



Please insert here at least one **PHOTO** of your traineeship stay abroad! Preferred motives are photos of your accommodation, of your work place, of being at work. Attention! Due to legal considerations we kindly ask you to send us only photos that have been taken by yourself!



STUDENT DETAILS

University department / faculty:	Department Architecture, Facility Management and Geoinformation
Field of study:	Architecture (DIA)
Home university:	Hochschule Anhalt
Nationality:	Indian
Duration of traineeship (<i>from ...to...</i>):	March 1st, 2020 to September 30th 2020

TRAINEESHIP INSTITUTION

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EXPERIENCE REPORT (approx. 3 pages + more photos if applicable)

1) Traineeship institution

Please give a brief description of your host traineeship institution.

It is a wonderful office working on various competitions and different types of projects from urban planning and architecture. I personally was a part of different projects and got a chance to be a part of different teams. Collaborated with different freelancers and worked on projects like Housing, town hall, resort villas etc. I personally feel it has been really exceptional that I could be a part of this firm as I also could contribute to making the final deliverables better.

2) Searching for a traineeship

How did you find your traineeship? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

I found it Google of course when I was searching for architecture firms that have several offices in Europe. So I came across this office which I liked because my design ideologies perfectly fitted the kind of work this firm/company has been doing.

3) Preparation

How did you prepare for your traineeship in terms of language, intercultural, professional and organisational aspects? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

I have been curious about working in an international team since years and this was not my first time working abroad in an architecture firm. With the help of my previous bachelor's internship, I was confident I would be doing well and mainly focusing on learning new things and traits from professionals of this field.

4) Accommodation

How did you find your accommodation? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

In my experience and after having the conversation with other foreigners in the city, 'Housing Anywhere' is the best possible option as it has all kinds of apartments/rooms ranging from 400 to 1000 Euros and further. At the same time you can look at the number of successful bookings by any landlord showcasing their multiple properties around the city.

One-time upfront cost / agency fees of Housing Anywhere is up to 150 Euros. Housing Anywhere is an online bookings platform and due to this viewings are sometimes not possible. That's why they only pay out to the landlord 48 hours after you move in. So, in case something goes wrong, Housing Anywhere will still have the money you paid online and can refund you.

Still making it a better option than getting scammed and ultimately you get an assured accommodation for the preferred time having the decent quality.

PS: Don't forget to go through the Rental Conditions which are different for every landlord.

5) Traineeship

Please describe the tasks and / or the projects carried out during your traineeship. In which way were you mentored and integrated? How were the working conditions? Did you have especially positive or negative experiences?

Here I learned about working in different teams with different freelancers and we contributed together to submit an amazing entry for the competition, (whose results are still to be declared). Really positive environment to be in and learned a lot in terms of office management and computational skills.

Since Corona had just started but i was lucky enough to be here on time and manage everything nicely and learned a lot by working in with different professionals and i am sure this experience will really serve me in future as it help me build up my self esteem.

During this period, I assisted with the following tasks and projects:

1) Tirana Town Hall, Albania (Competition Project)

- Creating concept designs and massing options
- Making 2D plans, elevations & sections.
- Detailed modelling of façade options and materials research
- 3D modelling of site and surrounding, main office town hall building (exterior & interior)
- Structure detail diagrammatic views, program distribution diagrams, axonometric views
- Blowup 3D details of key design elements of the project, furniture design options.

2) Residence Vysočany, Prague, Czech Republic (Competition Project)

- 3D modelling of site and surroundings
- 3D model of main residential tower buildings (exterior)
- 3D detail of terrace design.

3) Housing Project, Nijmegen, Netherlands (Competition Project)

- Part of the design team for creating concept designs and massing options
- Entire 3D model of the main housing complex with site and surroundings
- Rendering and visualization of the project
- Physical Site model of the project

4) Wuppertal Competition, Germany (Competition Project) (ongoing*)

- 3D modelling of the existing office complex with site and surroundings
- Involved in conceptual design and massing options

5) Carbon Based Design Research (ongoing*)

- Research about carbon sequestration and certificates in architecture, urban planning and landscape design.
- Part of research team working on how CO2 emissions could be restricted and stored within a building or landscape.
- Detailed CO2 emission material research

6) CF Office Management Works

- Setting up office library
- Tracking social media (office accounts)
- Developing posts for social media
- General Portfolio for Dutch Developers
- Design of Presentation Map with CF Projects till date
- Assembling and editing previous project sheets

6) Acquired qualifications

Which qualifications and skills could you acquire or improve during your traineeship?

- Building up self esteem
- Knowing my Self worth
- Got very architecturally sound, learned a lot about housing and office building projects
- Been part of competition teams therefore i know how to manage time nicely and finish work as per the urgency
- Computationally really well, learned different 3d softwares and visualization skills.

7) Country-specific features

Are there any specific traineeship regulations in the target country that affected you as an Erasmus trainee (e.g. France: housing allowance, convention de stage)? If yes, which ones? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

No

8) Visa, residence and work permit (only for international students)

Which prearrangements had to be made in terms of visa, residence and work permit? Are there any recommendable links or other helpful tips you would like to share?

https://ind.nl/en/work/working_in_the_Netherlands/Pages/Work-experience-as-trainee-or-apprentice.aspx

9) Other

Is there anything else you want to let other students know?

Keep trying and keep up the good work and you would definitely as well find an office that you like and would really appreciate each and everything about it.

10) Conclusion

What is the conclusion drawn after your traineeship experience abroad?

I am satisfied with the kind of experience i had and i would definitely say and request every student to experiment more and definitely try to gather more and more experience while you are studying as this would definitely serve us a lot during job search. I personally feel this Internship has made built my self esteema nd helped me know my worth and now i am confident that i would be a good assest to the organsiation wherever i go next. (As really grateful at the same time that i had Leonardo Office supporting me with finances while i could focus on becoming better version of myself)

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