A Praise for GJU students - Master craftsman speaks highly of his international interns

As part of the GJU German Year, our students head to Germany for a study semester and a mandatory internship. Here they improve their German language skills, gain valuable work experience and get an insight into how companies in Germany work. For many, it is the highlight of their degree. Our students return with new skills and stories. Usually, our students are the ones to report back to us with positive feedback. This time round, however, we received a delightful thank you note from one of our partners.



Master craftsman in electrical engineering Marko George runs a small but successful business in the industrial city of Gelsenkirchen in Western Germany. He specializes in CAD documentation, measurement and control technology, automation and systems planning for businesses and private households. Here is what he had to say about our students, of which he has taken on three so far for their mandatory internships.

My experiences have been overly positive. Mr. Mohammed Dar Mousa is an outstanding student. He is very perceptive, friendly and reliable. His ambition and inquisitiveness have made him an invaluable asset for the areas control engineering, automation technology and switchgear production. Due to Corona, he was unable to fly back to Jordan and is still currently working for me. We have many orders coming in, which

is why I am grateful to have him here supporting us.

Mr. Dar Mousa is the third Jordanian student I have accepted and I must say, I am happy with my decision to take on students for their mandatory internships. I extended his contract until the end of 2020. He has already asked me whether it would be possible for him to settle in Germany in 2021 and whether I would employ him full-time. Should we continue to have as many orders coming in, I will happily welcome him to our team.

Mr. Anas Al Atrash was the first Jordanian student I took on. At the end of the year, he will start working as a mechatronics engineer and take on some of my orders to alleviate me. The experience I had with the second Jordanian student, Mr. Ali Alshawbkeh was overly positive, too. Until recently, we even kept in touch on facebook.

Until this day, the friendliness, reliability and ambition but also the ability to accept criticism of Jordanian students never ceases to amaze me. Many German students should follow their example.

On top of that, I am curious to meet people from different backgrounds and nationalities and to work together as attitudes and cultures vary.

Businesses like mine suffer from the lack of specialists and struggle to find new young recruits. Sadly, young people from the area in particular are often spoilt and have absurd expectations, which baffles me.



As a master craftsman in electrical engineering, I have made it my responsibility to do my utmost to counter the lack of specialists which I see as being my duty.



My personal highlight was when I received a thank you note from the Jordanian embassy. It made me immensely proud and supported me in my decision to continue my work.

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