

Field Report

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1 General Impression

My name is Thang Pham, and I am a PhD student from the Electrical Machines & Drives Laboratory at Michigan State University. I was awarded with the Marshall Plan Scholarship to conduct research at the Electric Drives and Machines Institute (EAM), at Graz University of Technology, Graz, Austria. The duration of my stay was from February 19, 2018 to August 16, 2018. The title of my research is *Magnetic Characterization of 3D Printed Electrical Steels*.

I was extremely impressed by the hospitality, the technical expertise, equipments, and guidance that I received during my stay at the EAM. During my stay, I received intensive guidance during my experimental process. I also received generous help and explanations on the project I was working on. Additionally, I also received technical trainings, workshops that would help me in my future research.

2 Quality of the Host Institution

I am extremely satisfied with the quality of the host institution. The host institution has a large laboratory setup, providing ample space for doing experiments. There are always extra equipments that accommodating research activities for all the members at the host institution. The equipments at the institute are new, calibrated, and suitable for all the types of experiments I had previously planned to work on.

3 Contacts with the Host Institution

I am extremely satisfied with my contacts at the EAM at Graz University of Technology. I received assistance and guidance from all of the members at the EAM. I also had opportunities to join the lab research meetings, technical workshops, dissertation defenses, and technical seminars during my stay.

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4 Recommendations for Future Marshall Plan Fellows

For future Marshall Plan fellows at Graz University of Technology, I would recommend them to

- find accommodation before they arrive
- contact with fellow researchers at the university in advance