

Administrative Formalitäten / Administrative formalities

1. Visum / Visa:

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

Bussiness Visit (6months or less)

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

First filled the online application and then submitted the materials in Dusseldorf.

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

I submitted the documents on 23.06.2015, and received the visa on 14.07.2015 by DHL.

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

I have Care Concept insurance in Germany which includes 6 weeks abroad insurance per year.

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

I didn't take any vaccine, and there is no such request for visa application.

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.)

I only withdrew 200pounds from the bank in Germany. It is quite convenient to pay by card there. Only when you pay for the transportation, you need cash.

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?

Informationsquelle / Information source	persönlicher Nutzen / useful	
	ja / yes	nein / no
WWU Münster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andere StudentInnen / Other students	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Internet	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>The host professor once was the colleague of my supervisor. So through my supervisor, I got the acceptance</u> <u>first. Then through the internet, I contacted their assistance, dealing with the accommodation and meeting thing.</u>		

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?

	(1 = sehr schlecht/poor; 5 = sehr gut/excellent)				
	1	2	3	4	5
WWU Münster	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gasteinrichtung / Host institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Before the research stay, the graduate center of WWU had a symposium which is about how to deal with the inter-culture communication. We listened and discussed a lot, which I think it really help students feel less nervous. Also we have some guideline information about what to do before and after the research stay, things getting well-organized. Before and during the stay, the host institute was also quite nice. They helped me book the accommodation and arranged the office for me. During my stay there, I had everything (PC, university account, university mailbox and student card) which ofcourse were obtained with their help.

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?

I feel sorry about this question. Actually, I didn't prepare much concerning the host country. I only prepared a presentation about the research work. But I think it is easy, just "when in Rome, do as the Romans do".

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?

I read some publications of the host group.

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

Be more popular among PhDs. Some of my friends they didn't know this stipend when I told them.

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

For the first two week, I didn't intergrate too much with them, only in the lab. One reason is that it is a large group and there are always visitors coming and leaving, so the groupmates are not so "curious" about visitors and didn't show much hospitality. At the same time, I was curious about discover the new city and booked some activity for myself. From the 3rd week, things got better. I would join their after-work activities. And that Friday before I left, we went to pub together as a farwell drink. I thought I could have done better during the first two weeks.

Unterkunft & Forschungsinfrastruktur / Accommodation & research infrastructure

11. Art der Unterbringung im Gastland / Type of accommodation in host country:

- ☒ 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)

12. Wie haben Sie die Unterkunft gefunden? / How did you find the accommodation?

- ☒ Gasteinrichtung / Guest institution
- ☐ Freunde, Familie / Friends, family
- ☐ Privatmarkt / Private market
- ☐ Internet
- ☐ Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / other (please specify)

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
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Zugang zu den Bibliotheken / Access to libraries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Engagement des Betreuers/der Betreuerin / Supervisor's engagement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Beratungsgespräche mit dem/der Betreuer/in / Consultations with the supervisor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sonstiges (bitte genaue Bezeichnung eingeben) / Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
des an der Gasteinrichtung zur Verfügung stehenden Forschungsmaterials?/study material you obtained at your host institution?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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?

I have to say that as the guest group focuses on perovskite solar cell and they have done research in this area for more than 3 years, so compared with us, they are more experienced and are equipped with all the necessary lab conditions and equipments. As to the lab culture, one big difference is that they would like to discuss about research during lunch and even after work, in the pub. Here, we seldom discuss the lab work when we are not in the institute.

I think one good thing in our group is that besides solar cell, we have more other projects, which means during group discussion, ususlly you will have more ideas. And guest professor is too busy, in stead, our professor is more available.

Kosten / Expenses

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

	€
Unterkunft / accommodation	1176.7
Lebensmittel / food	600
öffentliche Verkehrsmittel / Transportation	241
Visa Application fee + Delievery fee	137
London Victoria busstop to Oxford: 28€	28
Oxford busstop to London Heathrow: 40€; Public transportation within Oxford: 6€	46
<i>Gesamtsumme per Woche / Total per week</i>	300

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, 100 €.

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
Learn how to fabricate a complete PSC and measure PCE.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experiment on new attempts and get new ideas for further research.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Experience the British lifestyle and enjoy life in Oxford.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build collaboration between the two groups.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

I have learned a lot and enjoyed life there. This is my first time in UK. But I was experimenting something interesting and building closer connection with people there when I left.
Given longer time, I could achieve more. In total, Oxford is a small beautiful city, a university city like Münster and I have already achieved something, so I would rate 80% for this research stay. Hoping to visit it again in the future.

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

There are a lot of good experience, and it is hard to decide which is the best. I have been to the Museum of Natural History and the Museum of Science History, Ashmole Museum which are very good. And I have learned a lot. The last Friday, we experience one special pub, which is adapted from a church. And ofcourse the high painting windows are so beautiful. It is so special a feeling.

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

The first Saturday, I went to "covered market" and ordered a Pie for lunch. It was a kidney pie. The girl told me it is okay but when I had it, I really don't like the inside. The kidney tasted so strange to me. When I had half of that, I have decided not to have anything for supper...Also, I hate the Bloody Mary I tried another day.

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?

3 to 5months.

Beschreiben Sie bitte näher. / Please describe further.

Maybe 6 weeks is okay for those who want to collect some materials in the library and who want to visit some archiv. But for experiment work, it is really a little too short. For the first week, I had to attend some lab safety talk and dealt with entrance card, etc. Then as I was making device there, I could only complete two batches per week. So 5 weeks is not enough for me to fully conduct some work. In the last week, I and a postdoc there found some interesting results, but I didn't have more time to further explore it. And the lab conditions here are totally different.

Therefore, personally I think the stay length should be flexible and extendable. Thanks.

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)?

If time permitting, come to Oxford or any other University during the semester time. This time I visited a lot of colleges in Oxford, but they would have "formal dinner" only when the new semester begins, which is about from October to November.

In my case, my supervisor contacted the host group. But as I was there, I found visitors are welcomed in Oxford. So just write an email with your plan.

The food there is not better than Mensa, so be kind to Mensa. It didn't rain too much during my stay there, but it could be quite cold in the winter. Public transportation is a little expensive, and students tend to walk or cycle.

Two more things, it is common there that you lose your bike even when it's locked. Last and important, transport is on the left side!!!

Bitte schicken Sie den ausgefüllten Fragebogen per E-Mail an / Please email the completed report to stip.int.phd@uni-muenster.de (Frau/Ms Linda Dieks).

Herzlichen Dank für Ihre Mitarbeit!
Thank you for your assistance!