



Persönlicher Erfahrungsbericht für Auslandspraktika/
Personal experience report for internships abroad

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Studiengang/ Study Programme	M-Engineering and International Business
Gastland/ Host Country	Albania
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Dear students,

This is my internship story of Albania. I will give a brief story of my internship experience. It all started when I was looking for my internship for quite some while now. I approached Prof. Dr. Goran Rafajlovski for an internship opportunity. After a small discussion with Prof. Dr. Goran Rafajlovski and Mr. Saiful Islam over emails, I was presented with an internship with Nehemiah Gateway, Pogradec, Albania. Once the offer was presented to me, Prof. Dr. Goran Rafajlovski, Dr. rer. nat. Nikolai Bunzmann, Mr. Saiful Islam, Ms. Arba Xhelo, and I had a meeting on MS Teams to discuss the topics in depth giving me a more clear idea on the topics presented to me. Dr. rer. nat. Nikolai Bunzmann provided me with three practical topics on which I could work. After looking at the topics and studying the topics, I decided to work on “Investigating the Energy Self-Sufficiency of a Permaculture Farm”. I had to learn to Albania within a month and I had no idea about the country or system. For advice, I turned to Ms. Arba Xhelo. Arba helped with all the accommodation & food, taxi service from Tirana Airport to Nehemiah Gateway campus, and other services which Nehemiah Gateway will provide and what to expect when I am in Albania.

Once I was aware of my bills in Albania, I contacted Ms. Anne Strauß with the intention of getting a scholarship for my internship programme. Anne offered me a PROMOS scholarship after examining my documents. Considering Albanian Lek and Euro, the scholarship was covered in all aspects. The scholarship took care of my expenses and my travel cost. Unfortunately, due to a cyber-attack on the SRH Berlin University, I faced some delay in receiving the funds promised to me. Luckily, I had my saving from my part-time and I managed until the transfer was made to me. Anne helped me sort everything out.



I was offered to stay in the Nehemiah Gateway Guest House. The Guest House was a 4-floor building with plenty of studio rooms. I was living in the same building as Dr. rer. nat. Nikolai Bunzmann. It was easy for us to work or discuss our ideas together. Every weekend, we used to go to Spar Markt in order to get our weekly snacks and beers. Then we used to buy ourselves a pizza lunch and eat it at the beachside. After lunch, we used to play Spikeball with my friends from the organisation. Followed by a board game day on Sunday before enjoying the beers with some football game or Formula 1 race. This is how my weekend usually was.

When we wanted to go out, we could either walk or use the bikes which were available on the campus. We ask for the keys for the bike and cycle our way to the supermarket or the beach. As organised is based in Germany, we could do our transfers them in Euros using our German Bank.

The living was not very expensive. 1 Euro was almost 120 Albanian Lek and I used to spend around 600-700 Leks per week. My breakfast, lunch, and dinner were included in my accommodation fees, so I had nothing to worry about when it came to living there.

After learning about renewable energy and its practices, I wanted to implement my knowledge in the field and this project was a good opportunity for me to improve my skills. People around me were positive people. I got so much to learn about the office culture. I understood the reason behind the project. I understood their vision of the project. They trusted my knowledge and full freedom to work on the project and in return I gave them a structure of plan for the project based on the current situation. Nehemiah Gateway had the potential to build their wind turbine given proper advice.

With this small experience, I can be a little bit more confident in the job market as I possessed some fieldwork experience and had keen knowledge & interest in the wind energy segment.

I am indebted to Prof. Dr. Goran Rafajlovski, for allowing me to showcase my knowledge and skills by providing the opportunity for an internship. I also thank Nehemiah Gateway for allowing me to assist them with the project as an intern and creating such a wonderful environment for learning.

In the end, it was a fun and refreshing experience on an academic and personal level. It is always fun to work physically rather than working over the computers. Living in a remote place and less stressful environment helped me put more effort during my internship.

Thank you very much!

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