OSTPARTNERSCHAFTEN REPORT

HOME UNIVERSITY: ITMO
HOME COUNTRY: RUSSIA

UNIVERSITY OF STAY: LEIBNIZ UNIVERSITY HANNOVER

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Computer science
A vast majority of courses were chosen from the adjacent program. The university could provide not only fundamental topics, but also a few recent, albeit promising ones.

ITMO UNIVERSITY

Big Data and Machine Learning
- specialization in ITMO university I am currently pursuing. The main objective of the recently developed program is to prepare qualified persons in a new field of machine learning and artificial intelligence.
The subdomain of machine learning for graphs appeared a few decades ago. Roughly about 5 years ago a new type of an algorithm was developed, which showed better results for a span of chemistry problems. Since then it obtained a lot of attention.

One of the courses I picked was "Machine Learning for graphs". It covered all fundamentals of the domain as well as very recent topics. And for me that was essential, since my Master's thesis is dedicated to this area of research.
The exchange program is valuable not only by its university education, but also through common knowledge you can obtain.

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**

For the first time I broke with my tradition of celebrating winter’s feasts in a specific way with family and friends. I was absolutely astonished by Christmas fairs, fireworks and Catholic service.

On Christmas Eve I met many different people from USA, Sweden, Ireland, Germany in Paris.

New Year’s Eve I spent with a group of German acquaintances, we played board games, watched fireworks.

Through a different culture you can not only better understand people around you, but also comprehend yourself.
CULTURE

It is a marvelous feeling, when you face building, statues, objects, that you used to see only in history books, in reality.

Berlin's museums contain various epochs and may immerse you into the past ages.

It start from a large collection of coins from Rome, Ottoman Empire, different medieval kingdoms and ends with painting, statue and sculptures.
CONCLUSION

As an exchange student I faced a unique experience studying and living abroad, which provided me not only an opportunity to become better in my research domain as a student, but more importantly broaden my horizons as a human.

The scholarship made it possible for me to learn new things and meet new people through travelling. It also inspired me to start travelling within Russia to see its diverse culture.