

# STUDY ABROAD REPORT

You should upload/send this report **within 2 months** after the end of your stay abroad to Mobility Online (Joint Study) /send via e-mail (CEEPUS). You should also upload the confirmation of your stay abroad from your host university as well as the equivalence list signed by the dean after your mobility to Mobility Online (Joint Study)/send via e-mail (CEEPUS). If you should not fulfil these requirements it is possible that your whole study grant will be revoked (see letter of acceptance). Queries: [jointstudy@boku.ac.at](mailto:jointstudy@boku.ac.at) or [ceepus@boku.ac.at](mailto:ceepus@boku.ac.at)

## BASIC INFORMATION

1. Name of student: **Anonym**  
  
Study programme: **H 066 416**
2. Host university: **Lincoln University**  
Host country: **New Zealand**
3. Your period  
of stay: from **15 July 2024** to **10 November 2024**  
Study year: **2024**

## FEEDBACK FOR FUTURE STUDENTS

4. Information about the host university. How helpful were the following sources of information?

(Please enter a number between 1 and 5, where 1 = not helpful and 5 = very helpful):

Homepage of the host university	5
Students / friends	5
Teachers at BOKU	5
Curricula	5
Host university	5
BOKU International Relations	5
Other:	

5. How would you evaluate your ability in the language of the host university?

(1 = weak to 5 = excellent)

	Before your stay abroad					After your stay abroad				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Reading	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Listening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Speaking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Writing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**6. Languages of care/support at the host university and their use in percentage:**Language of care was German: ☐ Yes ☒ No

1.) English	100 %	3.)	%
2.)	%	4.)	%

**What recommendations would you give to future students about the host country and university? (Questions 7 -14)** Please give tips, sources of information, contacts, and links**7. Host country**

Take along a lot of warm clothes and hiking gear. The weather is often wet and especially in winter it can get a bit cold. The people there are very friendly and helpfull, if you are open minded and search for help you will find it easily. It is not a cheap country though and you should astimate that it is more expensive than in Austria.

**8. Host university**

The university is very nice. People are very helpfull and the introduction is amazing. If you have any questions there are a lot of options where you can find help if you need some and communication is very helpfull especially in the beginning when everything is new to you.

**9. To what extent did you feel socially integrated?**

(1 = not at all to 5 = very well)	1	2	3	4	5
in the local culture/community in general	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
with students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
with international students at the host university	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**10. Which contact person (at BOKU/the host university) helped you organise your stay abroad?**

Ulrike Piringer (Boku) and Li Hui (Lincoln)

**11. How would evaluate the general advice and help given in administrative matters?**

(Please give a number between 1 and 5, where 1 = not helpful and 5 = very helpful)

at BOKU International Relations	5
from teachers at BOKU	4
from the host university	5
from students at the host university	5
from others:	

**12. Registration process, financial support, other requirements**

Everything went smooth but you should start early enough with the process.

**13. Can you give advice and suggestions regarding the social aspect of your host country/university (cultural differences, importance of language ability etc.)?**

You should be able to speak english. Culturaly there is not that much difference compared to europe. You should be openminded and be interested in getting to know new people.

**14. Were there events organised especially for exchange students during your stay?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, please indicate which ones:**

There was a event where we presented our home university and country, a welcome event, where everybody abroad got greeted, a good bye event and some smaller ones in between.

**ACCOMMODATION, SERVICES, AND COSTS****15. What was your primary residence during your stay?**

- ☐ Student dormitory
 ☐ Hotel / guest house  
☐ Room in a private apartment
 ☐ own private apartment  
☒ Flat share with other students

**16. Who helped you look for accommodation?**

- ☒ Host university
 ☐ Friends/family  
☐ Housing market
 ☐ Other:

**17. How helpful was the host university in looking for a room?**

(1 = not helpful to 5 = very helpful)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☒ 5

**18. How would you evaluate the quality of the accommodation? (1 = poor to 5 = excellent)**

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☒ 4 ☐ 5

**19. How would you evaluate the availability and/or accessibility of assistance given during your studies (regarding for example the library, computer rooms, labs, equipment etc.)?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent)

☐ 1      ☐ 2      ☐ 3      ☐ 4      ☒ 5

**20. How would you evaluate the accessibility and/or quality of computers and email services at the host university?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent)

☐ 1      ☐ 2      ☐ 3      ☐ 4      ☒ 5

**21. Expenses during your stay abroad (in Euros):**

Travel costs (for a single return journey): 1000 €

Overall expenses per month (inc. Accommodation) 1140 €

Breakdown:

Accommodation	450	€ / Month
Food	550	€ / Month
Travel costs at place of study	0	€ / Month
Costs for books, photocopying, etc.	0	€ / Month
Study fees	140	€ / Month
Other:		€ / Month

## **OVERALL ASSESSMENT**

**22. How would you evaluate your stay abroad from an academic point of view?**

(1 = poor to 5 = excellent):

☐ 1      ☐ 2      ☐ 3      ☐ 4      ☒ 5

**23. How would you evaluate your stay abroad from a personal point of view?**

(1 = unsatisfactory to 5 = highly satisfactory):

☐ 1      ☐ 2      ☐ 3      ☐ 4      ☒ 5

**24. Which aspects of your stay abroad did you like the most?**

**From an academic point of view:**

Getting to know different point of views, beeing with a lot of different people from New Zealand and other parts of the world made discussions extremly interesting and changed some of my own views. Also learning about how New Zealand handles invasive species and their protection of their flora and fauna amazing to view.

**From a social/cultural point of view:**

I learned a lot about other cultures and people from around the world and how cooperation is very important even if it isn't always easy to achiev.

**25. Did you have any problems during your stay abroad?**

No

26. Will your academic progress at BOKU be hindered as a result of your stay abroad?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ I don't know

If yes, please explain why:

27. How could the Joint Study and student exchange programme be improved in your opinion?

I think there is not much room for improvement.

## General Report

**Short feedback on your stay: attended lectures, seminars, excursions, etc.**

Other things you found interesting, you think future students should know, problems, general tips and recommendations...

The stay was amazing. First when I arrived it was pretty cold and the flats isolation is near non-existent, so I was freezing a bit. However, with more blankets and the heater turned on it got better. The University of Lincoln is pretty nice. Everything is gathered on one big Campus where you can stay all week and use many rooms for learning. There is a nice Cafe where you can relax in between and they also have a gym with free membership which was amazing after a long day of learning for doing some exercise. Lincoln is a bit rural so keep in mind that if you need something special you maybe have to drive a little bit to get it.

I did attend three very nice courses. Wildlife Management, Integrated ecological management and Aspects of Sustainability. All courses were very nice with many interactions between the students and the lecturers. Discussion was always a big part of the courses which I liked very much.

## The last two questions

**What did you gain the most out of your stay abroad?**

I think my socialising skills went up a lot and my english got better too. Also I think that I gained a lot of cooperational skills.

**Which particular piece of advice would you give interested students?**

The University of Lincoln is amazing. The lecturers are very nice and try to encourage your critical thinking. You can learn a lot and get to know a lot of different cultures. To enjoy your stay and get the full experience you should not be limited by money and time. New Zealand is big and living there is expensive. Also during the semester the workload can get a bit much, so maybe plan some time after the semester for traveling.

**Many thanks for your support!**

### Publication of this report

I agree that this report, including the above data (field of study, host university, year of study, length of stay), will be published on the website of BOKU International Relations for the purpose of exchanging information on the study visit, so that future interested outgoings can be informed about your experience at the host institution.

☒ Yes      ☐ No

The consent is voluntary and can be withdrawn at any time in the future without giving reasons. Any revocation can be declared at any time by e-mail to [joinstudy@boku.ac.at](mailto:joinstudy@boku.ac.at).