BERICHTSFORMULAR
Non-EU Student Exchange Programm
2021/2022

BewerbungsID 8930

Nominierte Studienrichtung: 066/914 Studienrichtung Masterstudium Internationale Betriebswirtschaft

Angaben zum Aufenthalt:

Gastinstitution: University of Alberta - (Kanada)

Aufenthaltszeitraum: SS 2022

Aufenthaltsbeginn: 05.01.2022   **Aufenthaltsende:** 30.04.2022

STIPENDIUM	
Stipendium Uni Wien gesamt laut Zuerkennung: (inkl. Zuschüsse für Reisekosten und Sprachtest)	€ 2.000,00
	Rückforderung: nein Rückgeforderter Betrag: € Rückforderungsgrund:
Weitere Stipendien (zB Jasso, Studienbeihilfe):	Weitere Stipendien: Nein - Stipendium des Gastlandes: nein () - Bundesländerstipendium: nein - Studienbeihilfe: nein *Sonstiges Stipendium:*
Summe weiterer Stipendien:	€
Gesamtsumme aller Stipendien:	€ 2.100,00

KOSTEN DES AUSLANDSAUFENTHALTS	
Unterkunft:	€ 2.610,00
Art der Unterkunft:	Studierendenwohnheim
Reisekosten:	€ 1.050,00
Lebenshaltungskosten:	€ 1.600,00
Studienkosten:	€ 50,00
Versicherungskosten	€ 150,00
Visakosten:	€ 112,00
Gesamtkosten des Auslandsaufenthalts:	**€ 5.562,00**

Bericht veröffentlichen: ☑

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Verfassen Sie bitte einen persönlichen Bericht über den Studienaufenthalt

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BERICHT ÜBER DEN STUDIENAUFENTHALT

UofA and the Alberta School of Business
University of Alberta is considered a good university in Alberta. Your experience will very much depend on the school you are at. I can only speak for Alberta School of Business. As a graduate student at the University of Vienna, I was part of the MBA program at the UofA, which was very cool. The main difference between European and North American universities is not the way they teach but what's happening outside of the classroom. There were so many case competitions and other kinds of competitions students could participate in and even win prize money. Apart from this, the school and the MBA Association worked hard to offer us networking opportunities with local business, entrepreneurs, and big corporations. The school would also help students with job search by organizing evens focusing on campus hiring.

Courses
I was allowed to take three courses, two of them were fun, one was quite boring, but I had to take it in order to avoid taking the same course when I am back in Vienna. They did not differ too much from the University of Vienna when it comes to the coursework – the grading was based on papers, group work and presentations.

Fellow students
As a part of the MBA program, I was part of the community of the MBA students. The MBA Association (run by students) would organize events for us and create possibilities for networking. We would have pub nights or lunches together or go to activities such as curling or bowling. The MBA students also have their own lounge at the university where we would spend most of the time, working on our papers, networking or just chilling. I loved being part of this community and I feel everyone was very helpful.

Accommodation
I decided to live on campus as I know it is always a struggle to be searching for a room from outside Canada without knowing the city and having a chance to view it. The accommodation on campus is okay but is way more expensive than the off-campus accommodation. If I could choose again, I would try to find accommodation in the areas outside of the campus, some of them are very nice and I am willing to help you with your accommodation search.

Also, it is not very common to live on campus for graduate students, so I ended up living with students 5 year younger than me in an undergraduate residence, which I did not find too cool (this strongly depends on your personal preference though).

Weather
It is very cold in Edmonton, especially in January. When I arrived, it was -30 during the day and maybe -35 at night. Make sure that you bring enough winter clothing so that you can stay warm. The weather was unstable – it would get wormer and then again cold

Getting around
There are two ways how to get around in Edmonton using the subway/train called LRT or using the busses. The university will provide you with a semester card for public transport in the city (you will have to buy the card, it is a part of the fees also exchange students have to pay). I freaked out when I used the LRT for the first time – it is not like the one in Vienna – in Edmonton, it is dirty and kind of scary, full of homeless people, so I do not recommend to use it alone when it is dark. Busses seemed to be safe and I was using them all the time when doing my grocery shopping or going to downtown.

Insurance
You do not need an extra insurance as the university will provide you with an insurance package from the Cowan insurance group (as with the semester card for the public transport, you will have to buy it). It is a good insurance, I hurt my knee and kept going to the physiotherapy sessions for almost two months and it was covered.

Things to do
You will get out what you put in it. And it will be what you make out of it. Edmonton might be a boring place, especially in winter. I found my community in my area of interests, so I was happy about where I was. There are a few events in festivals in winter and more in the summer. It is definitely worth going to Calgary – it is a beautiful city, but all the cities are better in summer. It is also worth to go to the national parks – Jasper and Banff. As in almost all of the North American cities, it is difficult to travel somewhere without a vehicle. It is easy to rent a car though.