Impacts of short-term sampling experiences on my career

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Academic research collaboration is becoming ever more international because much has advocated about the need for interdisciplinary and cross-fertilization of ideas. Research collaboration is a valuable gear that accelerates the progress as well as enhances the quality of the works. Sharing specialized reagents, antibodies, techniques, and expertise become the gear that speeds up projects and enables the realization of ideas and scientific breakthroughs. For that reason, scientists would become to depend on extensive collaborations in the near future. Although collaboration is one of the most important parts of a research career, there is no universal guideline for scientists who want to initiate collaboration. Then, how to form a research collaboration? In my case, it all started when I attended a conference of the Society for the Study of Reproduction in the United States. Encountering a professor at the 2006 meeting brought me the opportunity to obtain samples and to conduct a research collaboration. After talking about my presentation and interests, the professor suggested: "if you want ewe samples, you can get them in my university". Since then, I had been to the University of Tennessee in Knoxville in November each year to get samples from pregnant ewes. The kind professor's name is James D Godkin. As the name suggests, it's just like GOD to me. I would like to talk about what I experienced in Tennessee and whether or not it is beneficial to study abroad.