

FIELD REPORT

- **General impression of your research stay abroad**

I also loved the cultural experience and I am so glad for all the experiences that I gained. I was also really lucky that I found a whole house to stay via Airbnb. I really enjoyed being in Milwaukee.

Milwaukee is known to be a very segregated city, but my impression was, that it is very safe and lovely city. Especially along the art museum, which is amazing, but also the Marquette campus was overwhelming.

What was awesome too, is that I got to see the cultural diversity of the US. It was very interesting, especially in this split time to be in America. I enjoyed all the conversations that I had with locals that enriched my point of view.

Another thing that really improved was my English. I even started to think in English, and if I engage in a conversation, I mostly don't have to think about, what I want to say, but simply express it.

Because I could schedule my work-time, I was also able to travel throughout the whole east-coast. I bought a car (which was also an exciting experience for me) and drove around the US.

But not only traveling broadened my horizon, the research itself gave me a lot of insights. I learned how to set up a study, perform experiments with participants, and also how to analyze the data. It was very challenging but because of that I learned a lot.

Another topic to talk about is the weather there. I was really lucky and did just witness a few very cold days, but all in all had a very mild winter.

- **Quality of the host institution**

Marquette University was very professional. They are a private school in the state of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. All students and the staff were very open, and it was easy to engage in conversations.

Bureaucracy was also not that of a burden, because the international office helped me a lot.

What I really enjoyed were the Friday presentation, where we had a field-related presentation and also got bagels or free pizza.

I also was very lucky with my supervisors. They consistently allowed me to work on my own, but steered me in the right direction, and supported me whenever I needed it.

- **Contacts within the host institution, inclusion in the organization**

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- **Recommendations for future Marshall Plan students and fellows**

I would recommend staying at the Global Village, if possible. This would make it more likely to get in touch with other foreign students, because there are a lot of exchange students living there. The exchange students share an apartment with a local. Also engage at the events from the Marquette campus.

- **Contact E-mail after completion of research stay**

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