



A note from one of our 2014 Site Visit participants: David Artis, Ph.D, Dean Undergraduate Research Initiatives from University of California – San Diego.

“Providing educational opportunities that help prepare our students for leadership positions in the real world has been a priority at UC San Diego for many years. Like many university communities, we are finding that large numbers of our students now arrive on campus not hoping to engage in stimulating, intensive, and distinctive co-curricular research activities but expecting to participate in them. UC San Diego faculty and staff members fully support our students, undergraduate and

graduate, who are looking for an immersive, hands-on research experience that will prepare them for the challenges and rewards of pursuing advanced degrees and/or honors such as the Rhodes, Fulbright, Marshall, Churchill, and other fellowships. International experiential opportunities are especially popular with our students and greatly encouraged by UC San Diego, primarily under the leadership of our Programs Abroad Office (PAO) within the university’s International Center. As Dean of Undergraduate Research Initiatives, I was very excited to represent my office and the PAO during the 2014 EuroScholars Site Visit to the Universities of Zurich, Geneva, and Utrecht. I believe strongly that a first research experience will cause future scientists and scholars to crave another. For select students, the EuroScholars experience might be one of the best second or third research options: it promises not only to refine their skills but enable them to collaborate with mentors and colleagues around the world. I was very happy to hear from a number of the current scholars that they are indeed conducting, not merely observing, research. Several talked to me about presenting their research findings at conferences or continuing to work on their projects after the research period with an eye toward being included on eventual publications. I very much appreciate the careful screening of applicants through the Globalinks Abroad and the efforts of the host universities to solicit appropriate research projects from members of their distinguished faculties. Additionally, I was very impressed with the facilities dedicated to research at the schools we visited. I return believing that a high-achieving, self-motivated, confident student would do well in such a program and would be a successful addition to it.”