

## **My internship at the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore**

I have done my graduation near to my hometown in a very quiet area of south Germany, Bavaria. When I was 16 years old I decided to become a nurse so, I went to a nursing school after one-year volunteering in a hospital. This apprenticeship shaped myself very intense. As a very young person I learned soon to take responsibility and developed abilities such as flexibility, organization, multitasking and more. Also, this was the first time I was studying the human body including anatomy, physiology and pathology. After graduation as a nurse I left my hometown and moved to Munich to work at the University Hospital Rechts der Isar and to gain practical experience in nursing. After one year working as nurse I felt that I want to go in a different direction so I decided to go back to school and complete the general qualification for University entrance. I graduated as student of the year with best marks and I got admitted to the Technical University of Applied Science in Regensburg, Germany for the Biomedical Engineering program, where I could combine my knowledge in medicine and my interest in science.

After finishing my third year I had to decide where I want to do my practical semester. So, I ventured to go abroad and get out of my comfort zone. Before I came to India I didn't have certain expectation, since my experience so far have taught me to have less expectation and be open minded towards new situations.

I was fascinated of the campus of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc). It is a very peaceful and green place with many huge old trees and nice places to go for a walk. My work at the Material Research Centre in Prof Basu's Laboratory for Biomaterials started a few days after my arrival in India. I was impressed of the hospitality of the Indian people and I was really happy to have the support of my lab mates and Professor to orient myself in this new culture. I experienced India as a colourful, loud and exciting country, full of delicious food, kind people and a lot of stories about kings, queens, gods and goddesses. Indian people are very proud of their country and they love to exchange information about their culture, which I really enjoyed.

Also, I've got the opportunity to go through my first research work. I got support from Dr Subhomoy Chatterjee, who was a great teacher to me. He helped me to develop and execute the study and taught me handling software, such as ANSYS and MIMICS. Also, I want to thank Prof Basu, who was supporting me in the progress of my research work.

I would recommend to everyone who is thinking of participating an exchange program in India to do the step and experience the beauty of this country and the people.

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