

Trainee's Report

Date of Trainee: September-December 2017

I did my Trainee in Zurich at the Institute for good food and healthy environment called Agroscope. Agroscope is affiliated with the Federal Office for Agriculture. They do researches in agriculture, nutrition and environment.

I spent three months in the breeding research for grain and silage maize. Appropriate german knowledge is important because most of the team members are not able to speak english well.

My part of work was a big amount of manual and outside work. Most of the time I helped harvesting the maize.

My job was also to take some samples for analysis in the laboratory. It was my job to weight and dry them before the samples were send there.

On rainy days I did some work inside on my desk. One task was to charge temperature and rainfall curves for different areas in Switzerland. Besides I spent some time at the TKG (Thousand grain weight) to evaluate the size of crops (buckwheat and lenses). Furthermore I cleaned samples from mud and stones.

I was intergrated in a good team. After work we did like to spent some time together aswell. Especially my supervisor was a kind and friendly person. He was very interested in making my stay in Switzerland as comfortable as possible for me. Every morning he explained patiently and in detail our tasks during the working day.

During my stay in Switzerland I lived in the guesthouse from Agroscope. The accomodation is directly next to the working place and you share it with other Trainees from all over the world. Even if the accomodation is very spartan, you will find everything you need (except from WiFi). You will reach a supermarket and the train station by feed within 20 minutes.