

ANGABEN ZUM FORSCHUNGSaufenthalt IM AUSLAND / ABOUT YOUR RESEARCH STAY ABROAD

Zielland / Destination country: UK	Ort / City: Southampton
Name der Gasteinrichtung / Name of the host institution: Southampton univeristy	Fakultät / Institut / Faculty / Institute: Mathematical Sciences
Anschrift / Address: University of Southampton University Road Southampton SO17 1BJ	
Zeitraum / Length of stay: = Tage / Days	
von / from : 15.09.2015 (TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy)	bis / until: 31.10.2015 (TT/MM/JJJJ – dd/mm/yyyy)
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Administrative Formalitäten / Administrative formalities

1. Visum / Visa:

a) Welche Art musste beantragt werden? / Which type of visa did you have to apply for?

Business

b) Wo haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / Where did you apply for the visa?

Düsseldorf

c) Wann haben Sie das Visum beantragt? / When did you apply for the visa?

3 June rejected-- 7 July accepted

2. Welche Versicherungen haben Sie abgeschlossen/abschließen müssen und von welchen Versicherungsunternehmen? / What types of insurances did you purchase and from which insurance companies?

My current AOK visa was applicable

3. Welche Impfungen waren nötig? / Which vaccines were necessary?

No need

4. Wie haben Sie Geldangelegenheiten vor Ort abgewickelt? (z.B. über Konto vor Ort, Online-Konto, Kreditkarte usw.?) / How did you manage your finances? (e.g., opened a local bank account, online banking, credit card, etc.)

Cashing out from my girokonto (debit card)

Information & Unterstützung / Information & Support

5. Wie erhielten Sie Informationen über Ihr Gastland, die Gasteinrichtung und die Kontaktperson? Waren die Informationen nützlich? / How did you get information about your host country, host institution and contact person? Was the information useful?

<i>Informationsquelle / Information source</i>	<i>persönlicher Nutzen / useful</i>	
	<i>ja / yes</i>	<i>nein / no</i>
WWU Münster		
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution		
Andere StudentInnen / Other students		
Internet	Yes	
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify) I knew them because they were inline with my research		

6. Erhielten Sie vor und während Ihres Aufenthaltes angemessene Unterstützung durch Ihre Heimat- und Gast-Institution? / Did you receive adequate support from your host and home institution before and during your research stay?

	<i>(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)</i>				
	1	2	3	4	5
WWU Münster					5
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution					5

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

They gave me a visitor card to have access to the library and different buildings. I had a my room and computer in the faculty.
I could also register in SUSSED which is univeristy portal that provides me an email and other relative information like seminars.

7. Welche Vorbereitung auf das Zielland (bspw. Information zu Geschichte, Staatsform, Kultur, Verhalten, Religion etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host country (e.g., history, language, culture, customs) would have been helpful?

The most important information is how to find an accommodation in the host city.
If applicable, tourist attractions of the host city can be listed before departure. Many of the scholarship holders are very busy with the regulations to do that in advance.

8. Welche Vorbereitungen hinsichtlich der Gastinstitution (bspw. Hochschulstrukturen, akademische Gepflogenheiten etc.) wären hilfreich gewesen? / Which information or preparations in terms of the host institution (e.g., university structure, academic customs) would have been helpful?

For the reputation of the univeristy I suggest to provide some t-shirts or sweatshirts with brand of WWU and ask the scholarship holders to wear it in the host uinversity campus if they can.

In addition, I was using edroam wireless network in Southampton (with my WWU username). Maybe a reminder on the possibility of using this network in the host univeristy would be helpful. Probably, many international students don't know about that.

9. Wie könnte das Projekt IP@WWU Ihrer Meinung nach verbessert werden (Information, Bewerbungsverfahren)? / How could the IP@WWU project be improved (e.g., information, application procedures)?

I think finding an accommodation was the most challenging part of my research stay. Maybe IP@WWU can provid some support about that (like sharing the rent if the destination city is very expensive like Southampton or London).

10. Wie beurteilen Sie den Integrationsgrad mit den Studierenden und Mitarbeitern der Gastinstitution? / How do you consider your degree of integration with students and staff in the host institution?

(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
1	2	3	4	5
			4	

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

My IP@WWU supervisors in southampton were really supportive and I could improve my PhD project and solve some of my technical problems there. In addition, I could comminucate with some students who can support me if I plan to come back and do further part of my PhD dissertation.

Unterkunft & Forschungsinfrastruktur / Accommodation & research infrastructure

11. Art der Unterbringung in Münster / Type of accommodation in Münster

- ☐ durch die Universität (Studentenwohnheim o. Ä.) / university accommodation (e. g., student halls of residence)
☐ private Unterkunft (z.B. mit einer Familie)/ private housing (e. g. family)
☒ WG / shared apartment
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
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12. Wie haben Sie die Unterkunft gefunden? / How did you find the accommodation?

- ☐ WWU Münster
☐ Freunde, Familie / Friends, family
☐ Privatmarkt / Private market
☒ Internet
☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)
uk.easyroommate.com
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13. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit Ihrer Unterkunft? How satisfied were you with your accommodation?

(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
1	2	3	4	5
		3		

14. Wie zufrieden waren Sie mit der Infrastruktur Ihrer Gasteinrichtung / How satisfied were you with your host institution's infrastructure:

	(1 = sehr unzufrieden/very dissatisfied; 5 = sehr zufrieden/very satisfied)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Zugang zum Arbeitsplatz (PC, Internet)/ Access to working space (PC, Internet)					5
Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries					5
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)				4	
Access to canteen					

Akademische Qualität / Academic quality

15. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität der Betreuung durch Ihren Gastgeber-Dozenten? How do you rate the quality of your host supervisor's support?

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Verfügbarkeit des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's accessibility					5
Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement					5
Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor					5
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)					

16. Wie beurteilen Sie die Qualität ... / How do you rate the quality of...

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
Ihrer Forschungsaufgaben?/research activities you took?					5
des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials?/study material you obtained at your host institution?	5				

17. Wie unterscheiden sich Forschungsstruktur und -kultur an der Gastinstitution von denen an der WWU Münster? / How do research structure and research culture in host institution differ from those at WWU Münster?

The level of security and restrictions were high in the Southampton univeristy which I didn't like. The student food were more expensive but you could find daily fast food menu.

There were also branches of Costa and Starbucks in the univeristy which you could chill out when you were tired (working hours up to 18 P.M). In addition, it seems the idea of a unique univeristy campus (like Southampton) is much more better than having each faculty in different parts of the city. Campus helps students to get known and comminucate with each other.

Kosten / Expenses

18. Wie hoch waren die wöchentlichen Lebenshaltungskosten während Ihres Auslandsaufenthalts? / What were average weekly costs during your stay abroad?

	€
Unterkunft / accommodation	157.5
Lebensmittel / food	168
öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / Transportation	80
<i>Gesamtsumme per Woche / Total per week</i>	405.5

19. Wurden Ihre Kosten durch das Forschungsstipendium gedeckt? / Did the research stipend cover your costs?

☒ Ja / yes
 ☐ Nein, per Woche habe ich zusätzlich _____ € ausgegeben.
 No, I spent additionally _____ € per week.

20. Lagen Ihre wöchentlichen Ausgaben im Ausland höher als in Münster? / Did you spend more abroad compared to what you normally spend in Münster per week?

☐ Nein / no
 ☒ Ja / yes, ²³⁵_____ €.

21. Mussten Sie irgendeine Art von Gebühren an ihrer Gastinstitution entrichten? / Did you have to pay any kind of fees in the host institution?

☒ Nein / no
 ☐ Ja / yes, _____ € für / for _____

(bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben / please specify)

Persönliche Erfahrungen / Your personal experience

22. Welche spezifischen Ziele hatte Ihr Forschungsaufenthalt? Haben Sie sie erreicht? / Which specific objectives did you have for your research stay? Did you achieve them?

Ziele / Aims:	(1 = überhaupt nicht erreicht/not at all; 5 = voll erreicht/fully)				
	1	2	3	4	5
To improve my PhD dissertaion and adding a new model					5
Giving a seminar and have the other researchers experiance about my work					5
Start to write a new paper				4	
Getting to know the other research group and assessing their level of profession					5
Assessing the opportunity of post doc or positions in the host univeristy for after PhD					5

23. Wie würden Sie Ihren Forschungsaufenthalt insgesamt einschätzen? / How would you evaluate your research stay in general?

I achieved most of my goals specially to improve the quality of my PhD dissertations and create a line for co-operation. Thanks to this research stay, I can add one more publication to my PhD dissertaion in the upcoming months. However, I think it would be prefect if I could have more time like 3-6 months so I could finish writing the manuscript there.

24. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre beste Erfahrung / Please describe your best experience.

My best experience happened when I gave my seminar and got possitive comments from the professional researchers and professors in the Southampton mathematics department. In addition, I found many new friends in England that can support me if I go there for an academic stay in the future.

25. Bitte beschreiben Sie Ihre schlechteste Erfahrung / Please describe your worst experience.

I think my first visa rejection was the worst experience that I ever had during this process. In total, I spent 460 Euro (2 times 230 Euro) for the visa process. But finding an accommodation was also a little bit stressful specially if you know England is very expensive and my arrival was in the begining of the new semester and the university dormitories were full.

26. Halten Sie die Dauer Ihres Forschungsaufenthaltes für / Do you consider your research stay to have been ...

- ☒ zu kurz / too short
☐ zu lang / too long
☐ genau richtig / just right

Falls zu kurz oder zu lang, welche Dauer hätten Sie sich gewünscht? / If too short or too long: which length would have been ideal?

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Publication is the most important thing for a PhD student. Writing a manuscript is time-consuming and you do need more time to consult with your host supervisor, write the code, confirm the result and start writing. If you provide more time for the students then they can end up with a manuscript and publication under the name of WWU and project.

27. Welche Tipps können Sie den nachfolgenden Promovierenden zu dieser Gasteinrichtung, dieser Stadt, diesem Land etc. geben (Geheimtipps, lohnenswerte Aktivitäten, wichtige Ratschläge)? / Could you please give other PhD students some tips about your host institution, city or country (insider info, useful activities, valuable advice)?

I highly advise the WWU students to visit Southampton university to become familiar with the international vibe of its campus. Specially the statistics institute has a good reputation to apply theoretical sciences into practice and prepare students for the job market. For example, there are weekly seminars on medical statistics that give information about role of statistics in the pharmaceutical industry and medicine. But the most challenging part is finding an accommodation; so try not to visit Southampton in the beginning of the semester. On weekends, you can go to London.