

2024

The EuroScholars Program

A EUROPEAN ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
IN COLLABORATION WITH ISA

What People Are Saying

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My home university did not offer the chance to write a bachelors thesis. Studying with EuroScholars allowed me to write a bachelors thesis and gain invaluable experience as a researcher. Because of EuroScholars, I have decided to get my master's degree abroad. EuroScholars was the best experience that I had [as an] undergrad.”

Rachel
Leiden University

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EuroScholars gave me a unique research experience that allowed me to get research positions the following year in undergrad and likely helped on my application to medical school. I valued the opportunity to be part of a research team at an institution abroad. They were like family and they taught me so much more than just research skills.”

Kylie
University of Geneva

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EuroScholars helped me get a lab position by offering the opportunity to conduct research abroad on a topic not available at my home university. I really enjoyed the program and getting to conduct research abroad.”

Richard
KU Leuven

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Experience the important differences in education and research between [the] U.S. and other countries. [The] opportunity to be immersed in a research environment early in a student's career can be a great motivation for further personal development.”

Dr. Michiel de Dood
Leiden University

About EuroScholars

International Studies Abroad (ISA) is the North American partner of the EuroScholars Program

EuroScholars is a unique, research-intensive study abroad program designed for talented and advanced undergraduate students from North American institutions. 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.

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I never could have imagined how much I would grow both as an individual and as a scientist. Especially in this day and age, my time abroad with the EuroScholars program has given me the resilience to endure even the toughest situations and offered a leg up in the job searching process.”

Alexandra
Leiden University

What are the students saying?

Percentage of alumni students who either Strongly Agree or Agree:

100%

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

93%

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

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.

85%

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

100%

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

97%

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

Students in this program will:

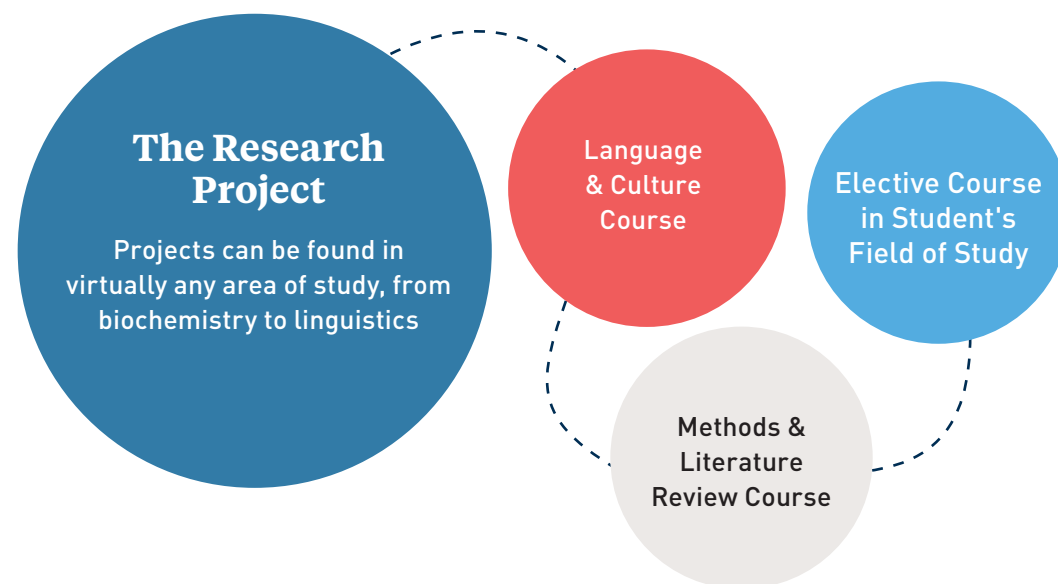
- Gain hands-on research experience at one of Europe's top institutions, under the direct supervision of professors and other academic staff.
- Choose an academic research project from a variety of fields within the participating institutions.
- Collaborate and share their experiences with other like-minded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

Academic Structure & Project Options

Project Examples by EuroScholars Alumni

- **Behavioral Biology**
Leiden, Netherlands
- **Ethical aspects of human genetics**
Leuven, Belgium
- **Individual differences in learning and transfer**
Geneva, Switzerland
- **Considering cultural diversity within educational systems: international and comparative study**
Geneva, Switzerland
- **Light-Activated Anticancer Compounds**
Leiden, Netherlands
- **Cognitive Neuroscience**
Leiden, Netherlands
- **Quantifying Behavior in Young Children**
Leuven, Belgium
- **Role of GRP78 in Placentation**
Geneva, Switzerland
- **Reconstructing Geoeological Changes in Floodplains**
Leuven, Belgium

A full list of projects is provided on the EuroScholars website at euroscholars.eu.



- The research project will require most of your time and energy, and the bulk of the credits awarded for the program will be for this research project.
- Required for all students, this course is meant to enhance your intercultural awareness and experience outside of the lab.
- Designed to enrich your appreciation for and understanding of the subject, this component is typically offered as part of the research project itself.
- 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.

The EuroScholars academic structure is customizable per student, based on their qualifying coursework and experience. Your semester will be transcribed as a full-time semester workload. A maximum of 30 ECTS can be earned per semester, with a minimum of 18 ECTS devoted to research. Once accepted to a project, you will complete the EuroScholars Learning Agreement to outline your course configuration for the semester.

Program Details

Program Cost

Spring/Fall 2024

10,500€ + \$500 administrative fee per semester

Note: The USD program price will be set each semester based on the 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 maybe be required from students)
- 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)*
- The Mid-Stay Program -----

Eligibility

EuroScholars looks for independent, mature, pro-active 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 universities.

*Please note that some countries will require students to purchase additional coverage for visa purposes.



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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 their research findings up to that point of the semester, as well as social activities around the host city.

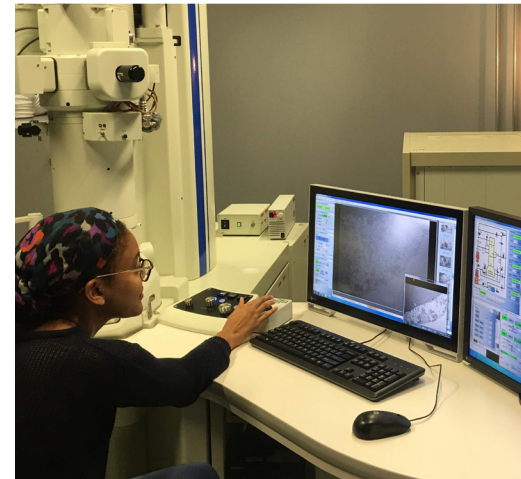


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How to Apply

Application Deadlines

Fall Semester/Academic Year
April 15

Spring Semester
October 1

Step 1: Find a Project

Search the Research Project Database found on [euroscholars.eu](https://www.euroscholars.eu) to view all available research project options. Identify three projects of interest or submit a proposal yourself.

Step 2: Contact ISA and Your Home University

International Studies Abroad (ISA) is the North American partner of the EuroScholars Program and will guide you through the admissions process. Please contact our office via phone or email with any questions you may have about the program and how to apply.

You should also work closely with your home university to establish approval of the EuroScholars Program and the feasibility of credit transfer. Email euroscholars@studiesabroad.com or call (512) 480-8522.

Step 3: Apply

An online application is available through the ISA website at [studiesabroad.com/apply](https://www.studiesabroad.com/apply). A \$95 nonrefundable deposit is required to submit this application. Your deposit will be refunded if you cannot be placed in a research project.

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
- EuroScholars credit verification
- Project identification and personal statements (prompts provided)
- Official transcripts

Notification

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

Following your 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 you, your home university, and your host institution in order for final program approval to be granted.

EuroScholars Grants

The EuroScholars Consortium awards a limited number of grants of 1500€ per semester to deserving applicants.

In order to be considered for a grant, you must have your full EuroScholars Program application and EuroScholars grant application submitted to ISA by the application deadline. You can submit your grant application materials to the ISA Student Portal along with your application materials.

The EuroScholars Grants are counted toward the payment of the EuroScholars Program fee. Students participating in more than one semester will only be eligible to receive the grant once. The EuroScholars Grants are awarded based on demonstrated financial need and to students with disabilities.

Grant Application Requirements

Funding & Costs Confirmation Form

You must submit a Funding and Costs Confirmation Form as part of your grant application. This form allows you to communicate the costs you will have at your home university (if any) for the time you are abroad, as well as the funding you are receiving to help finance the cost of the EuroScholars Program. Financial need or challenges with regard to disabilities will both be considered when allocating grant funds.

Statement of Impact

You must submit a statement in which you:

1. Briefly discuss the factors that motivate your research interest. You could explain why, for example, you chose your particular academic field of study and research project.
2. Outline any financial circumstances that may impact your ability to participate in EuroScholars and/or highlight accessibility considerations and how they might contribute to your experience abroad. This narrative must not exceed 400 words.

Academic References

Your faculty references from the EuroScholars application will be submitted with the grant application materials and taken into consideration during the review process.



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 Europe.

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