

XEURASIA ERASMUS MUNDUS EXTERNAL CO-OPERATION WINDOW

Questionnaire for Post-Docs and Teachers

You are being asked to complete this questionnaire because you participated in an exchange as part of the **EURASIA EM – ECW project**. This questionnaire will ask you how satisfied you were with the experience and how important specific components of the experience were to you, in order to get your opinion about how the exchange programme can be improved. Your honest answer responses will be kept confidential and will help us improve the programme. This questionnaire should take fewer than 10 minutes to complete.

Enter your name here:

XU Mengjie

I am from: Please name Home University

Nanjing Agricultural University, P.R. China

I did my exchange at: Please name Host University

Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech

What were your main fields of teaching or research?

Land Management

SECTION 1: Short Statement on Your Experiences at the Host University (with regard to academic and cultural aspects)

This is the first time for me to be abroad. The architectures in Prague such as the old town square, the Prague Castle and so on leave a deep impression on me. The food is also different from that in my country. The scenery around the campus is so beautiful.

Attending the English courses provided by CULS is a new experience for me. I have learned quite a lot from the liberal teaching methods and the flexible examination forms. I am also touched by the active participation of the students.

SECTION 2: Benefits of the Exchange Experience

Meet people from different countries and know their ideas and culture to some extent.
Understand the image of my country from a more objective point of view.
Improve my English and learn some new knowledge in sociology, management and so on.
Learn how to achieve active participation of students in classes by arranging more presentations.
Know more about myself. I was very afraid to go to new places. But now I am not that afraid to encounter new things. The most important thing is to try my best, even if I fail.

SECTION 3: Improving the Programme

Please share your top three recommendations for how this programme can be improved.

Recommendation One:

Insurance could be bought in host country or in home country.

In the file of acceptance of EM ECW scholarship, it was pointed out that the insurance coverage should be arranged directly by CULS with an insurance company.

But when I applied for the visa, I was required by the Czech Consulate in Shanghai, China to provide an insurance file in advance (the requirements are on the website). So I had to buy an insurance in China, which might not be covered by the grant.

Recommendation Two:

Secondary school certificate might not be necessary for PhD students or staff members applying for the grant.

When I applied for EM ECW scholarship last year, secondary school certificate was an essential file to submit for the application. As for me, I graduated from secondary school 20 years ago and lost the certificate. In China, a student could attend the university entrance examination only after she/he has got a certificate of secondary school. So in China, a person with a Bachelor's degree means that he/she has also a certificate of secondary school.

Recommendation Three:

Grant more times for those who perform well/ set strict evaluation standards for those who get the grants

I understand that it is a rule of fairness to grant only once for one person. But I have to say that some of those who get grants are not working so hard by my own observation. Under the once for one rule, almost all the students or teachers inside a faculty could get a chance to go abroad. Opportunities are evenly distributed but outcomes are generally not.

Please submit the questionnaire to the project co-ordinator:

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