

# EUROSCHOLARS PROGRAM

A European Academic Research Experience  
2018



*The full time research experience was very valuable. But [what I valued] most of all was interacting with a lot of students and colleagues in a very foreign and unfamiliar context. That is a very attractive skill set to gain early on in the ever changing and shifting global research working world. I owe a lot of where I am to the EuroScholars program.*

**W. HEBERT**  
NORWICH UNIVERSITY AT KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET

*My experience in EuroScholars was critical in inspiring me to decide to pursue a research-focused career. I also believe that it was a key aspect of my resume that enabled me to be a competitive applicant. Having the chance to do research full-time for an entire semester as an undergraduate was the most valuable aspect of the program. I appreciated learning how an international lab functions, exploring a new culture, and having the flexibility to travel extensively on the weekends.*

**E. WOODS**  
RHODES COLLEGE AT UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH

*The EuroScholars experience prepared me to do the kind of research I am doing, and I think helped me secure a spot in this competitive program. I am very glad that I chose to participate in EuroScholars. It was one of the most beneficial experiences of my life so far.*

**K. HUNTER**  
UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA CA  
AT UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

*I am about to graduate and start a full time job with a medical software company. EuroScholars gave me the opportunity to independently lead, conduct, and complete a research project, which gave me very important skills that showed through [during] my job application process and helped me stand out as an applicant.*

**M. GARCIA QUESADA**  
TULANE UNIVERSITY  
AT UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA

*EuroScholars exposed me to academic research and even more importantly reshaped my world view. I wouldn't be here today without the experiences and friendships I gained in Munich.*

**S. LANDRETH**  
COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON  
AT LUDWIG MAXIMILIAN UNIVERSITY

## About EuroScholars

EuroScholars is a unique, research-intensive study abroad program designed for talented and advanced undergraduate students. The program combines a study abroad experience with the opportunity to join a research team and participate in an ongoing investigation at an internationally renowned European research university.

## Students in this program will...

- Choose an academic research project from a variety of fields within the participating institutions.
- Gain hands-on research experience at one of Europe's top institutions, under the direct supervision of professors and other academic staff.
- Collaborate and share their experiences with other like-minded students.
- Document their research in a paper of publishable quality.
- Develop professionally as they explore research as a long-term career option.
- Advance their intercultural and scholarly communication skills.

## What the scholars are saying...

### Percentage of respondents who either Strongly Agree or Agree:

**100%**

The EuroScholars program was worth my time, money, and energy.

**85%**

Participating in the EuroScholars program helped me fine tune my career/graduate school goals.

**93%**

Participating in EuroScholars was one of the most important experiences I had as an undergraduate student.

**100%**

EuroScholars exposed me to experiences and opportunities I wouldn't have found on my home campus.

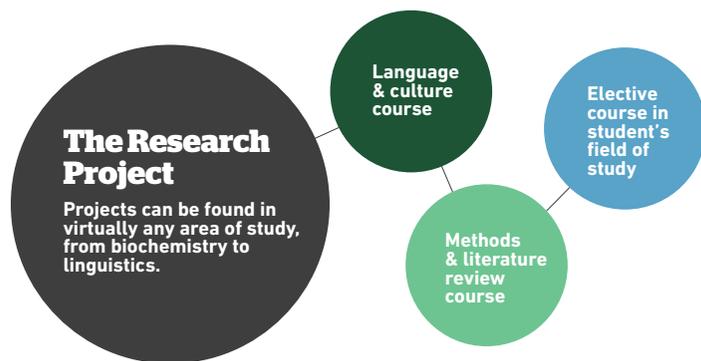
**97%**

I returned from my EuroScholars experience with a stronger sense of what it means to be engaged in research as a full-time endeavor.

**97%**

I would recommend the EuroScholars program to other undergraduate students interested in research.

## Academic Structure & Project Options



The EuroScholars academic structure is customizable per student, based on their qualifying coursework and experience. Each student's semester will be transcribed as a full-time semester workload. A maximum of 30 ECTS credits are included in the program, with a minimum of 18 ECTS devoted to research. Once accepted to a project, a student will complete the EuroScholars Learning Agreement to outline their course configuration for the semester.

- The research project will contribute to the majority of student's time, energy and credit for the program.
- Required for all students. This course is meant to enhance the student's intercultural awareness and experience outside of the lab.
- Designed to enrich the student's appreciation for and understanding of the subject.
- The elective option may not be available for all students, as it is dependent on the availability of courses taught in English at the host institution.

## Project Examples by EuroScholars Alumni

**Domain Decomposition Methods for Wireless Networks**  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Explaining the Resurgence of the Taliban**  
Zurich, Switzerland

**Molecular & Cellular Mechanisms Regulating Sleep and Biological Clocks**  
Zurich, Switzerland

**Ethnic Power Relations & Conflict in Fragile States**  
Geneva, Switzerland

**Evolutionary Genetics of Wild Vertebrate Populations**  
Helsinki, Finland

**Projects in Parenting & Special Education**  
Leuven, Belgium

**Analysis of Mass Spectrometry Data**  
Heidelberg, Germany

**Genetic Components of Drug Metabolism and Adverse Drug Effects**  
Karolinska, Sweden

**Behavioral Biology**  
Leiden, Netherlands

**Cognitive Neuroscience**  
Leiden, Netherlands

A FULL LIST OF PROJECTS IS PROVIDED ON THE EUROSCHOLARS WEBSITE AT EUROSCHOLARS.EU.



## Program Cost, What's Included & Eligibility

### Program Cost

**Spring/Fall 2018:** 9975€ per semester

*Please Note: The USD program price will be set each semester based on a current exchange rate.*

### What's Included

- Admissions advising and pre-departure support
- Tuition at the host university
- Housing in an approved university facility. An additional housing security deposit may be required from student.
- An orientation at the host campus and on-site support throughout the semester
- Research project supervision
- International medical insurance. All students will be automatically enrolled by ISA. A description of coverage is available on the ISA website. Please note that some countries will require students to purchase additional coverage for visa purposes.
- The Mid-Stay Program. During the semester a "Mid-Stay Program" will be organized for all EuroScholars students at one of the host institutions. Travel and lodging expenses for students traveling to attend the Mid-Stay program are covered. The Mid-Stay program will consist of an academic portion, in which students will present on their research findings up to that point of the semester, as well as social activities around the host city.

### Eligibility

EuroScholars is looking for independent, mature, and motivated undergraduate students with a strong interest in an academic and/or research career. A minimum GPA of 3.4 is required. Research experience is not required; however, natural science students should have ample academic experience in a laboratory setting. Students must obtain approval by both the host and home university.

## How to Apply

### Step 1: Find a Project

Search the Research Project Database found on [euroscholars.eu](https://euroscholars.eu) to view all available research project options. Identify first and second choice projects of interest.

### Step 2: Contact ISA and your U.S. University

ISA (International Studies Abroad) is the North American partner of the EuroScholars program and will guide you through the admissions process. Please contact our office to set up a phone call to discuss program and application nuances once you have established research projects of interest.

Students should also work closely with their U.S. university to establish approval of the EuroScholars program and the feasibility of credit transfer.

**email:** [euroscholars@studiesabroad.com](mailto:euroscholars@studiesabroad.com)  
**phone:** (512) 480-8522

### Step 3: Apply

An online application is available through the ISA website at [studiesabroad.com/apply](https://studiesabroad.com/apply). A \$95 nonrefundable deposit is required in order to submit this application, so please be confident about your intents to move forward with the program by the time you reach this step. Your deposit will be refunded if your application is declined.

After completing the online application, you will be required to submit the following supporting documents via the ISA Student Portal:

- Cover Letter
- Academic Resume
- Two Academic Letters of Recommendation
- Project Identification & Personal Statements (prompts provided)
- ISA Application Supplement
- Official Transcripts

### Step 4: Host University Application Review & Status Notification

Upon receipt of your complete application, ISA will provide it to the host institution for your first-choice project for their review. The host institution will then contact you regarding your acceptance status. In most cases, a call with the research project supervisor will be arranged to discuss a student's application in greater depth before a final decision is made.

Following a student's acceptance, additional paperwork and payment will need to be submitted to ISA by the final forms and payment due date. The Learning Agreement must be completed and signed by the student, their home university, and their host institution in order for final program approval to be granted.

### Application Deadlines

FALL SEMESTER / ACADEMIC YEAR

April 1

SPRING SEMESTER

October 1

## EuroScholars Awards

### The EuroScholars Consortium awards scholarships up to 2000€ per semester to deserving applicants.

In order to be considered for an award, students must have their full EuroScholars program application and EuroScholars scholarship application submitted to ISA by the application deadline. Students will be able to submit their scholarship application materials to the ISA Student Portal along with their application materials. The EuroScholars Awards are counted towards the payment of the EuroScholars Program fee. Students participating in more than one semester will only be eligible to receive the award once.

### Scholarship Application Requirements

#### Funding & Costs Confirmation Form

Students must submit a funding & costs confirmation form as part of their scholarship application. The form allows students to communicate the costs they will have at their home universities (if any) for the time they are abroad, as well as the funding they are receiving to help finance the cost of the EuroScholars program. Financial need will be a strong factor in determining awards, however, students will not be discounted if they do not typically need aid for their studies.

#### Statement of Impact

Students must submit a statement in which they discuss how this award will contribute to their ability to participate in EuroScholars. Any special circumstances, challenges, or other considerations applicants wish to convey should be included. Applicants may also choose to discuss their motivation for applying for a EuroScholars placement. This narrative must not exceed 400 words.

#### Academic References

Students' faculty references from the EuroScholars application will be submitted with the scholarship materials and taken into consideration during the review process.



## Participating Institutions

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The participating institutions are research-intensive universities, all internationally recognized for their outstanding research in numerous fields. All of the participating institutions are ranked in the top two percent of the 4,000 universities in all of Europe.



**UNIVERSITY OF LEUVEN, BELGIUM**  
KULEUVEN.BE



**LEIDEN UNIVERSITY, THE NETHERLANDS**  
LEIDEN.EDU



**UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI, FINLAND**  
HELSINKI.FI/UNIVERSITY



**KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET, STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN**  
KI.SE/EN/STARTPAGE



**LUDWIG-MAXIMILIANS-UNIVERSITÄT, MUNICH, GERMANY**  
LMU.DE



**UNIVERSITY OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**  
UNIGE.CH



**UNIVERSITÄT HEIDELBERG, GERMANY**  
UNI-HEIDELBERG.DE



**UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, SWITZERLAND**  
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