

Academic Exchange Report with DAAD Scholarship Eastern Partnership

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My name is Demina Diana. My home university is St. Petersburg State University. At the beginning of my second year, I decided that in the second half of the year I would take part in a competition for an academic exchange to Germany. I completed my profile with strong achievements and in the spring of 2021 I was able to pass the competition among all students. I was nominated as an exchange student at Leibniz Universität Hannover. I was also able to pass the competition within LUH, where I was offered the opportunity to apply for a DAAD scholarship under the Eastern Partnership.



To receive a scholarship, you had to indicate your average score, write a motivation letter and receive a letter of recommendation from your supervisor. I approached filling out the questionnaire responsibly and provided all the necessary documents on time. In

August 2021, I received a reply that I received a scholarship from the Leibniz University Hannover from the DAAD funds as part of the Eastern Partnership program. I was very happy about this news, because without a scholarship it would be much more difficult for me to live and study in Hannover, because I come from a large family, and my younger brother and sister are a student and a schoolgirl, respectively.



Thus, I flew to Hannover on an exchange from St Petersburg University for the winter semester 2021-2022. It was the 5th semester of my studies (bachelor's degree). At LUH, I was enrolled in the Faculty of Humanities, but was free to choose courses from other faculties. My main subjects were sociology of conflicts, tourism and education, I also attended economic subjects. I really liked the opportunity to choose subjects that are slightly different from the main direction of study. Thanks to this, I was able to gain valuable experience in organizing and planning international projects, was able to attend lectures by guest speakers on entrepreneurship and participate in group work. I was also able to immerse myself more in the sociology of education through the chosen subject Understanding Education: Sociological Perspectives, which will help me in my studies at my home university.



Thanks to the DAAD scholarship, I was able to easily pay for the dormitory and insurance as well as travel to several German cities that were in and near my state of Lower Saxony. For example, I visited Bremen, Hamburg, Hameln, Bad Pymont and Wolfenbüttel. The trips to these cities were wonderful, I am glad that I had such an opportunity to broaden my horizons.





Also DAAD scholarship is one of the most prestigious scholarships so getting it will bring me a lot of benefit for my CV and my profile as a whole as I am considering Germany as a country for master or second higher education.

I express my gratitude to the DAAD Foundation for the opportunity to receive a scholarship. For me, it was not only financial support for my studies, but also recognition of all the work that I had already done earlier. And I plan to do my best to improve myself.

I look forward to collaborating again with the DAAD Foundation in my further education.

