



Robert, 26, USA

" At my home university I read Professor Pohlmeier's publications, afterwards I knew I had to study in Konstanz."

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He is 26 years old and working on his third university degree. Robert Lee is a very determined student. After he finished his B.A.'s in Mathematics and Economics in Texas, he came to Germany and is now working on his Master Degree in Economics in Konstanz. He has no scholarship, no parental money: he works as a "HIWI", similar to a GTF (Graduate teaching -fellow), in the Department of Economics at the University of Konstanz. "Our professor is a big help for all of us. The Department takes very good care of us", he says. He didn't have problems with the housing or the job – from the beginning he could concentrate on his studies.

The reputation of the Department of Economics in Konstanz is very high – internationally. Even in Texas, Prof. Pohlmeier is well known and his team attracts a lot of international students. "Research here is at the edge of science. The student's research activities in the Masters Programme "International Economic Relations" is closely linked to the research of the professors themselves.

"The open mindedness of the dean and the staff makes working here a very creative experience", Robert experienced. He now doesn't think of going back to the US any more. "With our M.A. we have chances everywhere: Dubai, Singapore, Eastern Europe. I want to get a job as credit risk manager" he says, "earn money and maybe later come back for a PhD Programme".

Besides the academic work, there is so much to do in Konstanz. Since the city is situated at the largest lake in Germany, swimming, sailing, diving, and windsurfing is easy accessible – there are no limits – if you like the water. The Alps are very near as well, that makes it easy to go skiing – even just for a day. Robert Lee is especially enthusiastic about the sports programme at the University of Konstanz: I took a ski course and a windsurfing class – it was great fun and I made new friends. What more can you get? Robert likes to talk about his positive feelings about Konstanz, but enough is enough: "I really have to go to class now" he says, smiles and looks quite satisfied, because an obviously very interesting lecture lies ahead of him.

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