My Travels

One of the reasons for choosing to study in Scotland was the opportunity to travel the country and explore its natural beauty and breathtaking wonders. Whether it is tasting famous seafood in the waterfront of Oban, exploring historical Scotland while walking through the mysterious Stirling Castle, enjoying a lovely family day at Loch Lomond, learning about Robert Burns with my PhD friends at the world heritage site of New Lanark, or going on a family trip to the seaside resort of Largs and to the magnificent old baronial mansion of Drumlanrig Castle, it all brings unique and unforgettable experiences and memories captured in precious photographs.

My Culinary Discoveries

Before coming to Glasgow, I heard of Scottish haggis and famous battered mars bars. So far, I have not dared to try the mars bars, but my haggis taste experience has left me with positive impressions. I have also visited the well-known Glaswegian institution of ‘Two Fat Ladies at the Buttery’, where I tried delicious grilled salmon with raspberry sauce for the main course and sticky toffee pudding for dessert. Even though these fancy dishes tasted well, they cannot replace fish and chips and shortbread being my favourite from what Scottish cuisine has to offer.

My Glasgow

After a year and a half of living in this vibrant city, I still find something new and exciting every day. For me Glasgow is so multi-faceted that I think any person can discover his/her own ‘piece of Glasgow’. I love Glasgow for being cosy and for the welcoming smiles of people even on the rainy days. This year I start feeling as if I belong to this ‘Dear Green Place’ with its marvellously beautiful Victoria Park, Botanic Gardens and Kelvingrove Park. Now, whenever I come back from travels, I always say, ‘Feels good to be home… in Glasgow’.

My Studies

This year is quite intense in terms of studies. Being a doctoral student is both exciting and challenging, and even can be stressful at times. Not to limit my life in Glasgow to my academic studies only, I am being a Graduate Skills Programme tutor this year, through which I am mastering my teaching skills as well as staying engaged and being useful to people outside my PGR office.

My Friends

Through my PhD studies, I have met so many wonderful people from around the globe. Sharing our ups and downs, supporting each other through this challenging academic journey, and creating unforgettable memories with friends from Canada, Saudi Arabia, China, Eritrea and Scotland are the greatest and most valuable things Glasgow has given me.

My Advice for New Students

Use every opportunity while you are here. Do not put yourself into the boundaries of your academic studies. Get involved, engage and explore!