



Sharonne Park, USA

"This program offers exactly what I was looking for in furthering my career. In addition, it has the added bonus of taking place in Tübingen, which is one of the prettiest cities in Germany."

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After an initial cultural shock, Sharonne Park now feels very much at home in Tübingen. Before her studies here, she worked as a consultant for six years in the US. Sharonne is particularly impressed at how "international and so open to everywhere in the world" Tübingen is and especially how open students in her master course are. She was also pleased at the welcome she received in Tübingen. The introductory weeks with excursions around the area as well as guided tours through the red tape at the University made the 20 members of her class "an international crew". She and her friends now have their favourite haunts where they can unwind – these include the outdoor swimming pool and the Neckar Bridge. Although her German is not very good yet she gets around very well. "We had some German in the introductory weeks, but everybody knows at least some English around here."

Initially, Sharonne had the opportunity of going to Vienna or Berlin, however, she is glad that she finally opted for Tübingen. Sharonne believes that there is only one comparable study course in the whole of the US: "So the program here in Tübingen is unique". And not only this, she is pleased that the research potential of the department is very promising.

Sharonne will soon be returning to Seattle to work as a consultant. With the excellent education she has received here in Baden-Württemberg, it won't be hard to find a job. "In Germany, most of the jobs for environmental scientists are available in private companies, working for the private sector as well as for local or state authorities", reveals course co-ordinator Dr. Peter Merkel. The Master Program "Applied Environmental Geoscience (AEG) was established in 1999 and is continually updated. "We try to improve the course based on the feedback from our students. At present we are also trying to establish links to related international Master programs at the universities of Stuttgart and Hohenheim and assess the possibilities for future cooperation between the individual courses", says Dr. Peter Merkel.

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