



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Plant Sciences
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	4/11/2019 until 26/03/2020
Country (exchange)	New Zealand
City (exchange)	Lincoln
University (exchange)	Lincoln University
Faculty (exchange)	Faculty of Agriculture & Life Sciences

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

Because I was curious how studying in a foreign would be like.

What is the reason you chose for this country/university?

I preferred a country with a western culture, which is New Zealand. The university is known to do a lot of agricultural research which appealed to me.

3. Accessibility to reach destination

Do you have any tips to reach your exchange destination? (E.g. bus, train, etc.)

Flying is the only option.

4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

I did a thesis, so haven't followed any courses.

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

Not applicable

What is the culture of the university? (E.g. How approachable are the lecturers, engagement with local students? What are the differences with the WUR?)

The culture is similar to Wageningen. Because I did a thesis, I don't know how courses are like. The way I was supervised was very much like Wageningen and my supervisors were easy to reach when I had questions.

What does the university offer the student additionally? (E.g. Catering, sports facilities, laundry facilities?)

There is a sport centre, comparable to the bongerd. There is also a restaurant on campus, but I always took my own lunch.

5. Housing-travelling-living

What are the possibilities for housing? (E.g. Availability to sign up for a room on campus, private rooms, rent rates?)

There is housing on campus which people from the university can arrange for you. But I rather lived in town, so I got a room in a student flat through Facebook.

What is the culture of the country like? (E.g. Differences with home, local cuisine, habits, manners?)

Because it is a very western country, I haven't noticed real differences. It basically felt like home.

Could you give a general price indication of the place of residence compared to living in Wageningen?

I lived in a pretty nice flat which was about 400 euro's per month. Living on campus is more expensive, around 500 euro's. There were also rooms that were much cheaper, but those places didn't look very nice.

Could you give some information about public transport infrastructure? (E.g. Cost public transport card, taxi prices, how to travel to the university?)

I could walk to the university because I lived very close by. Some people live in Christchurch or another town around Lincoln. Then a car would be necessary. Public transport from Lincoln to Christchurch is very good and cheap. For only 2,50 euro you can travel unlimited by bus for 2 hours.

6. Free time

What are must-sees in the area? (E.g. nearby destinations, how do you prefer to travel, when to plan?)

There are nice beaches in Christchurch and I like the views in the Banks of Peninsula as well. The rest of New Zealand is also very beautiful.

What does not appear in the travel guide, but is worth a visit?

Haven't been to such a place. New Zealand is very touristic so mostly everything is described.

Do you have general tips and tricks about leisure time (E.g. recommendations for restaurants, going out?)

No.

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

Not having the social life that I'm used to in the Netherlands. I was in NZ when it was winter in NL, so I had an extra summer. This seemed very nice, but ended up as a wrong decision as the campus is completely empty and there are 0 activities organized by the student association. This is different when you go in NL summer/ NZ winter. I heard it would be much more fun than.

What was your best memory abroad?

Having an extra summer with only 6 days of rain in 5 months! Loved the weather here.

8. Contact details (optional)

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