

Research Abroad at a Top European Research University

A promotional banner for the EuroScholars Program. The top left features the EuroScholars logo, a circle with a red square, a blue square, and a white square, with the text 'EUROScholars' and 'Research in Europe'. To the right, the text reads 'UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH with the EuroScholars Program'. The bottom left has the 'with isa' logo. The bottom right features the text 'STUDY IN EUROPE' in blue, '9 TOP RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES' in red, and 'IN 6 COUNTRIES' in blue. On the right side of the banner is a photograph of three students sitting on wooden steps, studying with laptops and books.

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University in the Spotlight: Utrecht University

Bright minds for a better future



Founded in 1636, [Utrecht University](#) is a leading European research university, recognized internationally for its high-quality and innovative approach to both research and teaching. At Utrecht University, complex 21st century questions are studied in a multidisciplinary context and in an environment where world-class research stimulates innovative teaching and vice versa. With its research themes - Sustainability, Life Sciences, Institutions, Dynamics of Youth - the university contributes to solving issues such as climate change, infectious diseases, the aging population, social cohesion and security. Highly talented academics and students contribute to a better world: 'Bright minds, better future'. Utrecht University has almost 30,000 students, over 6,000 staff, an annual budget of 765 million euros (2014) and a wide offering of English taught courses and programs. In international rankings, Utrecht University is in the top 1% of the world's universities. Visit our renew website at www.uu.nl

Innovation in Education

All education at Utrecht University is embedded in a vision based on a stimulating study environment and teaching that does justice to the various ambitions and talents of our students (www.uu.nl/education).

Utrecht University offers an extensive range of English-taught courses, four fully English taught Bachelor's programs and 81 fully English-taught Master's programs. Utrecht University is a pioneer in innovative educational concepts for highly talented and motivated

students, such as the undergraduate University College Utrecht and programs for students in honors tracks at undergraduate and graduate level, like the [Young Innovators League](#).



A growing number of [international students](#) are attracted to Utrecht University thanks to the University's extensive range of English-taught degree programs, its outstanding international reputation, its adequate student services, the close link between research and education and its focus on honors programs.

The most recent initiative is the university-wide program [Educate-it](#). This program supports teachers as they future-proof and enhance their teaching practice by incorporating new trends and IT tools to engage students and clear the logjams that obstruct effective teaching. In March 2015, Utrecht University opened a facility for safe and reliable large scale digital assessment (up to 300 students at a time)

Utrecht Summer School



Utrecht is home of the largest [Summer School](#) program in Europe. Nowadays the Utrecht Summer School offers a broad selection of over 200 academic courses in virtually all disciplines organised by Utrecht University, HU University of Applied Sciences and HKU University of the Arts. These institutions offer high quality, challenging summer courses on bachelor, master and PhD level. All courses are taught in English by our academic staff. In 2014, the Utrecht Summer School attracted around 3000 students from over 110 different countries.

Collaboration

Collaboration at regional, national and international levels is fundamental to providing excellent teaching and research, as well as societal relevance. These collaborations involve research institutions, companies, stakeholder organisations and governments. Utrecht University aims to have research and entrepreneurship make an indispensable contribution to solving societal challenges. Increasingly, researchers take the societal issues as a starting point for their research. They create new opportunities for collaboration, enterprise and make connections that offer new possibilities to all parties involved. These collaboration flourishes by its location, the Utrecht Science Park (www.utrechtssciencepark.nl). The Utrecht Science Park, situated in the center of the Netherlands, is a place where Utrecht University, University Medical Centre Utrecht and numerous innovative companies and research organisations together strengthen each other by their mutual proximity.

All the above makes Utrecht University a perfect place for EuroScholars students.

The city of Utrecht, the Netherlands



[Utrecht](#) is a bustling student city in the geographical center of the Netherlands. The city boasts a rich history that goes back to Roman times.

In the historic center you will find excellent museums in a setting of picturesque courtyards, restaurants and delightful little shops. Much of the city's mediaeval atmosphere can still be felt today in its pattern of streets and alleys. In the summer you can enjoy a drink or a meal at one of many pavement cafés along the streets and canals.

According to the Lonely Planet, Utrecht is one of the [10 unsung places in the world](#).

[The Washington Post](#) states, 'Utrecht is a hidden gem in Amsterdam's shadow' (just 30 minutes by train from the international airport).

AIEA conference, review (<http://www.aieaworld.org/2015-annual-conference>)

In February at the annual AIEA conference in Washington EuroScholars was represented by Ms. Yasmine Inauen (University of Zurich) and Mr. Caspar de Bok (Utrecht University). They discussed and presented EuroScholars in various ways. The conference was attended by about 900 people, many of them in the position of Senior Internationalization Officers (SIO) and from the US. The focus at the conference is at internationalization strategy and policy processes and procedure. The conference made clear there is a growing interest in study abroad options beyond the regular semester exchange programs of faculty-led programs. EuroScholars perfectly meets this interest. Therefore it is important to inform SIO at your institution about the program.

EuroScholars MidStay Program at Leiden University

From March 10 – 13, Leiden University hosted all 14 EuroScholars students who participated in the EuroScholars MidStay Program.

The EuroScholars students attended several presentations and social and academic activities. The students also presented their research topic to each other and to academics from Leiden University. As Leiden University also hosted the EuroScholars Site visit for academics from North American institutions in that same period, some of the students had the opportunity to present their topic to them as well.

The presentations from Kaleb Kinder, Nicole Bernstein and Meredith Ware can be found on our [website](#).

A review on the EuroScholars Midstay program from Sara Tresseder (Michigan State University / Utrecht University, Spring 2015)



Three words to describe how I felt throughout the Euroscholars Midstay program: impressed, inspired, and full. I added that last word purely so I could mention how much food we were given during the program. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner each day and dinner usually involved three courses. I don't think I've ever been so well fed in my life (sorry mom).

The other two words, though, were how I felt when I was not stuffing my face. Okay, to be honest, I was pretty impressed with the food too.



But meeting the other EuroScholars students and hearing about the research they are doing while here, their future goals, their interests, and their passions was inspiring. It is nice to know that I am part of a program that attracts such driven and successful people. The Midstay was a great experience because it brought us all together and gave us a new perspective on the EuroScholars program. It also gave us a chance to meet the people who have helped us along the way and made this program as incredible as it is. I am very happy to be able to call myself a “EuroScholar” and to be a part of this amazing opportunity.

Hayley Barone (St. Edward’s University / Leiden University, Spring 2015) featured in ISA’s student blog:

<https://isastudentblog.wordpress.com/2015/04/06/the-top-5-cultural-differences-between-holland-and-the-us/>

Upcoming Conferences 2015

May 24 – 29

NAFSA

Boston MA

www.nafsa.org

Some of the members of the EuroScholars Consortium will attend the NAFSA. Would you like to schedule a meeting, please contact: **Ms. Usha Mohunlol**

EuroScholars is also presenting a poster, together with ISA on Wednesday May 27th from 8:30 – 10am.

June 23 - 25

Council on Undergraduate Research Program Directors' Conference

University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

www.cur.org/

Sept. 15 – 18

EAIE

(European Association for International Education)

Glasgow, Scotland, UK

www.eaie.org

Some of the members of the EuroScholars Consortium will attend the EAIE. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please contact:

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