**IT University Travel Report**

*Dear Student, this is a template – the aim is to inspire other students who may wish to follow in your footsteps. You are free to give your report the shape you want and to go beyond the questions, as long as you cover the information asked for below. You are also very welcome to include pictures and contact information – but you need not. Remember that the report will be made available on the intranet.*

**Host University:** Tallinn University of Technology (Now TalTech)

**Study Programme at IT University:**

Software Development and Technology

(Design)

**Exchange Agreement or Study Abroad:**

Exchange Agreement

**Courses studied abroad:** Robotics,

Advanced Programming, E-Governance

& E-Democracy, System Programming,

Creative Leadership, Handicap

Technologies

**Exchange Period**: semester (autumn/spring) Autumn year 2018

**If you wish to give advice to other students regarding your travels, please state your contact info here:** vkri@itu.dk

## Your stay abroad

**What was it like to study at [the university] (including choice of courses, academic level, social life at campus)?**

It was really good! There was a bunch of exchange students and the academic level was quite high. Social life

was what you made out of it, there's possibilities to go out everyday if you wish.

**What was your initial motivation for going abroad and did your stay meet your expectations?**
I think they did. I wanted to explore a former soviet country as well as experience the culture of Estonia, as well as travel to Russian and Lapland. Also Estonia is highly technological country.

**Please describe what you got out of your stay, both personally and academically, and how do you expect it to contribute to your further studies?**

Academically I got to learn quite different courses than I would have had at home. More engineering focused, so they are still super relevant. It has already helped me choosing me thesis that I have to do now. The social experiences were quite amazing as well, hearing "both" sides of the soviet occupation of the Baltic countries and riding with huskies in Lapland. Quite amazing.

## Arranging your stay

**Please give a short description of the process of arranging your stay:**
It was quite easy, just applying for the stay through SAP and then finding a place to live through Facebook groups. Then I just took the airplane 😊

**What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay and which people did you use (if any)?**
I used the contact person of TTU (Kertsi) for a few questions, but other than that I used the resources TTU provided and looked things up on google.

**How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?**
Facebook groups

## Expenses and Financing

**Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad**
I got a very nice big room in a shared flat in the city center, why the cost was a bit high compared to other accommodation options (I even had my own bathroom with jacuzzi), so the rent was around 450 a month. I also booked all the travels I could through the student organization ESN and they were really good.

**Did you apply for scholarships and would you recommend any ones in particular?**
I got the Erasmus + automatically which was nice, I also applied for a lot more but I didn't get any..

## Recommendations for other students:

I liked it a lot! I've been abroad two times before to Singapore and USA, and I think Estonia has had the highest academic level of them all (very similar to ITU). There's also a lot to see, it gets cold and the culture is similar to the Danish, why in some way I can recommend other destinations as well, it really depends on what you want to get out of your stay!