

## MARSCHALL PLAN SCHOLARSHIP - FIELD REPORT

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### **GENERAL IMPRESSION OF THE RESEARCH STAY ABROAD**

My research stay abroad has been overall very useful academically, personally and for networking. My first impression of USA was a positive one, even though the style of life and services are very different to that of Austria. America has much to offer in research fields. Especially in New York many research laboratories have a high-quality international academic environment.

### **QUALITY OF THE HOST INSTITUTION**

The Weill Cornell Medicine is an Ivy league University, well-known for its excellent research in basic as well as applied science. I had the opportunity to participate to several scientific events, workshops and guest lectures. Therefore, it was easy to get in contact with other PhD students and postdoc and start new collaborations. The laboratories were well-equipped, and several core facilities were available within the institution. The university also holds different training for animal handling and surgical procedures which were very helpful for my research project.

### **CONTACTS WITHIN THE HOST INSTITUTION, INCLUSION IN THE ORGANIZATION**

I have proactively engaged in research activities organized by my host lab throughout my research stay. Working in a group of highly motivated individuals was a gratifying scientific experience. Additionally, my interaction with the lab technician and the postdocs taught me the importance of team-work and collaboration, which are not confined to the single laboratory, but they are part of a much bigger scientific community. My ability to perform well in this project was strongly depended on the help and support from the people around me.

### **RACCOMANDATION FOR FUTURE MARSHALL PLAN STUDENTS AND FELLOWS**

The main purpose of your stay is to further your research and become an active participant in the international research community, to experience a different research environment and to network within your field of research. I believe that going abroad gives you valuable scientific and social experiences which will help you to grow up in your scientific career as well as in your personal life. I therefore really recommend applying for the scholarship.