

IT University Travel Report

Study Programme at IT University: Digital Design & Communication

Activity Abroad: Testing an application in relation to my thesis

Exchange Period: semester (autumn/spring) Spring year 2019

Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

We had one week in Kenya to test the application we designed for our thesis.

What was your initial motivation for going abroad and did your stay meet your expectations?

Our motivation was to test the application on the correct users and learn more about the culture we were designing for.

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?

We had really great results and met a lot of helpful people. The results will help our thesis because they show how important it is to test designs on the correct users. There are no way to fake this, so the time spend on traveling is well spent.

Arranging your stay

Please give a short description of the process involved in arranging your stay

We were collaborating with a company, so they helped us get in touch with informants and thus we were able to plan the timing of the trip.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

We just booked a hotel close to the office where we would be having the tests.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

We paid for the flight, hotel and food by ourselves and of course that was expensive, but well worth it.

Did you apply for scholarships and would you recommend any ones in particular?

We applied for the ITU travel pool to cover some of the expenses. There are not really any other scholarships that covers such short travels, but if you are going to be an exchange student, there are a lot of options. Just apply for all of them and hope for the best.