
How does it feel like to take part in iGEM for iGEMers?

Take part in iGEM is take part in a huge adventure. It is an investment, hard working and development of knowledge.

This is my third year in iGEM. I am the team leader of this year's team. I take part in WetLab, P&P, Modeling, wiki designing and everything else.

I always wanted to be even a small piece of biological sciences from my childhood. I am extremely happy to take place in METU iGEM Team, where everyone works with enthusiasm and excitement to discover new frontiers. A biology laboratory where we work iGEM is the place where I can live and work till death, and it is also the only place where I feel as immortal as my love of science.

it does feel good.

Stressful but good

lot of work but a good opportunity. i'm glad to be enrolled.

Rather stressful but worth it

iGEM means a lot to me and I have been doing it for 3 years now. I love to see how iGEM grows each year.

Great and exhausting.

I am learning a lot. I like what i am doing. I feel stressed by the lack of time

It is a great challenge and lots of fun!

Not very different form daily life

It feels great, because is a new experience in which I have learned a lot

At the begining it was very enjoyable and enthusiastic for me but when the deadlines became major limiting problem for our progress, it forced me in the laboratory working. Still it is good oportunity for being a part of team and overcoming some problems and trying to catch good results and performance make me happy and more willing to work in science.

It has been an incredibly important part of my collegiate career. It has been challenging but also very rewarding.

iGEM allows me to solve real-world problems using knowledge from classes, and has been a great way for me to gain comfort in a lab setting, insight about working on a

team, and experience managing my own research project. It's been a very meaningful part of my life!

It is a great opportunity to do real science in a real lab, to experience challenges that a real scientist faces and to get the experience of a real teamwork that has real consequences.

Great :) !!

We're very proud to take part in iGEM

I feel great because I think it is a good opportunity to help the world and to learn more things about how to do it.

magnificent :)

It is a very rewarding experience which has enabled me to not only work in a field very close to my heart but also do "real life science" which I otherwise would not be able to experience until after my university education.

Exciting, exhausting, happy and never Bored!

Professional experience.

Stressful but very rewarding.

iGEM is a real thrill. I think it is the first opportunity we have as sophomores to do real research including thinking of a research project and planning your own experiments. It's really a deep dive into synthetic biology but I think we can learn very very much from taking part in iGEM.

The iGEM means to me much more than a competition. I am working with other students who share my interests and my illusion about making real our own idea. This is also a great opportunity to learn about things that typical subjects do not teach you or can't be studied. In conclusion, I feel like I am living a great experience, and I just hope to take with me as much as I can learn.

Fun and rewarding experience

Routine in wet lab work, a view for how things work, how problems can be solved in the lab. Technical knowledge. More pronounced understanding of some biological mechanisms. Learned how to design plasmids and experiments. Get to see one project from beginning to end. team work. Interesting human practices experiences that you would never get otherwise. Contact to experts and teams from other countries. VERY COOL, would always recommend.

Our team is able to gain professional knowledge as well as a greater ability to work with others to develop ideas, solve problems, and present research.

Like starting a company! No free time and a lot of fun! It is a great opportunity for me and I enjoy every moment!

The iGEM experience has helped me improve my laboratory skill enabling me to work and follow protocols by myself. It has also contributed to make my own decisions related to the laboratory work and therefore my confidence grew as the project moves on.

I love iGEM and the fact that you can learn so much, you apply all the knowledge you've been having your whole major and you truly try to solve a problema that is affecting you :)

It has been a fun challenge for our team. While we are new, we have obtained interest from students in a variety of studies. This has helped students interested in synthetic biology gain lab and team experience.

Really good experience

It's both a great pride and a great pleasure.
iGEM is more difficult than classes or participating in research with a professor because we needed to determine our own idea for a project. Also, we need to determine our own protocols.

I belong something powerful and it was felt like amazing.

It can be frustrating because we don't communicate very well. During the school year there was a lot of participation, but a lot of people drop out when Summer comes. So we end up having to rush near the end.

It's been a great experience. It has also been overwhelming in many aspects. I am so excited about the Giant Jamboree and about the Wetlab project results.

It's cool to be immersed in our own project and get hands-on experience.

Taking part in iGEM is one of the best decision of my life. I am learning a lot about how this kind of projects must be run and improving my teamwork skills.

It is an opportunity to try to give an innovative solution based on synthetic biology to an existing problem

Thrilling experience to design a project from A to Z and a lot of fun to work with fellow students

It will probably be very satisfying to finish.

Interesting & fruitfull

The experience of working in a team to do scientific research alongside policy and practice exercises, public engagement and all the other administrative aspects of the competition such as fundraising.

Feels good.

It's rewarding to be able to choose a project with other people who are all interested in the same things and be able to design and execute our project with similar levels of enthusiasm.

It feels like science, lots of troubleshooting and experiments failing, with successes sprinkled here and there. However, it is science that I want to do, in a field I'm excited to see prosper.

I love it. I've learned a lot during this summer, and I would repeat the experience every year. Now I know how to solve my own problems and how to work in a team. Also, I have met amazing students and make new friends. As an opportunity to apply the knowledge I've been collecting from all the years I've been studying my mayor outside a corportative environment.

It's a once in a lifetime chance to get to know people with similar interests from all over the world, gathered under the same objective.

Taking part in iGEM is very interesting and I am very proud to be a part of it.

Undergraduate research is essential to achieving a career in research as a professional and starting in iGEM looks amazing. It is also an amazing experience to work with so many new and different people. Our team is very diverse and I have made friends who have similar interests.

- 1 锻炼了自己
- 2 teamwork
- 3 知识的学习是永无止境的，科研要有一种严谨的态度
- 4 科研素养
- 5 获得了很多的实验室技能
- 6 不断刷新三观；心理素质不断提升。
- 7 收获到了许多朋友和很多共同奋斗的经历
- 8 专注
- 9 学到了很多新的知识和技能
- 10 收获很大,能力提高
- 11 一次难得的锻炼经历，收获了很多朋友
- 12 很好，收获很多
- 13 第一次自己从头做一个实验，积攒了很多经验，也体会到失败多次后成功的喜悦

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- 14 很锻炼人
 - 15 自己经历过才有意义
 - 16 **more than a game**
 - 17 很多，这应该是大学期间对能力提升最大的一个活动了。。
 - 18 应该是不错的经历
 - 19 知识技能与团队协作
 - 20 很有趣，收获颇多
 - 21 不多不少
 - 22 这是宝贵的经历
 - 23 实验动手能力，项目设计能力，抗压能力
 - 24 遇到过很多困难，做很多实验很烦，意料内与外的收获都挺多。
 - 25 太多了.....
 - 26 **Team up, everything done easily**
 - 27 很锻炼能力
 - 28 团队精神，实验能力
 - 29 有一群朋友
 - 30 开拓了视野，深入了解了科研应具备的素质和考验。
 - 31 得知一个项目成立到实行的不易
 - 32 虽然很累，但是收获很大
 - 33 结识朋友
 - 34 培养自主研究选题的能力
 - 35 自己亲身参与设计并操作实验，对科研了解更加全面丰富
 - 36 锻炼，**physically and mentally**
 - 37 以兴趣为基础，以科研为导向。
 - 38 跟同学一起交流，觉得很快乐
 - 39 失败是成功之母，坚持就是胜利。老生常谈却道破真理。
 - 40 累但是很有收获
 - 41 是锻炼个人综合能力的竞赛。
 - 42 认识了很多有意思的人，也增强了一些论文阅读和思考能力，同时对于我们的出国或者保研都有一定的帮助
 - 43 学会基本的分子生物学的操作，学会了一些很基本的生物信息分析方法
 - 44 实验技能得到很大提升
 - 45 **deserve it**
 - 46 学以致用，生物学不能仅停留于课本，实践中不断学习，不断解决问题
 - 47 收获很多
 - 48 与小伙伴一起体验科研未知性的奇妙
 - 49 收获了知识，开阔了视野
 - 50 自身学业的一种实践
 - 51 工程思维的提升和团队工作能力的增强
 - 52 团队的力量是靠每个人积累得到的，我之后的工作或许会牵扯到心理学方面
 - 53 锻炼了交流能力
 - 54 **Let's PCR!!! (*^_^*)**
 - 55 没钱好烦...
 - 56 受益匪浅

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- 57 科研经验与团队合作
 - 58 贵
 - 59 很辛苦，但很值得
 - 60 好
 - 61 认识更多更好的人，从中提升自我

