

My overall impression of my research period is great. In a sense that, if I could do it again – I would. Working with Dr. Young, an academic leader in his field, was amazing and honoring. The staff / coworkers at the Center for Renewable Carbon were helpful and friendly. I was able to meet many people from different nations with different backgrounds, which was a great experience as well. The people in Tennessee, especially in Knoxville, are all friendly and helpful. Overall, a great atmosphere to live at.

The Center for Renewable Carbon has great equipment to conduct research from nanoparticles generated from wood to do strength testing of bigger wood samples. Overall, The University of Tennessee has a great range of academics and researchers for forestry, bio-based products, to optimizing forest products manufacturers.

I was integrated in the research quickly and easy. My major professor, Dr. Young, allowed me to plan my research and studies for coursework on my own. This allowed me to be independent in conducting my day to day tasks. Despite working each day the last eight month of my research stay, I enjoyed each of one of them.

For future MPS scholars, be aware to work a lot and know that the main reason to participate in exchange program such as mine is to improve your knowledge and get ready for workplace.