

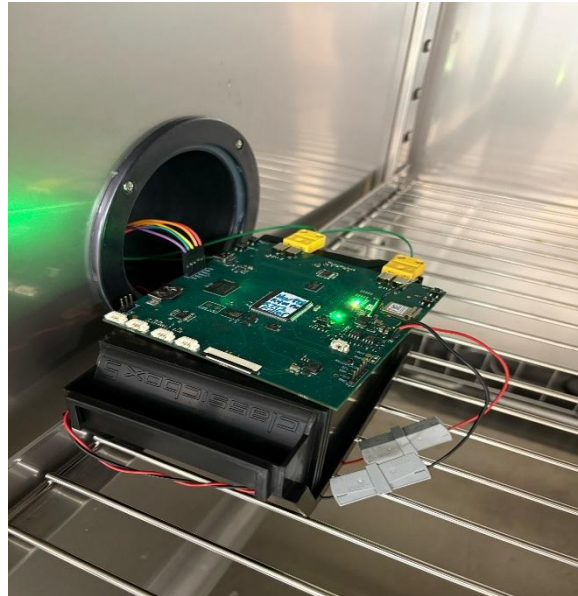
# Nine Months in Switzerland

## IAESTE Internship

### Electrical Engineering

May 2025 – January 2026

From May 2025 to January 2026, I completed an internship that provided both valuable engineering experience and significant personal growth. Coming from an electrical engineering background, I was able to further develop my technical skills in embedded systems, computational programming, and automation through hands-on work with C/C++, Python, and LabVIEW. The company fostered a very positive and supportive environment where I felt genuinely integrated into the team despite being an intern. I was trusted with responsibilities on important projects, and my ideas and contributions were consistently valued, which greatly strengthened my confidence as an engineer. I was also given opportunities to collaborate with external companies and participate in company work trips, allowing me to gain professional experience beyond the office environment.



*Testing a prototype PCB*

Outside of work, the internship offered an incredible cultural experience living in Switzerland. The work culture encouraged a healthy work-life balance, making it easy to take vacation time to explore Switzerland and neighboring countries using the country's highly developed public transportation system. My coworkers were welcoming and patient as I learned German, and over time I achieved a B1 level, which was greatly appreciated even though I did not speak the local Swiss dialect. Through IAESTE-organized trips and the experience of adapting to a completely new country, language, and culture, I grew significantly as a person. Although living far from friends and family was challenging at times, the experience was ultimately unforgettable and one that I believe everyone should have the opportunity to pursue.



*Weekend trip to Appenzell*



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