

Experience Report

My name is Verena Niederkofler and I was staying at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a Medical Center of the Harvard University in Boston. I was staying for 3 months in Boston in order to do some research about biomarkers as part of my Master's thesis. My general impression could not be better of such a recognized facility. The institution is very organized with state-of-art technologies and with a clear goal the professional collaboration is guaranteed.

I was working in the laboratory of Dr. Robert E. Gerszten, MD, which is not only a professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School, but also a Senior Associate Member of the Broad Institute and a specialist in cardiology with over 29 years of experience, specialized in cardiovascular disease. With high-throughput and state-of-art technologies the laboratory is specialized in metabolomic and proteomic approaches for the identification of novel biomarkers and disease pathways. Many high-impact papers originate from this facility and the employees with years of experience.

Boston enjoys the high reputation of the Harvard University and the MIT, therefore, many high-reputed doctors and scientists can be found here, including Dr. Gerszten. The people in the institution are not only very dedicated to their work, but also very friendly and helpful, which creates a very nice and enjoyable working environment. Everyone is very endeavored to work in a very efficient way and there can always be found a way to talk to different people and work together to discuss a topic and research question. In this way any to ambiguities can be removed and there is always space for new interesting ideas.

I can only recommend any internship or working experience with any institutions affiliated with the Harvard Medical School. It does not only enjoy a worldwide high reputation but also satisfy all the expectations.