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### **„Learning a lot, winning international friends, finding new perspective“**

“From the beginning of my studies, my goal was to do an internship in the USA. The fact that I was able to realize this goal at the FREEDM Systems Center at North Carolina State University in Raleigh was really something extraordinary!” After studying four semesters electrical engineering, M. could finally realize his dream with the help of the International Energy Cooperation Program (IECP) of the E.ON ERC. The RWTH student spent five months in the USA working on the development of medium-voltage equal-current systems.

M. is very proud that he learned to present project in seminars or to a group of colleagues. Moreover, he gained a perfect insight into the American student life. This was mainly due to the fact that he had a room in an apartment with three local students for the time of his stay in Raleigh. The fact that he also played in the rugby team of the NCSU was certainly a great advantage for his good integration. Moreover, M. is particularly positive about the organizational support on both sides of the Atlantic. The IECP in Aachen at the E.ON ERC was mainly responsible for the organizational part of the exchange but also the organizational and professional support in Raleigh “couldn’t be better”.

His conclusion: “Who wants to consider his studies from another perspective, who is interested into foreign cultures and languages, who wants to meet new contact, they are in the best possible hands at the IECP program and its partner universities.”