

English Writing E-Portfolio

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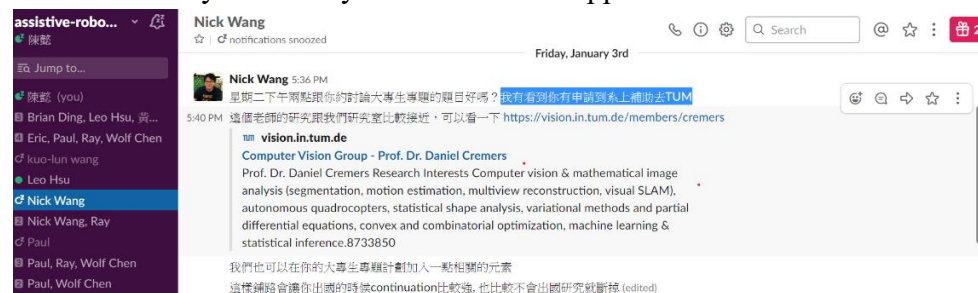
What was my application?

Type of application: Student exchange

Name of school: Technical University of Munich (TUM)

The result:

Although the department office has not issued a formal announcement, the instructor in my laboratory told me that the application was submitted.



(This is “slack”, a platform our lab used for communication.)

Why did I apply for this?

My reason to choose this application:

The reason I choose to apply for an exchange rather than an institute or a job is because that is what I need. As a junior student, it is not yet time to submit an application for the Institute; nor is it necessary to apply for a job. I believe this course is for students who need to write a formal application document, and exchange students are actually a formal document application..

How I hunted for choices:

There are too many schools to choose from for exchange students. A form opened full of school names, and I didn't know them at the beginning. I used two methods to understand more: public information and other people's experience. The part of the public information includes the introduction and compilation of the school (this can be found on the school's official website), evaluation of the school by the media or companies. The experience of others is not limited to the Internet. I went to find the seniors who have been exchanged or are currently exchanging abroad, and talked to them about local life, school atmosphere and even the taste of the school restaurant.

The requirements for this application

Basic requirements:

Chinese and English autobiography, Chinese and English transcripts (including class ranking and department ranking), Chinese and English certificate of enrollment (including average grade, class ranking, class size), Copy of TOEFL results.

Other requirements:

Online application form, Examination from each department, Department course list, Chinese and English study planning.

Reflect

What I did right:

I planned ahead and prepared ahead. In my freshman year, I took good care of my grades in order to maintain the qualifications of applying exchange. I also took listening and speaking courses in my sophomore year because of the arrangement to take TOEFL. Finally, I chose this course this semester, allowing me to write the autobiography, resume and other materials at the pace of the teacher, so that most of the time when I apply, I just need to organize.

What I did wrong:

My hesitation caused me to miss the best opportunity. I had found my class guide before the end of my sophomore year and asked him to write a recommendation letter for me. He said no problem, however, when I talked to the laboratory professor at the beginning of this semester about the application for exchange students, he thought that most of the students went out for exchanges to play, and they didn't learn anything, which wasted a semester. His words made me hesitant, so I didn't go to the class guide to write a recommendation letter. At the end of this semester, I finally decided that I still had to apply, and when I went to the guidance professor, he turned to support me to pursue my dream because of my good performance and serious attitude. However, it is too late to ask the class guide to write a recommendation letter, since there are only three days left to apply.



How to improve:

I think it's normal to hesitate because of others' suggestions and ideas, but you should set a schedule and choose a day, then don't regret after that day. This will ensure that you have enough time for your arrangements. For example, ask your class guide to write a recommendation letter.

Conclusion

What I learn:

This application has allowed me to learn a complete application process. Some people may say that I applied for an exchange student, not a job or a research institute, but the information to be prepared is nothing more than that. My autobiography has been revised many times by the teacher, because it is not specific enough, the teacher hopes that I can write in the direction of applying for a research institute. Therefore, although my autobiography is used to apply for exchange this semester, it can still be used as a basis for applying for a research institute next year.

Did I like this activity:


I really like this event because it is very meaningful. Some people who come to take this course want to apply for a job, some want to apply for a research institute, and some people like me want to apply for something else. Throughout the semester, the teacher will take you through each material step by step. At the end of the semester, we write a general review of the learning process so that we can browse the entire process by reading this e-portfolio in the future.



(a slide in TUM)

Attachment

1. Cover letter
2. Resume
3. Autobiography
4. Study planning



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Test Taker Name: **Yi Chen**
Test Appointment Number: 5522610191003851

Your Scores from Test Date:
October 26, 2019

Total (0-120)	Reading (0-30)	Listening (0-30)	Speaking (0-30)	Writing (0-30)
82	19	23	21	19

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To whom it may concern,

I am an undergraduate, studying in National Chiao Tung University, willing to take a semester of courses in Technical University Munich. All my friends told me that this is the best mechanical university in German. Since German is the country, I look forward to go when I am a high school student, I hope to catch this chance. With a heart loves to try all aspects and not scared to face all challenges, I will hopefully have a nice integration into this college.

As a man who have lived in Africa for three years and move to different cities because of my father's job, I am outgoing and easy to join in any culture. With various clubs and competition experiences, it is confident for me to get familiar with German's life style. For addition, I had study German for two semesters as a preparation, believing it will help for the days in German.

I can be contacted at +886-978-352-535 or e-mailed at ezrafollower.eed06@nctu.edu.tw. I look forward to hearing from you soon. Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Education

NATIONAL CHIAO TUNG UNIVERSITY, Taiwan, R.O.C., Bachelor of Engineering
Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering (expected) Sept. 2017 – July 2021

CONCORDIA MIDDLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, Taiwan, R.O.C. Sept. 2011 – July 2017

Relevant Coursework

Calculus, Physics, Logic Design and Lab, Computers and Programming, Principle of Microcomputer, Object Oriented Programming, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Electronics Lab, Circuit Theory, Differential Equation, Probability, Signals and Systems, Intelligent Robotics Laboratory, Artificial Intelligence, Automatic Control Systems, Operating Systems

Leadership

Team Leader of Saxophone Group in NCTU WWIND BAND	Sept. 2019 – Jan. 2020
Vice President of NCTU GO CLUB	Sept. 2018 – July 2019
Founding member of PARKOUR CLUB	Mar. 2017
Head of CONCORDIA ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE GROUP	Mar. 2014 – Jan. 2015
Representative of Taiwan in SAKURA SCIENCE PROGRAM	July 2015

Awards, Honors, Scholarships

"Second place" in NCTU FRESHMEN CUP PROGRAM COMPETITION	2018
"Outstanding Volunteer Awards" in THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY	2016
"Fourth in place" in 2015 IMC&OMC INTERNATIONAL MATHEMATICS COMPETITION	2015
"Champion" in CHIAYI CITY SPORTS MEETING	2013

Language Skills

English
TOEFL(82/120),TOEIC(815/990)
Chinese
Mother tongue
German

Computer Skills

C, C++, Python, Html, ROS, CSS, Linux, Verilog

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Autobiography

My dad is a doctor, but his goal of life is not making money but helping others. He always told me that we should go to the place which needs us most. As a result, I lived in Malawi, Africa for three and a half years before my elementary school. The life there was simple, playing with dogs, running in the garden or chatting with gardeners. I always used my imagination with my sister, we made a chair to be a boat floating on the ocean, and we suddenly became the pilots, or we assumed our dogs as horses and ourselves as the soldiers,, wearing towels for cloak. My childhood makes me creative and active.

In high school, I became an outgoing and versatile student. I joined CONCORDIA ROTARY YOUTH SERVICE GROUP, which main goal is helping others, just as my dad did. I had nice relationships with other members. After a year, by voting, I became the leader of the club. This made me often joining our mother club- Rotary GROUP, to take presentation on stage about what we have done and what we plan to do, asking for advices or sponsors. Being a leader in a youth club and attaching to a national club improves my leadership and social skills.

My story about my high school life is not about to end. I joined a choir, attending science fairs, got awards in racing. Let me mention the most special activity I joined: I represented Taiwan with other 20 chosen teenagers from different schools. We participated in

SAKURA science program, invited by Japan ministry of science, and went on short visit to share, to communicate, and to learn. During the trip, I used my knowledge in physics and math to interpret everything I saw, I also teach other members if they needed. I made a friend with an India boy and chatting with him make me familiar with India accent. Expanding multiple aspect is the best portrayal for my high school life.

Becoming a student in university didn't stop my journey of exploring my ability and my limit, I kept trying new things: I learn German, play saxophone in pipe band, do project in lab, participate in programming competition. I face lots of trouble and challenges but I never give up. For example, I have a hard time learning programming skill at first, but I try to find my way to be familiar with the rules and algorithm, I trace my code and run through it by brain and write down all locations of registers and pointers on paper. This way of learning cost time but truly improves my programming skill, making a good foundation for me in NCTU FRESHMEN CUP PROGRAM COMPETITION. Being a student willing to try and get over every challenge is my motto throughout my college.

I am not perfect, but I am a creative and active person with leadership and social skills, loving to explore every probability, more importantly. I like to try and will not give up easily. Just as the mission statement in Technical University of Munich: We invest in talents. Recognition is our return. I believe that I am the talent qualified to learn in this campus.

Study Planning

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(A) short term:

1. Academic aspects:

As a Junior, I will take the professional subjects carefully to prepare for courses in graduate school.

Besides, I will take some interesting courses. While being familiar with subjects aside from electrical and computer engineering, I can be more familiar with different aspects.

2. Foreign language:

The school has a language center, and every semester there are lots of high-quality foreign language courses. Now that I have completed German (1) and (2), I plan to keep studying in German (3). To learn basic life terms, and also more about foreign cultures

3. Club:

I participated in the wind band, the go club and the badminton team. Developing music and sports, maintaining a balanced development between physical and mental. Before the exchange, I will continue to have a variety of interests and cultivate myself as a broader person.

4. Time planning.

In response to the increasing amount of activities and the difficulty of professional subjects, I found that time has become more and more precious. Therefore, time planning has become a compulsory life course, and it must be continued and cannot be slackened.

(B) remote planning:

1. To the next level:

In addition to solidly studying professional subjects, I will participate in various competitions. In addition to review my learning effect of those subjects. Besides, by the game, I will cooperate with my teammates. Making myself more willing to cooperate. In the summer vacation, I will go to some interested companies to practice. By internship, I am able to understand the company's culture, the ecology of the industry. Then, I can be more familiar with the workplace before I enter the industry.

2. Leave my comfort zone:

Hope to leave my comfortable zone. Wish to learn some special foreign knowledge and cultures. Desire to recognize the people and things in other countries. I will try my best to prepare for the exchange abroad to have more capacity to take on more challenges. Besides, wish I can become a respected adult having the ability to be used by other people.