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## **MARSHALL PLAN SCHOLARSHIP FIELD REPORT AFTER STAY**

### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

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<b>Research period at City College of New York</b>			
<b>From (DD.MM.YY)</b>	01.03.2016	<b>To (DD.MM.YY)</b>	31.08.2016

### **FINAL FIELD REPORT (2 pages)**

*Please comment on the following topics concerning your stay at the City College of New York:*

#### **General impression of your research stay at City College of New York**

The research stay abroad at City College of New York was a very good idea. It helped me to develop a stronger and broad mathematical background and to enhance my English skills. Besides the professional development, the stay had a positive impact on my personal development. I had the opportunity to get in touch with new people and their mindsets and to build a network. The City College of New York offered several seminars, also in collaboration with other universities like for example Columbia University or New York University.

The campus of the university is a composition of historical and very impressive buildings. It is located in West-Harlem and well connected by public transport. The area provides several opportunities for lunch, though there is also a cafeteria in the university. The students at City College of New York is a collection of people of all ethnical backgrounds and therefore very multi-cultural.

#### **Quality of the host institution in regard to research opportunity**

The quality of the host institution in regard of the research opportunity was very good. When I first arrived I got assistance to set everything up. The institution provided a personal office for me including a stationary Mac computer. Furthermore, there is a library in the department having basic literature. Beside this library I had access to the Graduation Center of the City University. In the library of the Graduation Center I could find any advanced literature that I needed.

I met up with my supervisor weekly in the beginning to discuss problems and directions of the research. Later I worked more on my own but still he was always available for questions. All in all, his guidance and my office gave me the perfect surrounding for my research.

**Contact within the host institution, academic opportunity for academic collaboration during stay**

Seminars and several other events gave me the opportunity to get in touch with new people from this and other departments to talk about research and interests. Also my supervisor introduced me to other co-workers. All in all, I got the opportunity for mathematical exchange. However, the thesis was just a collaboration of my supervisor and me.

**Recommendations for future Marshall Plan applicants**

I do not have any specific recommendation. However, anyone who goes abroad should try to meet as many new people as possible. Also outside of the university one can meet interesting people. Sometimes this means to get out of the comfort zone.

**Contact Email after completion of research stay**

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**DECLARATION**

- ➔ I hereby declare that all information provided in the application is to my best knowledge, correct, and complete.
- ➔ I acknowledge and agree to the data included in this application being used for statistical purposes by University of Vienna and the Marshall Plan Foundation
- ➔ I agree to my name and contact details being passed on to other students interested in Marshall Plan Scholarship:  
 Yes                       No

<b>Date (DD.MM.YYYY)</b>	31.08.2016	<b>Signature</b>	
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