

## **EWRES Student Evaluation**

Welcome! This is your EWRES student evaluation.

We would like to thank you for filling out this evaluation as completely and accurately as possible. The information you give will help improve the EWRES exchange program, and will provide valuable information to future students. There are several questions that are open-ended and that will be especially useful to future students, so please answer these as extensively as possible - you can write as much as you like.

### **European students:**

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## **BASIC INFORMATION**

1. Student's name:

2. Home institution

3. Host institution

4. Dates of study period (month/year):

From:

To:

5. Area of study:

## **MOTIVATION AND PREPARATION**

6. What was the importance of the following factors in your decision to study abroad?

(Select from 1 - not important to 5 - very important):

a) Academic quality:

b) Subjects not available at home institution:

c) Career plans:

d) Previous knowledge of the language:

e) Improvement of language skills:

f) Cultural experiences:

g) Friends/partner living abroad:

h) Change of environment:

i) Contacts through Internet:

j) Other (please specify):

7. How did you find out about the EWRES program?

Home university

Host university

Fellow students

Newspaper/magazine/TV

Internet

EWRES web site

US Department of Education/FIPSE

Other (please specify):

8. Please indicate the helpfulness of your sources of information for preparing your study period abroad (if used).

(Select from 1 - not helpful to 5 - very helpful):

- a) International office at home institution
- b) Faculty/teacher(s) at home institution
- c) Faculty/teacher(s) at host institution
- d) Study catalogues at home or host institution
- e) Friends/fellow students
- f) International office at host institution
- g) Web pages of host institution
- h) Commercial international study information website
- i) Student organisation
- j) Other (Please specify):

9. Did you take language preparation courses in connection with your exchange?

Yes

No

10. If yes, who provided language preparation courses?

Home institution

Host institution

Other (Please specify):

11. Weeks of language training before commencing the exchange:

(You must enter a number here)

12. Language proficiency:

a) What was your level of proficiency in the language of your host institution/country before going on the exchange?

Select from 1 - none to 5 - fluent):

b) How would you rate your level of proficiency in the language of your host country after going on the exchange?

(Select from 1 - none to 5 - fluent):

13. What recommendations can you make to future students concerning practical matters in preparation for the exchange? (Examples: application procedures, language preparation...)

## **ORIENTATION, SUPPORT, AND INTEGRATION**

*(Internet students, please omit items 14 through 32)*

14. On your arrival at the host institution, were you offered any of the following?

- Pick-up service/arrival help
- A welcome event
- An information session
- An orientation program

15. Were there any other events organised specifically for EWRES students during your stay?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please give examples below (please also indicate who organised the events):

16. How would you rate the degree of support (before and/or during your stay) from the following?

(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

- a) The home institution:
- b) Teachers at the home institution:
- c) The host institution:
- d) Teachers at the host institution:
- e) Student mentors:
- f) Student organization(s) at the host institution:
- g) Students at the host institution:
- h) Other EWRES/foreign students at the host institution:
- j) Services for disabled students at the host institution

17. How would you define your level of social integration with the following?

(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

- a) The local culture/society in general?
- b) Local students at the host institution?
- c) Other foreign students at the host institution?

18. Can you offer any tips/advice on social matters with respect to your host country/institution (cultural differences, the importance of language skills etc.)?

### **ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES AND COSTS**

19. Type of accommodation:

- University dormitory/apartment
- Private apartment or house with other students
- Private apartment (living alone)
- Other (please specify):

20. Who assisted you in finding housing?

- University housing office
- Friends/family
- Private market
- Student organisation
- Other (please specify):

21. What was the level/quality of university assistance for securing accommodation?

(Select from "Not Applicable" or 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

22. How would you rate the standard of housing where you lived?

(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

23. Housing cost per month (Euro):

24. How was the availability/accessibility of study resources (libraries, computer labs, lab rooms and equipment etc.) at the host institution?

(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

25. What was the access to/quality of computing resources and E-mail at the host institution?

(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

26. Please comment on the accessibility/affordability of course materials (textbooks, tools, lab materials etc.) at the host institution:

27. Please mark if you had to pay any of the following fees:

- Tuition
- Registration
- Equipment/laboratory usage

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Other (please specify):

28. What were your approximate expenses per month during your study period (including housing) in Dollars)?

29. How much more or less did you spend compared to what you normally do at home (select plus or minus and indicate the approximate difference in Dollars)?

30. To what degree did the EWRES grant assist you in financing your study period abroad?  
(Select from 1 - no degree to 5 - great degree):

31. EWRES grant payments

a) In how many installments did you receive your EWRES grant, and at what times?

b) Did you have any problems with receiving the grant in time?

No

Yes

If yes, please specify:

32. What (if any) were your other sources of funding (select all that apply)?

State grant/loan

Family contribution

Own savings

Private loan

Part-time work

Other (please specify):

### **ACADEMIC ISSUES**

33. Were you provided with a learning agreement prior to the commencement of your study period? (*What is a learning agreement?*)

Yes

No

34. What type(s) of exams did you take?

None

Written

Oral

Multiple Choice

Other (please specify):

35. Language of instruction:

36. Indicate the forms of teaching used during your studies:

Lectures

Seminars

Laboratory

Group studies

Self-studies

Project assignments

Online teaching

Other (please specify):

37. Rate the quality of instruction for your field of study at the host institution (Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

38. What were the main differences in instructional practices/methods/exams between your home institution and your host institution?

39. Was ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) used for any of your courses? (*What is ECTS?*)

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

40. Do you expect to receive academic credit at home for completing language courses?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

41. For your courses taken abroad:

a) Do you expect to (as far as you know) receive general academic recognition at home for courses taken?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

b) Do you expect to (as far as you know) receive academic credit for your courses abroad that is relevant to your degree requirements?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

42. Do you expect that your academic progression will be delayed as a result of your studies abroad?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

## OVERALL EXPERIENCE

43. Rate the academic outcomes/results of your EWRES exchange  
(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

44. Rate the personal outcome/results of your EWRES exchange  
(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

45. If you compare your expectations for the EWRES exchange to the actual results of it, what conclusions do you make? Did you receive your goals? Did you encounter any serious problems? What did you gain from the exchange in addition to your academic studies?

46. Which aspects of the exchange did you particularly appreciate?

47. Are you more likely to consider working in another country as a result of your EWRES experiences?

Yes

No

48. To what degree do you think the exchange will help you in your career?  
(Select from 1 - no degree to 5 - great degree):

49. Rate your overall satisfaction with the entire EWRES exchange  
(Select from 1 - poor to 5 - excellent):

50. Finally, do you have any suggestions for improving the EWRES exchange program?

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