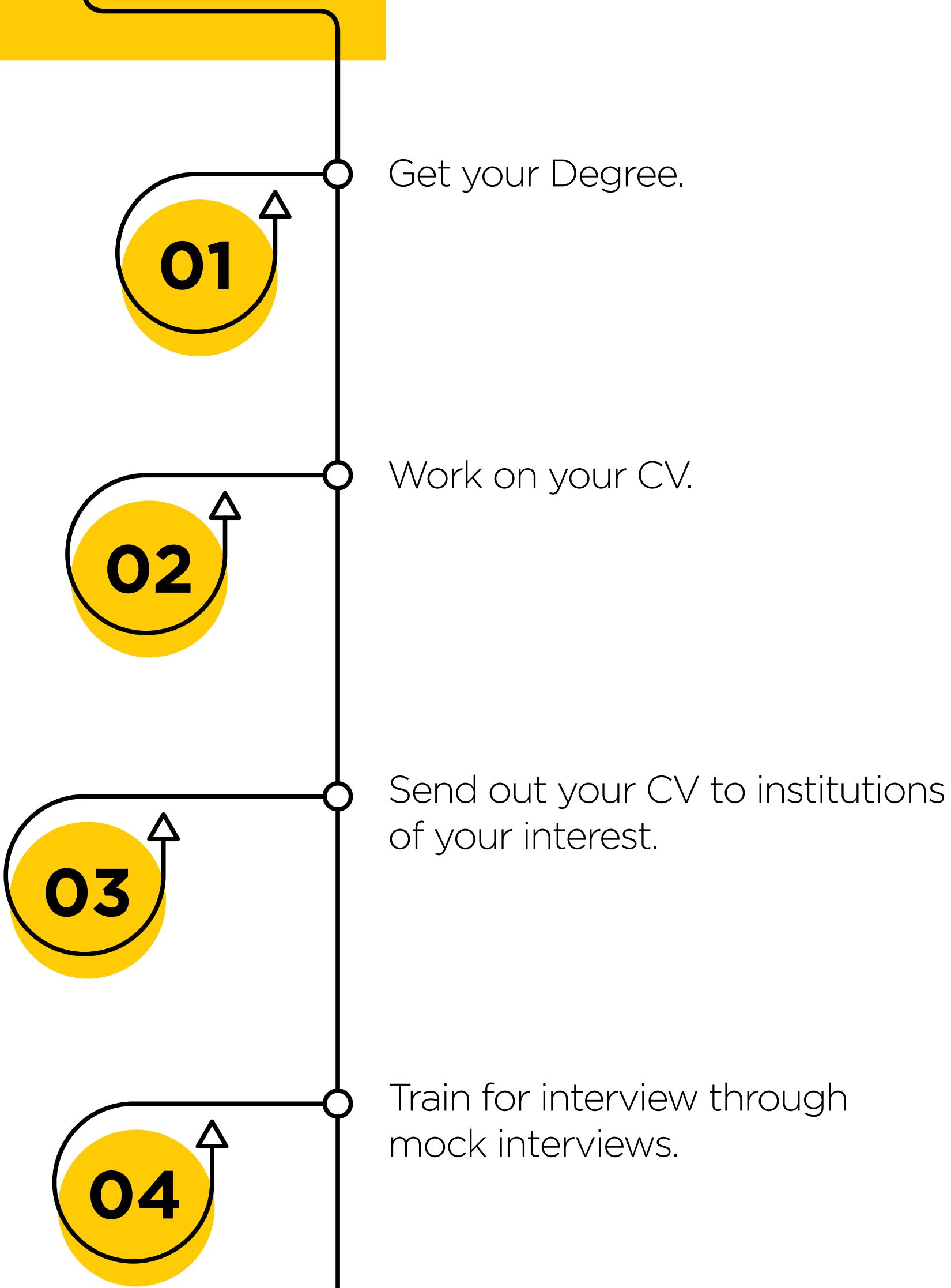
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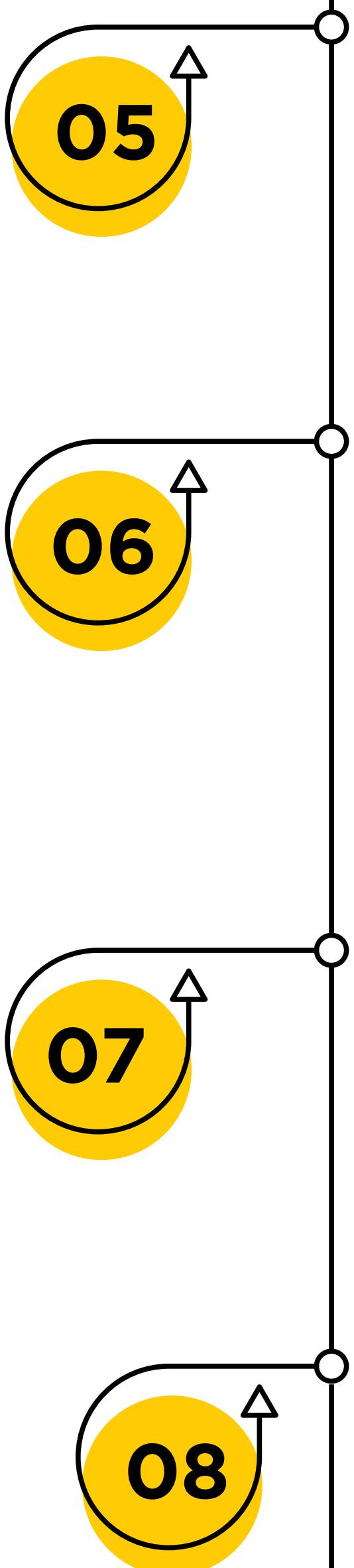
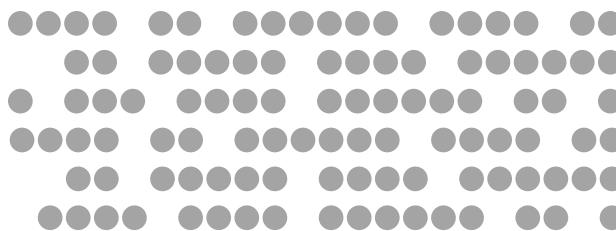


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MA IN CONTEMPORARY
RELIGIONS | UCC



12 WAYS TO PUT YOUR RELIGIONS AND GLOBAL DIVERSITY / STUDY OF RELIGIONS DEGREE TO WORK





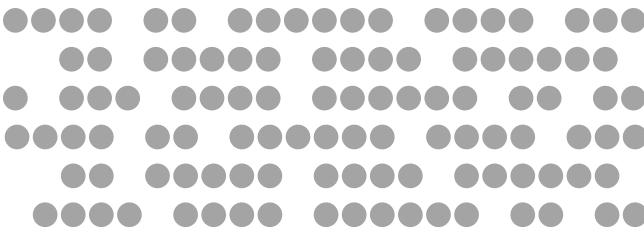
Present yourself at interview.

Consider trainee positions as access to professional experience.

Consider further qualification.

Be open to international experience.





Visit Employment Fairs.

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Be creative.

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Be optimistic.

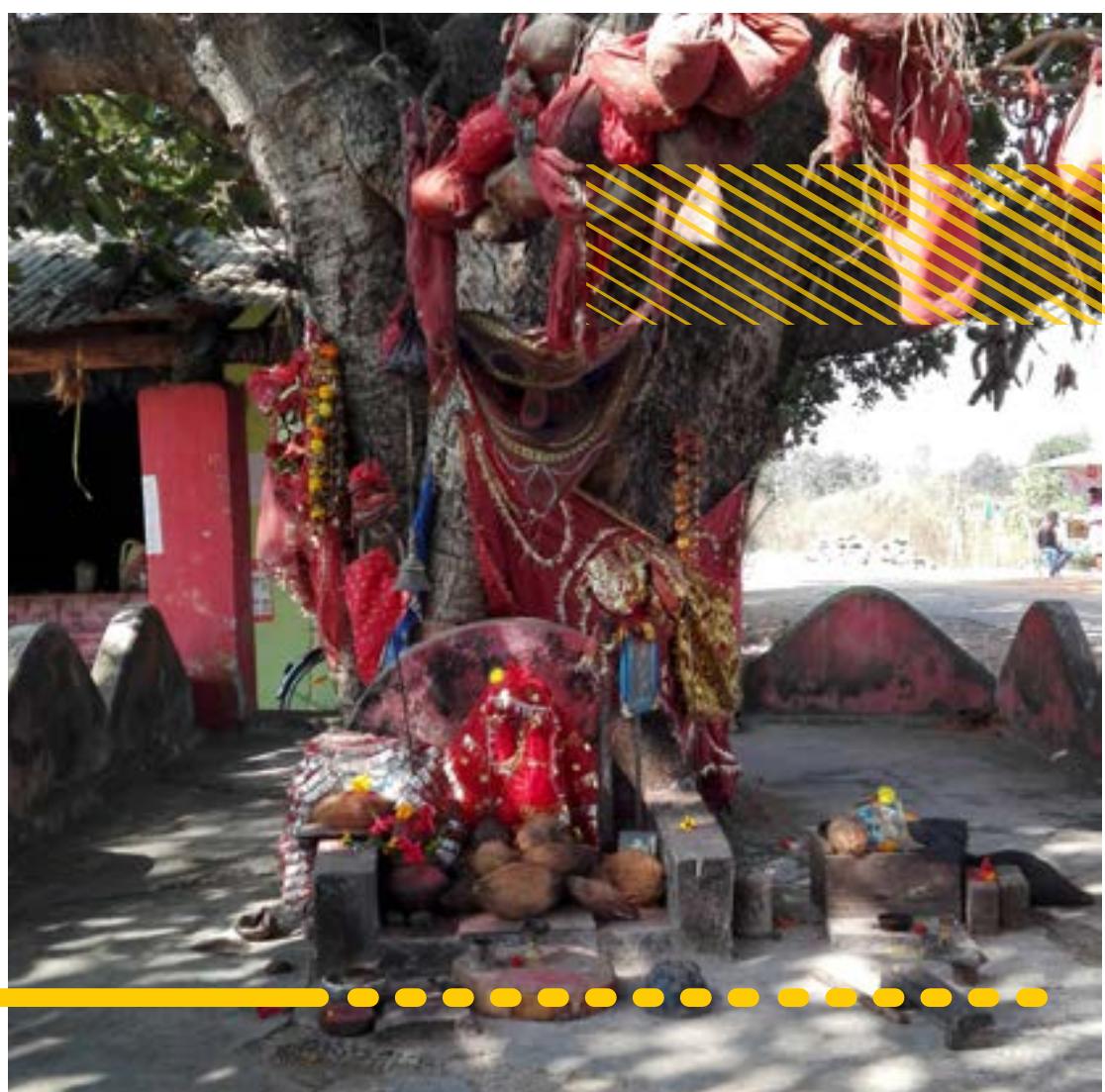
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Be resilient.

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DID YOU KNOW?

That knowledge about religions belongs today to cultural and religious literacy? That knowledge about different religions broadens your own understanding and helps you to discover the world.



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Employer Presentations



Volunteering Opportunities

