



# THE EUROSCHOLARS PROGRAM

*A European Academic Research Experience*



*“Being part of EuroScholars has turned out to be one of the best experiences of my life. I gained independence, lifelong friends, a better understanding of cultural diversity and interactions, and an increased focus on my future goals to continue research. I will be forever grateful to the program’s innovators for this opportunity.”*  
~Idu Azogu, Rutgers University



## ABOUT EUROSCHOLARS

We invite you to join a unique study abroad opportunity hosted by a group of internationally renowned European Research Universities. The EuroScholars program is designed for advanced and talented undergraduate students, as well as postgraduates, looking for an international research experience.

Europe has a long and rich tradition of academic, hands-on research making this program a natural study abroad option. In this program, students will undertake one or two courses in the classroom and then work under the direct supervision of professors and other academic staff on a specific academic research project chosen by both the student and faculty. There are an abundance of academic research projects in a variety of fields to choose from within the participating universities.

EuroScholars is a once in a lifetime opportunity to become familiar with the European academic culture and to investigate students' potential in a future research career while enjoying the value of study abroad as an undergraduate student.

## WHY CHOOSE THE EUROSCHOLARS PROGRAM?

The objectives of this program are to give students the challenge of conducting original research at the cutting edge of human knowledge and promote interactions with scholars through immersion in the research environment. Participants learn about scientific reasoning, research methods, theoretical principles related to the research area, and scholarly communication. By finalizing the results of their research project in a paper of publishable quality, they will also have improved their writing and presentation skills.



## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

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

[www.kuleuven.be](http://www.kuleuven.be)

University of Helsinki, Finland

[www.helsinki.fi/university](http://www.helsinki.fi/university)

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

[www.lmu.de](http://www.lmu.de)

Ruprecht Karls Universität, Heidelberg, Germany

[www.uni-heidelberg.de](http://www.uni-heidelberg.de)

Università degli Studi di Milano, Italy

[www.unimi.it](http://www.unimi.it)

Leiden University, the Netherlands

[www.leiden.edu](http://www.leiden.edu)

Universiteit van Amsterdam, the Netherlands

[www.uva.nl](http://www.uva.nl)

Utrecht University, the Netherlands

[www.uu.nl](http://www.uu.nl)

Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden

<http://ki.se>

Lund University, Sweden

[www.lu.se](http://www.lu.se)

University of Geneva, Switzerland

[www.unige.ch](http://www.unige.ch)

University of Zurich, Switzerland

[www.uzh.ch](http://www.uzh.ch)

## ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION

EuroScholars is looking for outstanding, independent, mature, and motivated advanced undergraduate, honors, or graduate students with a strong interest in an academic/research career. Students should have a GPA of 3.4 or higher. Students do not need to have research experience, however, science students should have ample academic experience in a laboratory setting. Approval by both the host university and home university is required.

## SUBJECTS

The program is comprised of a Language and Culture Course of the host country, an in-depth literature review on the chosen research topics, and the actual research project. Research can be done in a variety of fields, depending on the available places at the chosen university.

While participation in an established academic research project is the primary feature of the EuroScholars program, some home universities may limit the amount of credit an undergraduate student can earn for research. Therefore, EuroScholars has adjusted its academic structure to accommodate a more flexible program.

Participants can basically choose from one of the two program options (each totals 30 ECTS, which is typically equivalent to 15 U.S. semester credits):

### Option 1 (higher research focus)

- 6 ECTS Language & culture course (classes + exam)
- 6 ECTS Methods & literature review (independent study)
- 18 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (research)

### Option 2 (research + coursework)\*

- 6 ECTS Language & culture course (classes + exam)
- 6 ECTS Methods & literature review (independent study)
- 12 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (research)
- 6 ECTS Elective course in the field of research (classes + exam)

\*Option 2 is not possible at all universities or in all academic areas as it depends on availability of courses taught in English at the host institution.

## MID-STAY PROGRAM

During the semester a 'MidStay Program' will be organized for all EuroScholars participants in a major European city. All travel and lodging expenses are included in the EuroScholars' program fee. The 'Mid-Stay Program' consists of an academic part, featuring research-related ventures, as well as social activities.

## TRANSCRIPTS AND CREDIT TRANSFER

A transcript of completion for this program will be provided by the host university where the research program was undertaken. All grading and results are at the discretion of the faculty at the host university. We require all students to have this program pre-approved for credit transfer at their home university prior to departure.

## RESEARCH

The research opportunities in this program are specialized and very diverse, varying in nature by the host university. A list of research projects are available on the website: [www.euroscholars.eu](http://www.euroscholars.eu)

Sample research project titles include:

- *Light Activation of the General Stress Response of Bacillus Subtilis* (Amsterdam, the Netherlands)
- *Glucocorticoid Hormones, their Role in Health and Disease* (Karolinska Institutet, Sweden)
- *Nanoencapsulation of Food Ingredients and Nanosensors* (Milan, Italy)
- *The Contribution of International Law to Cooperation on Transboundary Freshwater Resources* (Geneva, Switzerland)
- *Active Tectonics and Earthquakes: Building a 3-D map of the fault and fracture network below Long Valley Caldera* (Munich, Germany)
- *Swedish social welfare, social policy, and family policy in a national or comparative perspective* (Lund, Sweden)
- *Software Engineering Aspects of Numerical Software* (Heidelberg, Germany)





## TRAVEL, HOUSING AND LOGISTICS

Travel, accommodation, immigration visas, and orientation programs will vary by the host university. Once a student has selected a research program and been accepted as a EuroScholar by the university abroad, further details regarding housing and logistics will be sent.

## PROGRAMS FEES AND PAYMENT

For the 2011-2012 academic year, the EuroScholars program fee is €9,975 (euros) per semester including tuition at the host university, supervision of the research program, basic housing in an approved university housing facility, an orientation program at the host campus, and the 'MidStay Program.' Meals, travel, personal incidentals, visa fee, and textbooks are an additional cost. Financial aid for this program will need to be arranged through the student's current home university, not the host university.

## EUROSCHOLARS AWARD

For the 2011-2012 academic year, the EuroScholars program will offer several financial EuroScholar Awards. Please refer to the website for more information. All participants with a 3.5 GPA are eligible and automatically considered for an award upon acceptance to a EuroScholars research project. There is no additional application required.

## APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Semester/Academic Year: April 1  
Spring Semester: October 1



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## HOW TO GET MORE INFORMATION

Register Your Interest (Advisors and Students)

Visit the EuroScholars website at

[www.euroscholars.eu](http://www.euroscholars.eu) and register your interest on the "Request Information" link. This will ensure you will receive all updates on the program including new research projects, scholarships, and other exciting news. Advisors will receive news about the program and instructions for how to help students sign up for the EuroScholars opportunity.

## HOW TO APPLY

STEP 1: Find a project

Search through the Research Project Database to view various research projects available at the participating universities. Select the two research projects that interest you most.

STEP 2: Submit the application and supporting documents

An online application is now available through EuroLearn at [www.eurolearn.org](http://www.eurolearn.org). You will be guided through the online application and asked to submit the following supporting documents:

- Cover Letter
- Official transcript from the home university
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- \$30.00 application fee (non-refundable)
- Resume

STEP 3: Discuss the research opportunities & admission

Upon receipt of your application, EuroLearn will provide you with the contact information for the project supervisor of your first project choice. We will also facilitate communication with the project supervisor about your interests and obtain his/her approval to participate in the project.

STEP 4: Gain approval and complete a Learning Agreement

Once you have gained approval, you should complete the Learning Agreement (available online) and obtain approval from your home university.