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: University of Oregon

Study Programme at IT University: Summer School

Activity Abroad: Programming Language Summer School

Your stay abroad

Please describe your stay abroad:

The summer school consisted of 2 weeks of lectures from different speakers. The speakers on my stay was Amal Ahmed, Robert Harper, Dan Licata, Simon Peyton-Jones, Frank Pfenning, Andrew Tolmach, Stephanie Weirich and Steve Zdancewic.

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

I wanted to learn more about how to design programming languages. My expectations was far exceeded.

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?

Personally I got to meet interesting people from around the world – who all have an interest in programming languages. Academically I got a solid foundation for designing languages.

Arranging your stay

Please give a short description of the process involved in arranging your stay:
The first step was to find the summer school. A friend from ITU had gone there before – this is where I heard of the possibility. Secondly I arranged to turn the trip into a project together with a professor at the ITU. Lastly the summer school had an application guideline online which I followed.

What resources did you find helpful in planning your stay and which people did you use (if any)?

The website for the summerschool was very helpful.

How did you arrange practicalities such as accommodation?

Accommodation was arranged by the local planner from The University of Oregon.

Expenses and Financing

Please comment on expenses connected to your stay abroad

I had to spend money on travel, accommodation and food.

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

I applied for travel funds at the ITU – which I was lucky enough to get. This covered a part of my travel expenses. I also applied for a scholarship at The University of Oregon which I also got.

Recommendations for other students:

If you are deeply envolved in programming languages, the Oregon Programming Languages Summer School is defiantly something you should try.