



BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG-STIPENDIUM FOR STUDENTS

PERSONAL REPORT

Please upload your personal report to BWS-World, the online portal of the *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM*, at the latest four weeks after your scholarship stay has ended. Note that the International Office of your university may request the report already earlier.

Please use the box labelled "personal report" in the documents section of your personal profile. You can upload the report in Word or PDF format. The file size should not exceed 4 MB.

If you have any questions, please contact the International Office of your university or write to studierende@bw-stipendium.de.

Name:

E-mail address:

Home university:

Soochow University

Host university:

DHBW Stuttgart

Period of the exchange
from - until:

09.2023-11.2023

Creation date:

10.11.2023



I hereby agree to my report being published on the websites of the *Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM* (www.bw-stipendium.de) and of the Baden-Württemberg Stiftung (www.bwstiftung.de) as well as on BWS-World, the portal of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM.

Notes on Writing the Personal Report

Feel free to be as creative as you like. We look especially forward to innovative and original forms of presentation (e.g. video, blog etc.).

Of course, you may also share your experiences with the scholarship by answering the key questions below.

As a general rule, your personal report should not exceed the length of 5 pages incl. cover sheet.

If you have an exceptional idea for your report, please coordinate with your international office or with the staff of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM (studierende@bw-stipendium.de).

PREPARATIONS FOR THE STAY ABROAD

How did you find out about the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM?

I followed the instructions on the website and signed up for the program.

Did you have contact with other scholarship holders of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM before you left or abroad? Did you participate in an event (e.g. summer festival or annual meeting) of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM before or during your stay?

I did contact with other scholarship holders. During my stay I participated in many events like Online Academy and Christmas Event.

STUDYING AT THE HOST UNIVERSITY

At which host university did you spend your semester abroad? Why did you choose this university in this country?

I spend my semester abroad at DHBW Stuttgart. I major in German and never been to Germany before. Also I wanted to find a job in Germany. So I choose Duale Hochschule to study.

Were there any major differences compared to your home university? What were they?

My university has many departments, such as language, economics, law and engineering, etc. German schools have fewer departments, such as economics, education, etc. The teaching contents of the two universities are also different. Taiwanese universities emphasize more on theoretical learning, while German universities emphasize more on theory and practice.

How did you prepare for your stay abroad?

I have asked some of my classmates who are studying in Germany. After that, I looked up information about studying in Germany on the internet. I also asked the German Association in Taiwan about some things to be aware of when studying in Germany.

Would you recommend the host university to other students? Why or why not?

Of course I will definitely recommend my classmates to the host university. The teachers in the International

Office were very responsible and organized many activities, such as a visit to Swansea Castle.

LIFE IN YOUR HOST COUNTRY

Was it difficult to find your way in the host country? What surprised you the most?

I think it was quite easy to integrate into German life, just like staying in my hometown. Maybe it was because of my previous experience of traveling abroad and I had studied German and German culture during my university studies.

Besides that, the thing that surprised me the most during my time in Germany is that German cinemas are dubbed in German, which I think is very special, because in Taiwan we have movies dubbed in the original language with Chinese subtitles, but in Germany they are dubbed completely in German without subtitles.

Which experience do you remember particularly well?

In Germany it is very cheap to buy things, often with discounts, and you don't find it difficult to make ends meet. For example, clothes, shoes, food and entertainment. My favorite activity in Germany is to go to the movies every Tuesday, because Tuesday is movie day, so the ticket price is cheap and you can train your German listening skills. The popcorn at the movie theater was delicious, plus the chairs were comfortable and the screen was big, so it was a great atmosphere.

What advice would you give other scholarship holders coming to this host country?

My suggestions are as follows. The first suggestion is to learn German, like other international students, if you don't know German, you can't integrate into the local life in Germany.

The second suggestion is to participate in the activities organized by the school, which are very meaningful and can help you to know more about the German culture.

The third suggestion is to take the classes seriously. The courses are very practical and can be applied to your work when you return to your home country.

PERSONAL CONCLUSION AND OUTLOOK

What did you expect from studying abroad? Were these expectations met?

At first it was too hard in Germany, with all the paperwork and information, such as naturalization, transport tickets, mobile internet charges, bank accounts, etc...I really didn't know it would be so troublesome.

Compared to other countries, Germany is more difficult.

In hindsight, what were the most important lessons learned for life during your stay abroad?

I think the most important thing I learned in Germany is to be independent. I used to be able to ask my family and friends to help me with everything in Taiwan, but now that I'm on my own in a foreign country, I have to

take care of things on my own, such as opening a bank account and getting on a plane.

Would you recommend the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM?

I would recommend the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM. Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM offers a lot of activities for the students, which help us to understand German culture better and to contact students from all over the world.

DETERMINING CO₂ emissions via the CO₂ calculator on BWS-World



I hereby agree to record the air travel undertaken in connection with *the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM* in the CO₂ calculator on BWS-World. I also agree that the Baden-Württemberg Stiftung may use this data for compensation purposes and carry out anonymous evaluations.

Which CO₂ emissions caused by your air travel within the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM did you calculate using the CO₂ calculator on BWS World? (Note: only outward and return flights as well as max. 1 flight home for stays of more than 6 months are to be taken into account)

I'm flying to Germany on 9/1 and will return to Taiwan at the end of February next year, I calculate using the CO₂ calculator on BWS World.

Please also specify the determined emissions in your profile on BWS World in section *Documents/ CO₂ Footprint*.

CO₂ Footprint (0 entries)



Thank you very much for your openness and your time.

We wish you all the best for your future and hope that you will stay a part of the Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM network, e.g. in one of the national and international Regional Chapters.

Are you interested?

Then have a look at [BWS-World](#) and [Regional Chapters - Baden-Württemberg-STIPENDIUM \(bw-stipendium.de\)](#)