

EuroScholars Researchers: The Importance of Undergraduate Research Abroad



Dr. Michiel de Dood, Associate professor, Leiden University: *“Experience the important differences in education and research between US and other countries. Opportunity to be immersed in a research environment early in a student's career can be a great motivation for further personal development”.*

Dr. Adriana Ruiz Rizzo, Dept. of Psychology, LMU: *“Students could benefit from different ways of thinking and doing research.”*



Prof. Dirk van der Marel, University of Geneva: *“An undergraduate student should conduct research abroad in order to broaden his/her cultural horizon. Hosting a EuroScholar provides a unique insight, on the part of the student as well as on the part of his/her hosts, into the scientific and educational cultures on both sides of the Atlantic.”*

Dr. Reinhilde Jacobs, Department of Imaging & Pathology, KU Leuven: *“The student was very eager to learn new things and picked up them up very easily. We were impressed, all the things he needed to learn for the research were new to him, but he behaved as an excellent student with a true research oriented mind set.”*

Anonymus : *“Conducting research abroad is a good experience for students to visit an institute abroad and thereby broaden their view on their study, research within their discipline and the world in general. It's a great learning experience putting the student outside his / her comfort zone. Students are often unaware of the possibilities and the level of science outside their home country”.*



Dr. Bart Van der Bruggen, KU Leuven: *“EuroScholars are typically creative explorers by nature, and the EuroScholars program only sharpens this orientation. It then helps the scholars adding more skills, and most of all: a broad vision on science and the world”.*



Prof. Dr. Jan Aarts, Scientific director / professor of Experimental physics, Leiden University: *“A research and culture experience which is enriching for both sides. Sometimes also because the facilities may be (even) better than what they have available at home.”*

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Dr. Guido Gendolla, Geneva
Motivation Lab / Psychology Dept.,
University of Geneva: *“Conducting
research abroad certainly opens up
the students' and the host
institutions' academic horizons”.*

Dr. Ludo Juurlink, Associate Professor, Leiden
Institute of Chemistry, Leiden University: *“Offering
foreign students opportunities to study and work
here is greatly gratifying. They learn about our
ways to conduct science, about the Netherlands,
our culture, and our ideas. I have seen that it
enriches them, makes them see the world through
different perspectives”.*

Dr. Jochem Weller, LMU: *“I think it is a great
opportunity for a US based student to work early on in
a research environment. The student performed the
task to great satisfaction and could work well with the
team”.*

Dr. Bediou Benoit, University of Geneva:
*“The student learnt a lot about EEG recording and
analysis which will be useful in the student's new
job!”*

Prof. Dr. Steven Verhelst, Dept. of Cellular and
Molecular Medicine, KU Leuven: *“The student
performed excellent work, which gave good support to
a running research project in the lab. The student had
no research experience in an academic lab, the project
exposed him to cutting edge research for the first time,
and this was very helpful to him. Although he was a
BSc student, he performed at the level of a starting
PhD student. I believe that undergraduate students
who are very ambitious and who would like to pursue
a PhD should broaden their horizon and also get
exposed to different kinds of research labs.”*

Prof. Dr. A. Kros (Professor of Supramolecular
chemistry), Leiden University:
*“Very enthusiastic students, typically well
trained and a pleasure to have in the lab. I think
the level of research in my group is significantly
higher than what the student experienced at the
student's home university (which was not a
research-intensive university), so for the student
it has been a very good learning experience”.*



Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier, Dept. of
Neurology and Neurosciences,
University of Geneva: *“Conducting
research abroad allow students to
gain expertise and to build their
network”.*



Dr. Donald Glowinski, Senior
Researcher, Coordinator Music &
Science, University of Geneva:
*“It was first a surprise to see
EuroScholars coming to my lab as it
usually happens later on (e.g., for a
Phd). I've been deeply impressed by
their maturity, their insights, their
professionalism and their curiosity”.*

Dr. Chris Warren, Institute Psychology, Leiden
University: *“My student was extremely capable
and independent and helped me get a lot of
research done. I think the EuroScholars
program was an excellent experience from my
student, and for me as well.”*