



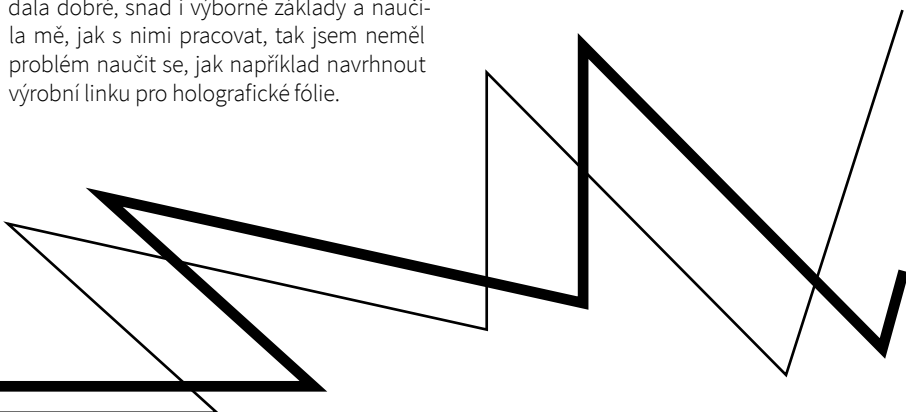
Absolvent oboru Základní a speciální anorganická technologie na Fakultě chemické technologie. Pracuje jako manažer technologie ve start-up 3Doid, zaměřeném na tvorbu otáčecích (360°) fotek, a také jako strojní specialista v Optag-liu, kde se vyvíjejí a vyrábějí hologramy.

K čemu mi je studium na VŠCHT?

Škola, byť vysoká, má člověku dát dobrý základ do života. Zbytek se naučí praxí. A mně přesně tohle VŠCHT dala. Absolvoval jsem spoustu velmi odborných a specificky zaměřených předmětů, ale všechny v zásadě vycházely z fyzikální chemie, inženýrství, matematiky nebo podobně fundamentálních předmětů, které rozvíjely do hloubky. Jen málo lidí bude v životě dělat to, na co psali diplomku. Mně se to rozhodně nestalo a ničemu to nevadí. Díky tomu, že mi VŠCHT dala dobré, snad i výborné základy a naučila mě, jak s nimi pracovat, tak jsem neměl problém naučit se, jak například navrhnout výrobní linku pro holografické fólie.

Čeho mi škola nedala dostatek?

Tentokrát budu více konkrétní – kreslení a čtení technických výkresů. Měl jsem na VŠCHT snad všechny předměty, které se tímto zabývají, ostatně není jich mnoho. A klidně bych se v tom procvičil víc. Asi se to nebude týkat všech absolventů, ale ti, kteří někdy budou pracovat ve výrobě, vývoji nebo oblasti příbuzné, budou muset umět číst technické výkresy. A já to neuměl dostatečně.



CULTURAL SHOCK

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My name is Isabel and I am from Spain, a country which has no common history with the Czech Republic (CR). Before coming here, I only knew how to locate CR on a European map and the name of the capital, Prague. Because of this, I did some research before moving, using my good friend, Google. Just the basics: cost of living, religion, language, currency, the price of beer, and so on. And so I moved to Prague with no hesitation.

My first contact with the city was when I landed at Prague's airport, where my supervisor picked me up and brought me to the university dorms. That day, one of the windows of his car broke and we couldn't close it, so the whole trip on the highway was spent with the two of us trying to talk with a loud windy sound in the background. Once we arrived at the dorms, I realized why he had gone with me, because the person at the reception desk didn't speak English at all. Finally, I got a room key, but when I opened the door, there were two beds! I had never shared room before and

besides, there was no Wi-Fi. The next day, at the university, my colleagues asked me if I wanted to go for lunch with them at 11:30! I was completely shocked because it was so early (now I must admit that I love it, but it took me several days to get used to it).

Since this "first contact", I have been surprised about several facts of life here. Like the -ová at the end of every female surname; how dorms, student canteens and public transport have extremely cheap prices; the way one tips (saying the amount you want to give, including tips when you pay); holidays in February for skiing; how funny it sounds to hear Ježíš Maria in a truly non-religious country; how easy and efficient public transport is; how much Czech people like to go to the mountains/forests for hiking—and also to rivers in the summer; how easy it is to get to other countries, even by bus; and of course, the fact that beer is cheaper than water. There are some good and bad aspects, but for now I just have one big bad point: the university dorms are located very far from the university, which is something



that only exists at this university, as far as I know. So far, so good.

I like to live in Prague. It is a wonderful and beautiful city full of opportunities for working, traveling and learning. I know I will never regret moving here. Not just because of the city; I am truly lucky with my colleagues and my supervisor.