

FIELD REPORT

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General impression of my research stay abroad: Everyone was very welcoming, we got some nice results and I learned a lot. So it was a great opportunity that will certainly prove helpful in trying to start an academic career.

Quality of the host institution: Prof. Galloway is one of the leaders in the field of mathematical general relativity. The mathematics department in general seems to attract many good people but I don't know anything about the other departments. Campus is beautiful.

Contacts within the host institution, inclusion in the organization: My main contact has been Prof. G. J. Galloway who is part of the geometry group. I also closely collaborated with Eric Ling, one of his PhD students and the three of us have some ideas for further collaboration. Attending the weekly seminar of the research group and giving a talk there also allowed me to meet other members of the group, including Prof. Pengzi Miao.

On the administrative side my main contact has been Ms. Dania Puerto, the head of the administrative staff of the department of Mathematics, who assisted me with all formalities ranging from the visa process to arranging an office for me during my stay. Further helpful resources were provided by the ISSS (International Student and Scholar Services).

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Recommendations for future Marshall Plan students and fellows:

Start the visa process as early as possible to be on the safe side, but don't worry too much about it. Also, there is an official University website for off-campus housing ads (I found a suitable place within a week, but I might have just gotten lucky).

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