

EXCHANGE STUDENT EVALUATION REPORT

Dear Grant Recipient:

The Scan|Design Foundation requests that BTC Danish Exchange students submit an evaluation report concerning their experiences and the services provided by the institutions that manage grant programs funded by the Scan Design Foundation. This report has a dual purpose: to help us to evaluate our current programs and to help us inform and orient grant seekers who will be future recipients. We ask you to reflect on your experiences in Denmark. Advice or comments on other topics are also welcome.

Thank you for your cooperation. We appreciate your time and effort.

PLEASE TYPE YOUR REPORT (**ESSAY STYLE**) AND SUBMIT IT AS AN E-MAIL ATTACHMENT (.pdf) TO Admin@scandesignfoundation.org. THANK YOU!

EVALUATION OUTLINE:

Please list your name, and institution in Denmark where you studied, term/year of participation, and your e-mail address at the top of your report.

1. WHY AND WHERE:

a. Why did you decide to study in the US or Denmark as an exchange student?

After I had a chance to host a student from Demark which was an amazing experience.

b. What were your expectations?

I really had no idea what to expect except it would be flat and rainy.

c. What preparations did you make prior to departure?

Just the usual printed maps of the areas and got some books on Copenhagen and Denmark and of course my passport.

d. How could you improve your preparations?

Just by studying more of the history which is so deep so we could find more cool spots to visit.

2. ARRIVAL/ON-SITE ORIENTATION:

a. Please recommend accommodations for future students upon arrival.

Well most hotels in Copenhagen are very small and I thought that the Cabin inn was a perfect location to see the city from.

b. Please comment on the orientation and activities offered at both your home College and the host College, what did it cover and how did it help you adapt?

The students went so far out of their way to help us feel welcome and the ropes safety course was so cool and just the general tours of how students live over there was really cool. Their education system I thought was top notch and very interesting to learn how they work and go to school through their future employers.

3. ACADEMICS/TECHNICAL EDUCATION:

a. Please evaluate the instruction you received. Compare the following to your home institution's system:

Class Registration

It was pretty much the same except they could combine programs like diesel mechanics and welding where we cannot.

Classroom Structure

Was pretty much the same - not much difference.

Instruction

The instructors I thought were great and well knowledge and related to the students well while maintaining good discipline.

Teacher/Student Relations

Like I said it was very good and they each respected each others position as teacher and student.

Library, Computer, and Classroom Facilities

I found all their facilities to be top notch except their library was great, but the best was the cafeteria I was blow away by how well they eat and the quality of food it makes our food look like garbage. (no offense)

b. Please evaluate the quality and content of instruction.

I thought the instructors were nothing but the best you could have at a school.

c. In general, what did you like best and least about the academics?

Well the tours got old but seeing actual built and running diesel motors in the classroom was amazing considering our school doesn't have anything close to that. And the safety tower ropes course was just great.

d. Are there any recommendations you would make to future students related to the education you received?

Make sure you check out both the school and that you try to climb the big tower if not too windy and check out the diesel motors they have.

4. HOUSING:**a. How would you assess the housing arrangements?**

It was way better than I thought suburb.

b. How were you introduced to your housing when you arrived?

Greeted by about ten very friendly people excited to talk with you

c. What would you recommend?

The exact same it was great

5. EXCHANGE SITE:

In general, please describe your impressions of the host College campus and its location and surrounding community.

Esbjerg was a beautiful town with lots to do especially with help from the students and the college and campus was far better than I ever imagined.

6. HEALTH AND SAFETY:

Please describe any health or safety concerns (e.g., quality of medical facilities, unsafe districts, theft, etc.) associated with your study.

There was none at all.

7. CULTURAL ASPECTS:**a. How did you integrate into the host country culture and meet members of the community?**

I found it was very easy to integrate and mingle with people.

b. Describe cultural differences and challenges you encountered and how you addressed them. (e.g., gender issues, social etiquette, stereotypes, etc.)

One thing I notice is you don't see many police people there have a great respect for each other and the one cultural difference I did notice is that men are a lot friendly with each other in a good way in America people are too afraid of all the stereotypes

7. FINANCIAL:

a. Please describe how the Scan|Design Foundation Grant assisted you / made a difference in your decision to study abroad.

I wouldn't have gone if it wasn't for ScanDesign foundation.

b. What is the best way to access/transfer money?

I just carried cash.

c. How much spending money do you recommend per week?

Please include food, transportation, etc. About a 1000 dollars or so if u want to have a good time and experience as much as possible

d. Please note any unexpected expenses you incurred.

I lost 2 sets of keys at the hotel that they charged me about 200 dollars American for

e. Please comment on the relative "cost of living" between your home College and the host College.

It is not quite the same because they have free housing and we don't

8. EXCHANGE/SCAN|DESIGN FELLOWSHIP ADMINISTRATION:

a. Please evaluate services and effectiveness of BTC's Instructional Lead and the College's administrative support.

Jeff did an upstanding job especially with his knowledge of the area and his scheduling of events made for such a nice time.

9. PROGRAM/STUDENT TYPE:

Please describe the type of student for whom this exchange is best suited and what advice would you give to future students.

The student that is best to go should be open for anything probably not in a relationship and have a want to experience the culture over there which I thought was the best.

10. OVERALL EXPERIENCE:

a. How would you rate the quality of the overall experience?

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b. How realistic were your academic and personal expectations and how did the Scan|Design Grant make a difference?

It was above all my expectations and I wouldn't have afforded to go if it wasn't for ScanDesign.

c. What did you consider to be the greatest benefit and challenge of studying abroad?

Greatest benefit would be to travel and experience all different kinds of cultures and the way people live. The only downside would be how to afford it.

FEEL FREE TO ADD OTHER COMMENTS YOU MAY HAVE.

I would just like to thank the ScanDesign team for granting me one of the greatest experiences of my life I would do it again in a heartbeat again thankyou

Sincerely

Charles Rinehart