

Study program: Eur-organic  
Home university: Hohenheim University, Stuttgart Germany  
Host University: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU),  
Vienna, Austria  
Mobility period: September 2015 – September 2016

## **Free Experience Report**

Having been exposed to two different universities in Europe for my Master study in Eur-organic widened my perspectives. It helped me grow professionally and personally. Being in an international program gave me the opportunity to meet people from different parts of the world, exchange ideas and opinions and share traditions and culture with them.

My one-year mobility program exposed me to a different educational system. I was able to experience taking 9-10 courses per semester as the credit units in my host university are smaller compared to the one given in my home university. I had to jump from one class to the other with very limited period of time and even missed some classes due to conflict of schedule. Apart from this, everything went well according to plan. It was not hard for me to find a supervisor and a topic for my master thesis, as the professors in my host university are very approachable. My short experience in the laboratory during the conduct of my thesis was very influential to my decision to pursuing further studies.

The coordinators from both my home and host universities were very helpful not only to administrative things but as well as to some personal concerns. One thing I was not able to take advantage of during my stay in my host university is the regular gathering of international students. I was so busy with my classes and did not find time to participate in most of the activities catered towards development of international students. The financial support given to me for this mobility program sustained my one-year stay here in Vienna.

As a whole, my overall experience during my mobility program was awesome and I would recommend to other students to take advantage of this program while they are still studying.