

Internship Testimonial for DAAD Rise Professional 2018

Beak Consultants GmbH

Freiberg, Germany

Megha Shrestha

Dear Potential and Future DAAD Scholarship Holders,

Greetings from USA! I am currently a Ph. D. student in Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. I applied for Rise Professional program for summer 2018 and was fortunate enough to be accepted. I was thrilled and excited to gain this opportunity to work and live in Germany for few months. I worked in an organization named Beak Consultants GmbH for 2.5 months. It was in a city named Freiberg; a mining city full of mining culture and miners.

I was placed in the information technology (IT) section of the company. At the time of internship, I was enrolled in Master program in Geography back in USA. I was one year in my program when I joined this internship in Germany. I am an engineer by training so had a good knowledge about Geographic Information System, Remote Sensing and scripting. I was mostly responsible for creating automation scripts for mundane tasks in geospatial environment. I used python (arcpy) to script inside ArcGIS environment to automate geospatial work.

The whole team at my workplace was awesome and very helpful. The HR of my office helped me find a place to live and helped in all my documentations. My supervisors were always on board to help me learn new tasks and perform my works to my optimum skill set. I enjoyed every second I was in Germany. I was mostly assigned scripting tasks and got a great opportunity to learn and practice my programming knowledge in the geospatial field.

DAAD at the same time, as an organization was very supportive and communicative when it came to help us. They were very proactive in answering all my queries and helping with the visa application process. They made visa application to Germany very easy. The RISE family gathering in Heidelberg organized by DAAD was also very helpful and fulfilling. Meeting and engaging people from different academic background and working in different parts of Germany helped broaden my knowledge of Germany.

I loved every part of being in Germany and working there. DAAD scholarship helped me move through this experience very smoothly and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation for everything DAAD has done. I would also recommend every people who want to experience Germany and its working culture to give this scholarship a chance and maybe would be lucky enough to be a part of this wonderful experience.