



WUR Goes Abroad

1. Student Information

Field of study in Wageningen	Plant Breeding and Genetic Resources
Study period exchange (dd/mm/yyyy)	01/08/2022 until 05/08/2022
Country (exchange)	Denmark
City (exchange)	Aarhus
University (exchange)	Aarhus Universitet
Faculty (exchange)	Center for Quantitative Genetics and Genomics

2. Motivation for exchange

Why did you choose to go on study exchange?

As I am based at a research centre in Ireland for my PhD study I am limited with available Courses. I really needed to gain some skills in bioinformatics that I didn't have available. When this course came up it was exactly what I needed and in perfect timing when I didn't have to be in the lab or the field and I could go for the full week. So it was great opportunity

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

The lecturers for this course are expert in this field and I have strong recommendation from my supervisors and colleagues to attend.

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3. Accessibility to reach destination

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

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4. University and studying

Could you provide some general information about the followed courses?

	Course	ECTS	Short description of the contents	Appreciation of course: 1(low) – 5(high)	Remarks
1	Gene Mapping	5	Statistics and bioinformatics in gene mapping and Association studies	5	Very good course! Comprehensive, informative, well organised, great teachers. You need to know some basics before.
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How is the study formalized? (E.g. study forms, academic level, examination, workload, lesson material)

In person, 8:30 TO 15:30 every day, lectures and exercises, Master level or PhD, assignment and oral exam in the end of the course. The exam was online.

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?)

Lecturers are very approachable and helpful, the course was summer time so university facilities close very early, like the library close at 14:00, canteen close at 15:00.

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

There were some activities, but most were during course time so I am not sure how we were supposed to join them, maybe they are for students that come for longer terms.

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?)

The housing offered by the university is not good, 8-16 people sharing a bathroom and a kitchen. I had to take a cheap hotel, which cost about 100 euro a night the cheapest I could find. And it was not a nice place, noisy and not clean. But Denmark is expensive and I couldn't afford something better. But for one week it was ok, and I spend most of the day in the University anyway

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

Very expensive, people are kind and helpful

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

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

Bus from Billund airport to Aarhus is 27 euro

Tram/bas from city centre to university is 2.2 euro one way

Lunch/sandwich in the canteen is about 5-6 euro,

All museums cost money, so the museum in Aarhus was 20 euro

A beer is 5-6 euro

6. Free time

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

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

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

7. Challenges & best moment abroad

What was a challenge you have experienced?

It was very expensive for me. so that prevented me from doing too much really, I focused on the course, and I stayed everyday in university after the course to do the exercise and the assignments

What was your best memory abroad?

The course was brilliant, I learnt so much and I am now applying it to my data. So I am very happy about that

8. Contact details (optional)

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