



STUDENT DETAILS

University department / faculty:	Applied life sciences
Field of study:	Molecular biotchnology
Home university:	Hochschule Anhalt
Nationality:	Colombian
Duration of traineeship (<i>from ...to...</i>):	09/09/2021 - 09/09/2022

TRAINEESHIP INSTITUTION

Country:	Belgium
Name of traineeship institution:	Ku leuven
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EXPERIENCE REPORT (*approx. 3 pages + more photos if applicable*)

1) Traineeship institution

Please give a brief description of your host traineeship insitution.

Ku leuven is one of the best Universities worldwide located in the country of belgium. the Ghent campus has a modern and open construction. The facilities offer all the needed resources for investigation and all the staff is extremely friendly and supportive.

2) Searching for a traineeship

How did you find your traineeship? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Through my university's webpage on studying abroad.

3) Preparation

How did you prepare for your traineeship in terms of language, intercultural, professional and organisational aspects? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Since my internship was done in English which is a language I am proficient at I didn't require additional language preparation. Nonetheless I tried to look a little into the topic of the project that I would take part in.

4) Accommodation

How did you find your accommodation? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

I found my accommodation through Facebook groups but with enough time the university accommodation could be also an option.

5) Traineeship

Please describe the tasks and / or the projects carried out during your traineeship. In which way were you mentored and integrated? How were the working conditions? Did you have especially positive or negative experiences?

I worked on a project dedicated to recombinant protein production, for this multiple tasks were involved. Operating a bioreactor, manipulating dangerous chemicals, analytical sample preparation, cell culture and safe disposal of biohazardous waste.

6) Acquired qualifications

Which qualifications and skills could you acquire or improve during your traineeship?

I acquired multiple laboratory skills including, working under sterile conditions, operation of a bioreactor, proper disposal of dangerous waste, multiple reagent preparation, preparation of culture media.

7) Country-specific features

Are there any specific traineeship regulations in the target country that affected you as an Erasmus trainee (e.g. France: housing allowance, convention de stage)? If yes, which ones? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

None

8) Visa, residence and work permit (only for international students)

Which prearrangements had to be made in terms of visa, residence and work permit? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

Since I already had a German residence permit and Belgium is also part of the EU Schengen area I didn't require an additional visa however I had to register as a border student at the city hall to complete my university registration. <https://stad.gent/en/international-students/paperwork-administration/your-arrival-ghent/registration-city-application-residence-document-and-renewal-residence-document>

9) Other

Is there anything else you want to let other students know?

When applying for an ersmus internship try to planned it as good as possible and if it is even possible try to get a visa for the reciving country if the time allows if not make sure your residence permit in your EU country of origin covers the duration of the stay properly.

10) Conclusion

What is the conclusion drawn after your traineeship experience abroad?

I think this has been a really high note in my master studies and I would recomend it to all other students it is not only an oportunity to learn about new laces but also to add a lot of valuable knowledge to your masters education.

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