

Report on completion of the short-stay study abroad program

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Destination country : USA

Receiving univ./institute : JOHN HOPKINS MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Period of study : 6WEEKS

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Description of the receiving university: Johns Hopkins pioneered the concept of the modern research university in the United States and has ranked among the world's top such universities throughout its history. As of 2011, thirty-seven Nobel Prize winners have been affiliated with Johns Hopkins, and the university's research is among the most cited in the world.

Overview of Program: The purpose of “short study abroad program” is to provide opportunities to pursue research in pioneer institutes abroad and to perform in-depth studies with a number of distinguished researchers. As my 16 year of education was in English so I didn't need to prepare for language while going there.

Experiences, such as travel, sports, etc.: I worked in one of the best lab of my field but on different model organism and approaches, because my motive was to learn more techniques that can be helpful in my future project and will also help me to accumulate novel ideas.

I also experienced first time live American football game and tasted many varieties of cheese cakes.

About Expenses: Amount that SOKENDAI provided was not suffice to meet the need of my complete stay, so instead of hotel I lived in a studio apartment but still my total expense was more and that time I didn't get any RA money (as I was not in Japan), so I paid twice living expenses one in Japan (my apartment) and also in US.

Announcement: One more important thing apart from research that I learned there is the balancing acts between research and social life.

Confirmation: Research in Japan is more authentic and SOKENDAI provides best of research facilities.....so enjoy your research life in Japan.