

STUDENT SURVEY

Please send this survey to Veronika Eberl at the **BOKU International Relations** (e-mail: kuwi@boku.ac.at) **within two months** of the end of the study abroad period. The letter of acknowledgement from the host institution should also be turned in to BOKU-IR (Peter Jordan Straße 82A, 1190 Wien). If all forms are not handed in (including this one), it is possible that the entire sum of the scholarship must be re-paid by the recipient to KUWI (see the agreement).

BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: anonymous

Field of study: Animal breeding and genetics

Host Institution: University of Ghana

Host country/city: Accra, Ghana

Study Abroad Period: from 11.04.2022 until 29.04.2022

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

2. Information about the research offerings at the host institution:

How helpful were the following informational resources?

(1 = not helpful to 5 = very helpful)

- BOKU- International Relations
- Lecturers at BOKU
- Degree course schemes
- Students / friends
- Host institution
- Host institution's web homepages

Other:

3. How would you rank your knowledge of the language spoken at your host institution?

(1 = little to 5 = excellent)

	Vor dem Aufenthalt im Ausland					Nach dem Aufenthalt im Ausland				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Reading comprehension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Listening comprehension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaking ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing Ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. Languages most often used at the host institution, in percent:

Used language German: Ja Nein

1. English	100
3.	4.

Which recommendations/tips would you give to future students about the host country and host institution?

(Please give any recommendations, information resources, contacts and links)

5. Host country

The people are lovely and warm hearted, lots of tourist places to visit especially forts and castles

6. Host institution

The university is huge with a large medical and research center. It is currently the largest in Ghana

7. To which degree did you feel socially integrated??

(1 = not at all to 5 = very good)

	1	2	3	4	5
Local culture/ society overall	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
With students from the host institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5
With other foreign students at the host institution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5

8. With help from which contact person (at BOKU/ at the host institution) did you organize your stay?

Veronika Eberl(BOKU) and Prof. Boniface Kayang

9. To which degree would you rate the support you were thereby given (before and after your stay)?

(1 = low to 5 = high)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	BOKU- International Relations
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	Lecturers at BOKU
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	Host institution
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	Students from the host institution
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other:

10. Application forms, financial support, other needs

5

11. Please give tips and helpful suggestions in reference to your host country/ host institution regarding society (cultural differences, importance of command of language, etc.):

Ghanaians are very indirect when it comes to communication. Respect of ranks is very important tot hem.

12. During your stay abroad, were special events organized specifically for exchange students?

Yes No

If yes, please include descriptions:

ACCOMODATION, SERVICES AND EXPENCES

13. Where did you actually live during your stay abroad?

- Student dormitory
 Hotel / boarding house / guest house
 Room in a private apartment
 Private apartment
 Shared apartment with other students

14. Who helped you find living accommodation?

- Host institution
 Friends/family
 Broker
 Other:

15. What quality of support did the host institution give in the search for accommodation?

(1 = bad to 5 = excellent)

- 1
 2
 3
 4
 5

16. How would you rank the accommodation?

(1 = bad to 5 = excellent)

- 1
 2
 3
 4
 5

17. To which extent were student resources available to you? (libraries, computer labs, laboratories, facilities, etc.)?

(1 = not at all bis 5 = very good)

1 2 3 4 5

18. How was the computer and internet access?

(1 = bad bis 5 = very good)

1 2 3 4 5

19. Monthly expenditure during the course of the stay abroad (in Euros):

Travel expenses (for one way there and back):985.89 euros

Monthly expenditure (incl. accommodation):

,spent on:
 200 **Accommodation**
 euros Maintenance
 Commuting expenses
 Costs of books, copy, etc.
 Tuition
 100euros **Other**

OVERALL ASSESSMENT

20. Evaluate your stay in an academic sense:

(1 = bad to 5 = excellent)

1 2 3 4 5

21. Evaluate your stay in a personal sense:

(1 = bad to 5 = excellent)

1 2 3 4 5

22. Which aspects of your study abroad stay did you most enjoy?

In an academic sense:

I appreciated the different research works being done in the institution

In a socio-cultural sense:

The food and the people were great

23. Did you have any problems during this study abroad stay?

Took ill in the second week of stay abroad, so i lost out on some field trips

24. Did the fact that you studied abroad cause you to have to study at BOKU longer?

Yes No I don't no

If so, why?

25. In your opinion, how can the KUWI scholarship program improve upon itself?

The monthly expenditure allocation was not helpful for my stay abroad. The travel expenses alone was way over budget. I think KUWI should re-look into the money allocated for each specific country

Publication of this report

I agree that this report, including the above data (field of study, host university, year of study, length of stay), will be published on the website of BOKU- International Relations for the purpose of exchanging information on the study visit, so that future interested outgoings can be informed about your experience at the host institution.

The consent is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time in the future without giving reasons. Any revocation can be declared at any time by e-mail to kuwi@boku.ac.at.:

Yes

No

Research Report

(Brief report of stay abroad from scientific point of view, ca. 1 page)

The Feed, the Future Innovation Labs, draws on the expertise of top U.S. universities and developing country research institutions to tackle some of the world's most significant challenges in agriculture and food security. Prof. Jack Dekkers is currently pioneering research in Ghana, where I come from, collaborating with researchers from the University of Ghana to improve food security through poultry improvement. I wanted to be part of this ongoing change in my country. I believed I would acquire a lot of knowledge and expertise from his group of breeding scientists that are needed to shoot me to a higher pedestal in my dream of becoming a research scientist in the future. This reason, amongst others, motivated my trip to Ghana. During my internship, I carried out a thesis study focusing on the survival analysis of survival time of Ghanaian local chicken ecotypes challenged with Newcastle disease. My host institution collected the data used for my thesis work. So I had the opportunity to visit experimental sites and better understand the data I was working on. During my second week at the university, Prof. Johann Soelkner visited the institute. Together with him, we visited the Noguchi Memorial Institute of medical research, where we met with different research fellows and other stakeholders. Out of these visits, we developed a research project that aims to investigate the genetic response underlying HIV viral load in different patient cohorts in Ghana. This was exciting for me, knowing that this could lead to a long-lasting collaboration between BOKU and the University of Ghana. We also had the opportunity to meet with the head of the African Vaccine Initiative in Africa, Prof. William Ampofo, who gave us a warm reception and a thorough description of his work and the challenges associated with vaccine development in Ghana. Finally, I visited some tourist places with Prof. Hans so he could interact with some natives and feel the country in general. We visited the Volta Lake, Aburi Waterfalls, and the Akosombo Dam in the Volta region. Overall, I loved the experience I had in Ghana and was happy I was granted the opportunity to revisit my homeland.

Thank you for your help!