

# MEET THE FELLOW ADIA LONG

## WHAT DREW YOU TO VIRGINIA TECH?

Growing up in Blacksburg, I knew I already liked the area (with the mountains, New River, and small town vibes). I've also always thought Tech had a beautiful campus, and of course a great program for what I wanted to study.

## WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

I chose Agribusiness because I originally wanted a career in equine sports and management. I thought I'd want to run a training and boarding facility one day, and that a background in business would help.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first job was doing chores on a horse farm. It was hard work, but I really enjoyed it.

## WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

Horse riding, hiking with friends, running, and traveling.

## WHAT ARE YOU MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT?

Being outside as much as possible.

## WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Heights, which is weird, because I always choose window seats on flights and love looking down at everything.

## EVER MEET ANYONE FAMOUS?

I met David O'Connor (Olympic event rider). I was volunteering at a riding clinic and he was coaching.

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY?

Halloween. I love fall, and the moody, spooky vibes.

## MUSIC?

I really like melodic/rock/indie music. My favorite band right now is *The Sundays*.

## FAVORITE PLACE YOU HAVE VISITED?

Lyon, France! I got to visit in May and am already making plans to go back.

## A PLACE YOU'D LOVE TO VISIT SOMEDAY?

Portugal. The beaches look beautiful and I've heard the food and drinks are amazing too.

## WHAT TV SHOW ARE YOU WATCHING THAT OTHERS SHOULD CHECK OUT?

I'm currently re-watching *Better Things*.

## WHO INSPIRES YOU?

One of my best friends inspires me with her adventurous spirit. She is not afraid to work hard to go after her dreams, and I really admire her for that.

## IF YOU COULD WITNESS ONE MOMENT IN HISTORY, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

The Fall of the Berlin Wall. I feel like the significance of this event and what it stood for, and the celebration between East and West Berliners over their reunification would have been so cool to see.

## DO YOU HAVE A QUIRK?

I'm not that superstitious, but I always knock on wood (three times!).

## WHAT'S ONE CHORE YOU CAN'T STAND DOING?

Putting away clean clothes, it's just so tedious.

## WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS?

The Pylons on summer evenings. It's so peaceful when the sun is setting and the Drillfield lights are on.

## ANY PETS?

Gilbert (bunny), Lucky (cat), Jazz (horse).



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## What are you most looking forward to in this Fellowship?

Getting to rotate within my chosen departments. There is so much to learn in each office, and it feels like there are an infinite number of unique projects and assignments to work on.

## IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY SUPERPOWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Super communication? The ability to talk to animals and also speak every language (including extinct ones).

## FAVORITE QUOTE?

Better late than never (in a greater sense of things). I think a lot of people experience thoughts like "I wish I would've done this forever ago" or "I'm too old to start this new hobby or pursue this college degree," etc. You're never too old to start something new, and time is going to pass by whether you do or not, so may as well start now.

## FAVORITE ICE CREAM?

Strawberry sundae.

## IF YOU COULD HAVE THE ANSWER TO ONE QUESTION, WHAT WOULD IT BE?

Did coconut crabs actually eat Amelia Earhart?

## AS A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A traveling photographer working for *National Geographic*.