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**Short Bio:**

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**Short-term goals**

- Find a research stay (1 year) abroad, preferably in Germany, the UK or the US
- Learn how research institutes work with the private sector
- Get to know a different culture

**Long-term goals**

- Improve his career perspective in his home country
- Marry his girlfriend and form a family

**Relevant (in)experience**

- 3-year lab experience
- Has never been abroad

**Motives for using the Website**

- Find a renowned research institute in his field
- Rankings of universities or research institutes in Germany
- Learn how to apply for a research stay
- General information on living in Germany

**Technical ability**

| Internet | ★★★★★
| Mobile Apps | ★★★★★
| Social Media | ★★★★★
| Software | ★★★

**Motivations for mobility**

- Research conditions, expertise or reputation
- Economical/political situation or lack of career chances in home country
- General interest in studying abroad
- Improving career chances in home country
- Family in Germany or other private motives

**Personality**

| Introvert | Extrovert
| Analytical | Creative
| Conservative | Liberal
| Passive | Active

**Languages**

Native | B1
Chao Yang is already doing his PhD in Chemistry in a very prestigious university in his home country, China. In order to improve his career perspectives, he is now looking for a research stay abroad. For that, he has been searching for research stays for up to one year in specific institutes that are world renowned in his field of study, offer great research conditions and possess the right expertise. He is not limited to a single country. For him, it is more important to find the right institution that fits his research focus and has an excellent reputation worldwide. In addition to Germany, he has also been looking for possible research stays in the UK and the US.

What he finds really attractive in Germany is not only its excellent scientific reputation in the field of Chemistry, but how the some of Germany’s research institutes work closely together with the industry. This has been a key aspect and major plus point for his decision on where he was going to apply.

Chao is excited in getting to know a different culture, but he is also a bit scared, as it will be the his first time leaving his home country and being for a longer period of time apart from his girlfriend. Once he finds out where he will be doing his research stay, he plans to look for a Chinese community to help him settle – he already found some communities on social media and has been reading a lot on the members’ experiences abroad.

Chao is somewhat of a foodie and is curious how Chinese food tastes outside of China – a friend told him, that it doesn’t taste anything like the original!