

IAESTE Switzerland

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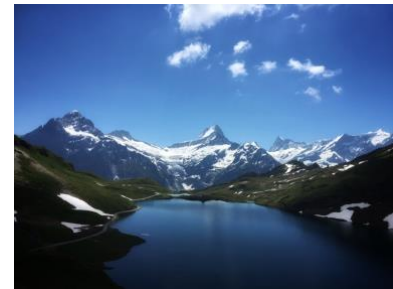
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Experience Abroad

Whilst working in Switzerland I had the opportunity to explore what is a fantastic country and met some wonderful people along the way, both as part of IAESTE and through my work!



My first weekend I headed straight for the spectacular Grindelwald nestled in the heart of the Bernese Oberland.



Adjacent to the Aletsch glacier with views over the Eiger, the Jungfrau and the Monch this region is a must visit!

The wonders of Switzerland do not end there! Though the country may be famed for its natural beauty there is an abundance of vibrant city culture to explore, from Zürich and Basel in the German-speaking region to the centre of global diplomacy in Geneva.

Experience at Work

Working at the Fachhochschule in Brugg provided exposure to a variety of different Swiss businesses in several different areas of engineering. The international aspect of this experience I hope will be useful moving forward in my career. I was also involved in the research environment which was a new and very much positive experience.

I also hope I was able to impart some of British culture to my work environment, something a little beyond Brexit and beer! The work I was involved in resulted in the submission of a scientific paper to a research journal so as well as contributing to the knowledge base of the team I was working in there will hopefully be a wider impact as well.

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My experience with IAESTE was fantastic. The organisation from the outset is a great help with providing the platform to search for positions abroad and the support continues right to the end of the internship. The networking aspect is also very helpful – particularly with settling in and meeting other interns from all over the world – the ski weekend was a particular highlight for me!

A Few Photos

