

My research visit to University of California, Santa Barbara funded by the Marshall Plan foundation scholarship was very productive. The host professor Zhenghan Wang was very generous with his time and we had many lively discussions.

The host institution provided opportunities to collaborate with a range of research scientists from the Mathematics and Physics departments as well as Station Q and the Kavili Institute.

Beyond the host professor I was able to have many discussions with postdocs and researchers at Station Q as well as attending research seminars there and in the Mathematics and Physics department at which I met many PhD students with similar interests.

My main recommendation for future fellows is to visit a researcher with whom they can engage almost daily, although this may be hard to judge a priori, to increase the chance that a substantial project can be completed during the visit.

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