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Status of course/research progress

The purpose of the program is for me to acquire technical skills in an international department that is specialized in electrophysiology and to expand my development as a neuroscientist in an international setting. The department recently moved to a new and fashionable building with much space and high tech equipment. Interestingly, all labs are integrated in an open space rather than being separated as isolated units. This allows more communication between labs and I experience the atmosphere as friendly and relax. My supervisor helped me to build up my own experimental setup. I have conducted some trial experiments. At this stage I am already starting to become more independent. My work progresses gradually in good communication with my supervisor.

Life situation

During my first 2 weeks I have stayed in a shared house with other students and working people which was awesome. On my second day my supervisor picked me up and provided me a nice tour in Canberra and the University campus. The weather here is opposite to that of Japan, so it is chilly and dry at this time of the year. Canberra is a small peaceful city that sometimes looks like an open zoo where hopping kangaroos and other creatures can be seen. Since everybody speaks English it becomes easy for me to settle down quickly and independently. Now I have my own comfortable studio apartment close to the school and center. I am receiving tremendous support from my kind supervisor and members of the lab for settling down inside and outside the lab.