

Internship in Oxford - Deniz Pirincci Ercan



Life in Oxford!

As a second year Master student enrolled in Molecular Mechanisms of Disease program at Radboud University, Nijmegen, I performed an internship at CRUK/MRC Oxford Institute of Radiation Biology, in the group of Eric O'Neill.

Even though it is the end of my time in Oxford, I cannot believe that time passed so fast and I lived here already for 8 months! I can honestly say that, overall, it was the best abroad experience in my life!

Academically speaking, I have improved my technical and practical skills a lot during this internship. I believe that Oxford prepared me very well for my future career as a scientist! Research environment, facilities and supervision always moved me forward to achieve and investigate more within this limited time. I am glad that I had a chance to work with such an amazing people!

Apart from science, I also enjoyed being in a well-developed, English speaking European country. I learned about new cultures, improved my English and made lots of friends. The group where I worked was very international. Therefore, I gained a further awareness about the World around me with the chats we had with my colleagues on culture, social and political issues in our home countries. It was very nice to see different opinions about common problems in the countries where we come from.

In addition, Oxford was a very touristic and historical city. It was never surprising to discover a new beauty in this town when you walk around the centre or go for an evening run! There were many student friendly restaurants, bars and pubs in the city because Oxford has a majority of student residents. Moreover, it was very easy to find free events in there such as interesting talks, concerts or parties.

To conclude, I had a great time in Oxford in the past 8 months. As a supporter of this perfect experience, I would like to thank Nora Baart foundation once more. It would not be that special without your considerations! I recommend any student who wants to have an abroad experience to go to Oxford, you will not regret!

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