

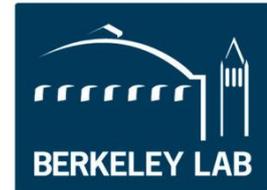
Field Report



University of Natural Resources
and Life Sciences, Vienna



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Home Institution: University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, Austria

Host Institution: Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Berkeley, California, USA

General impression:

I am very grateful that I got the opportunity to do research work at LBNL in Berkeley for 6.5 months. It was an amazing but also challenging experience for me. Berkeley is a nice city to live, there are many students and all the people are in general very friendly and open-minded. There is a lot to do in the bay area, San Francisco is very close. California in general is very diverse and offers a lot of things to do like hiking, surfing, skiing, and is definitely worth exploring.

The work in the lab was very interesting, I employed the exceptional infrastructure at LBNL and I got constant support from my supervisor during my research work. I really learned a lot during my stay, both academically but also culturally and personally. LBNL is well organized and full of motivated, hardworking researchers from different countries with different backgrounds that I could benefit from.

Quality of the host institution:

LBNL is a great working place and a renowned institution. I was part of Steven Singers' research group that focuses on the plant biomass deconstruction for conversion to biofuels and bioproducts. I worked closely with the Austrian PhD student Raphael Gabriel and other international students. The lab offered all the equipment you could possibly need to perform the experiments which enabled me to get a lot of experimental data within a short period of time.

Contact within the host institution, inclusion in the organization:

I felt very comfortable and welcome when I arrived at LBNL. I was involved in regular group meetings and all colleagues were very friendly and helpful. I always got immediately help when I had any questions. Besides, I met many international students who were also motivated to explore California with me and spend my free time with.

Recommendations for future Marshall Plan students and fellows:

I highly recommend working at LBNL and applying for a Marshall Plan Scholarship. It is a great financial support during the stay at Berkeley since especially the housing situation is very expensive there. It is important to start with the organization many months in advance and expect delays regarding visa processing.