With research experiences in the Phytobacteriology and Microbial Ecology Lab during my undergraduate in National Chung-Hsing University, the Vegetation Ecology Lab for my master's degree, and the Theoretical Ecology Lab when I was a research assistant at the National Taiwan University. I realized that I really enjoyed doing research for my interesting field, ecology. Therefore, I plan to do academic-related work for my future career. To achieve this goal, I plan to pursue a PhD degree abroad. Since I hope to broaden not only my international horizon but also train myself in a much more competitive academic environment.

In April 2023, I first time met my future supervisor during his visit to Taiwan in my lab. His research interests resonated with mine, and we had a great academic discussion then. Therefore, I quickly settled on the School of Environment at the University of Queensland, which is the place he works, as the place to pursue my PhD. Besides, the university has ranked 37th and the subject Environment/Ecology has ranked 6th in the world. This competitive environment is what I yearn for to increase my competitiveness.

Fortunately, I got an offer from the University of Queensland which fully covered my tuition fee. Besides, I got the UQ Research Training Scholarship, which I will have a living allowance stipend of AUD 32, 192 per year for 3.5 years with a 1-year possible extension. Apart from this, I’ve been working full-time and saved approximately AUD 26,000.

After I graduate, I plan to go to the USA, Canada, or Europe which also has outstanding research in ecology for postdoctoral research to gain more research experience. Finally, since my family is all in Taiwan, I plan to go back to Taiwan and seek a tenured job to keep doing academic research also educate the next generation.