



## Message from International Student

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Nationality: Brazil

Program: MSc /PhD MSc

Duration of my Studies at Shinshu University:

From April, 2017 to March, 2019

### **Why did you choose to study at Faculty of Agriculture, Shinshu University?**

I wanted to do a research that had some relation with my home country. Before coming to Japan, I heard about a mushroom species native from Brazil that has several medicinal properties and wanted to learn more about it. When looking for Japanese universities where I could do research about this mushroom, I found out that Shinshu University has excellence for the microbiology field and was one of few universities where I could do that research.

### **How was your life at Faculty of Agriculture, Shinshu University?**

During my first year in Ina, I lived in the Chugen student dormitory located on campus. I had a unique experience by living with the Japanese students. I could experience many aspects of the Japanese culture, such as sharing a bath, participating of traditional festivals, eating many kinds of Japanese food. This experience helped me to understand more about the Japanese people and their customs.

At the laboratory, I had a great interaction with my lab mates. We would always help each other when necessary and periodically go out to have dinner or lunch together. Since I spent most of my time in the laboratory, the good environment with my lab mates and the attentive support from my research adviser was essential to keep me motivated while doing research.

### **What is your profession? How do you apply your research or experience at Shinshu University to your current occupation?**

Right now, I work for a leading Japanese food company as a researcher and product developer. In my job, I am required to have knowledge about microbiology and doing experiments in the lab, such as cultivation of bacteria. In Shinshu University, I had classes about microbiology and did experiments similar to those I do at my job. This helped me to feel more comfortable when doing such tasks and also to get this job.

### **Message to the prospective International Students.**

Although the Ina campus is located in a quite rural area, it has a good access to take express buses to big

cities such as Tokyo, Nagoya and Matsumoto. The campus is a very quite place with an astonishing and inspiring nature around, so it is an ideal place to be focused on research and study. Moreover, the treatment given to international students was nice once they really care about our well-being.

