The experience of living abroad and immersing yourself in its culture is unlike anything else. It is a mentally challenging thing to do but something that is definitely worth it. You realise that the world isn’t just a slight variation of your own culture but a beautifully colourful culture of its own. This can sometimes be difficult to adapt to but it is very likely that by the end of it, you feel part of that community. What you gain from this experience is not solely academic with respect to language etc., but it also broadens your horizons and gives you another perspective. You will also probably learn a few life lessons along the way as well.

What I would advise students thinking of going abroad is certainly take a step into the unknown and take a risk. This opportunity is definitely something that you may regret in the future if you do not take it. It is challenging at times but it can be life changing.