



# THE EUROSCHOLARS PROGRAM

*A European Academic Research Experience*



*“My experience in Italy was the best of my life. I grew not only intellectually, but as an individual as well. I now see the world and my own life experience from a new and broader perspective. I wish that everyone has an opportunity to have the life changing experience that I did.”*

*~David Greenberg, 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 subjects 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 your 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 an 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 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 each semester a 3-day Mid-Stay program will be organized for EuroScholars at one of the 12 institutions. All travel and lodging expenses are included for this program which combines guest lectures with cultural 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:

- *Maladies d'Orient (XVIe-XIXe siècles)* (Geneva, Switzerland)
- *Psychology, Cognitive Brain Research* (Helsinki, Finland)
- *Personal Rights in German and American Civil Law* (Munich, Germany)
- *Development of Nanoparticle Enhanced NF Membranes* (Leuven, Belgium)
- *Economics, International Capital Flows* (Utrecht, the Netherlands)
- *Organic Chemistry: Molecular Design and Synthesis* (Zurich, Switzerland)
- *The distribution of environmental resources in Africa* (Lund, Sweden)
- *Chinese Studies, Popular Culture* (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

In 2010 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 Mid-Stay 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 2010-2011 academic year, the EuroScholars program will offer several 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

## 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). Submit the online application along with the following supporting documents to the EuroScholars North America office (EuroLearn):

- 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. Communicate 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.

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