

Rise 2011 Report

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When I was first accepted on to the RISE programme, I was worried that the language barrier would be a great problem, and that I would struggle to find accommodation in time, fortunately neither of these worries proved true, mostly due to the great hospitality shown by those I met.

Prior to leaving England, I emailed my PhD student supervisor and we discussed accommodation, eventually he found one of his friends who had needed someone to sublet with him as his flatmate was working abroad. However, because the other flatmate didn't leave until July, my PhD supervisor let me stay in his apartment for the last week of June when I first arrived in Konstanz.

Before starting my internship, the DAAD provided a 2-week language course in Munich which I was able to attend. This was fortunate, since my twin brother was also on the RISE programme (although working far away in Berlin), and so it meant I didn't have to leave England alone. The language course was one of the best parts of my time in Germany, I made good friends with someone on the language course who worked in Munich and we would later visit Ulm and Basel together. Coincidentally, one of the students who was also working near Konstanz happened to be working in Munich for the start of her internship, and so it also gave me a great opportunity to meet someone who I was able to see regularly when working in Konstanz.