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Travel dates: 17-23 April 2016

Application deadline: 11 December 2015

Payment deadline: 8 January 2016

If you are a U.S. or Canadian faculty member or administrator involved with honors programming and/or undergraduate research, we would welcome your application for the 2016 EuroScholars site visit. We will visit three of the nine member universities: LMU Munich (Germany), University of Zurich (Switzerland), and University of Geneva (Switzerland). This is an excellent opportunity to better understand the EuroScholars experience, meet current EuroScholars students and learn about their research, network with faculty members who supervise these students, learn about cutting-edge research initiatives at each university, and see first-hand the support services and student accommodation on these campuses.

NOTE: The site visit costs have been lowered to an estimated maximum of \$2300 USD and include lodging, travel between each city, meals, and cultural outings. Trans-Atlantic airfare is the responsibility of each participant.

Please contact Andrew Wingfield with any questions or to request an application: awingfield@studiesabroad.com

University in the spotlight: LMU Munich



Founded in 1472, [LMU Munich](#) looks back on a long tradition and offers a wide-ranging curriculum covering the Humanities and Cultural Sciences, Law, Economics and Social Sciences, Medicine and Natural Sciences. But the University is also a forward-looking institution, renowned for its excellence in teaching and research and is well equipped to face the challenges and responsibilities ahead. Its broad academic base facilitates an intensely interdisciplinary approach to teaching and research, and nurtures critical thinking grounded in meticulous study.

News from LMU Munich: The Biomedical Center - A new center for cell science



LMU's new BMC, one of the most ambitious research institutes built in Germany in recent years, officially went into service.

LMU's HighTechCampus in Grosshadern/ Martinsried has reached a new milestone in its development with the official inauguration of the new Biomedical Center (BMC). The new Biomedical Center (BMC) is the largest research institution to be built in Germany in recent years, providing laboratories for some 60 research groups and with a staff of 450. In recognition of its nationwide significance, construction of the Center was financed jointly by the Federal and Bavarian governments. The BMC is a central element in LMU's strategy for the close integration of biomedical research and patient care. In terms of its core mission and its combination of preclinical, research-oriented and clinical departments, it bridges the divide between basic research and clinical application. In this sense, it fits perfectly into the matrix of research units that has grown up over the years. In terms of its research orientation, the BMC is essentially a center for applied cell science. The researchers based there are especially interested in exploring "the plasticity of cellular programs".

The BMC brings together departments and institutes devoted to preclinical subjects, as well as research- and patient-oriented aspects of clinical medicine, namely the Chairs of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Physiology and Cell Biology, the Institute for Immunology, the Walter Brendel Center for Experimental Medicine and the Institute for Clinical Neuroimmunology.

Other Focus Areas



The nine Focus Areas constitute internationally established interdisciplinary fields of research, to which the participating research groups have been making significant contributions for quite some time.

- Ancient Studies
- Area Studies with an emphasis on Eastern Europe
- Nanosciences
- Origin of the Universe
- Photonics and Quantum Optics
- Molecular Biosystems
- Neurosciences
- Protein Sciences
- Translational Health Science

LMU Munich and EuroScholars

Jamie Iannace from the College of Charleston has been working with LMU Professor Christoph Turck, who leads a group working on Proteomics and Biomarkers in the Department of Translational Research in Psychiatry at the Max Planck Institute for Psychiatry. Jamie will finish her project in the field of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences entitled "Biomarker Discovery" at the end of this year.

LMU will host two new EuroScholar students in March 2016. Mary Lowery has been recruited by Prof. Dr. Jonathan Harrington at LMU's Institute of Phonetics and Speech Processing and Fan Chen will be joining the research team of Prof. Dr. Harald Weinfurter in the area of Experimental Quantum Physics.

To find out more about EuroScholar projects at LMU Munich, visit:

<http://euroscholars.eu/search-projects>

NCHC (National Collegiate Honors Council), Chicago Illinois

The National Collegiate Honors Council 50th Anniversary Conference was held in Chicago

on November 12-14th, 2015. EuroScholars was represented at the conference by ISA Senior Program Manager, Emily Busse, who jointly presented with her colleague Lauren Bruce, ISA's Director of Internships. Their presentation was titled "A World of Undergraduate Research" and highlighted prestigious research abroad opportunities for high-achieving students. The session was well attended by students and faculty alike, and Lauren and Emily held individual meetings with interested university professionals throughout the conference. During one meeting, Emily was able to connect with a professor who knew her niece was abroad at Karolinska, but didn't realize that she was with EuroScholars. Emily knew the student well from the application process and the situation confirmed, once again, that we're living in a very small world! Everyone is looking forward to building upon the new relationships formed in Chicago and making the EuroScholars program a possibility for more North American students.

EuroScholars MidStay at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm Sweden



In the week of November 11th, all 19 EuroScholars students participated for 2 days in the MidStay Program which was organized and hosted by Karolinska Institutet. During these days, the students visited Stockholm, attended workshops, socialized and presented their research topic to their peers. The students also met with some of the representatives of the EuroScholars Consortium, who had scheduled their meeting at Karolinska Institutet. At the end of the MidStay the students were invited to have dinner with the Consortium members.

A review from one of our students: Morgan Duff (Leiden University / Western Kentucky University)



The Euroscholars midstay program this fall, hosted by Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, was full of friendships, great food, a beautiful city and university, and, of course, getting to hear about some amazing research going on throughout Europe. Due to some very nice planning on the part of one of the Euroscholars Coordinators, the majority of the students flew from Amsterdam to Stockholm on the same flight, and, from the moment I stepped foot in the airport, I was given the opportunity to socialize, befriend, and learn from a group of incredible American students doing research at multiple different universities in several countries. This program not only provided me with the opportunity to see Stockholm, a city I probably would not have had the chance to visit on my own, but also allowed me to build lasting connections with fellow researchers and to fall even more in love with the science community.



From the moment we arrived, we were warmly welcomed by both faculty members and students from Karolinska Institute. We were greeted with sandwiches and coffee—just what was most needed after a long morning full of travel—and immediately began becoming familiar with each of our fellow students' research interests and passions, learning from day one to appreciate the range of subject areas the EuroScholars this semester are involved in. That evening, a group of students currently studying at Karolinska Institute took us under their wing, taking us to a wonderful dinner in the largest IKEA I have ever seen, and then to an American themed bowling alley complete with nachos and hot wings to snack on. One of these students, currently studying for her masters at Karolinska Institute, was actually a EuroScholar herself. She fell in love with the city of Stockholm and the University and chose to come back to further her education. It was incredible to discuss with her the experience she has had during her time in Europe so far and the opportunities that participating in EuroScholars made available to her. Though being surrounded by more Americans than I had seen for over two months for an entire day was a little louder than I remembered, I very quickly became friends each person there, and looked forward to the remaining days in Stockholm I knew I would get to spend with them.



Throughout the remainder of the midstay program, we got to listen to presentations by our peers, experience the city, see what Karolinska Institute had to offer, and, of course, enjoy our daily Swedish fika. I was able to learn from presentations made in subject areas ranging from Physics and chemistry to Psychology and Economics, amazed after each presentation by the research that was being done by my new-found friends. I was able to see incredible research facilities and beautiful campus buildings at Karolinska Institute, as well as hear from multiple faculty members and students about the research and career opportunities available there. We got the opportunity to visit the Vasa museum, a museum that has the entirety of a recovered Scandinavian ship that sunk in the 1600s inside, visit Stockholm's city center, ride a ferry, see an incredible photography exhibit, and even visit an open air museum called Skansen where we got to see Scandinavian animals such as bears, wolverines, reindeer, and moose. The week was a perfect balance of learning about each other's research and experiencing a new city and, though I was thoroughly exhausted by the time I returned to the Netherlands where I am doing research at Leiden University, I came away from the EuroScholars midstay program with great new friends and memories and even more sure that pursuing research is the right decision in my life. Everyday I am thankful for Euroscholars for providing me with the opportunity of experiencing so much both in and out of the lab this semester.

[More reviews](#) and the [student presentations](#) are available on [our website](#).

Avery Nelson (University of Zurich / University of Denver) featured in ISA's student blog:

[Why We Feel \[Insert Feeling Here\] About Studying Abroad](#)

[Things You Probably Didn't Know About Zürich](#)

U.S. News:

Best Global University Rankings

[Institutions from the U.S. and nearly 60 other countries have been ranked](#) based on 12 indicators that measure their academic research performance and their global and regional reputations. Students can use these rankings to explore the higher education options that exist beyond their own countries' borders and to compare key aspects of schools' research missions.

The institutions which are part of the EuroScholars Consortium are ranked in the top 105 out of the 750 institutions which were evaluated for the overall Best Global Universities rankings .

Best Global Universities in Europe

Universities in Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, France and elsewhere in Europe have been numerically ranked based on their [positions in the overall Best Global Universities rankings](#). Each institution was evaluated based on its research performance and its ratings by members of the academic community around the world and in the region.

The institutions which are part of the EuroScholars Consortium are ranked in the top 35 out of the 332 European institutions which were evaluated for the overall Best Global Universities rankings .

Upcoming conferences 2016:

May 29 – June 3 2016

NAFSA, Denver- Colorado

http://www.nafsa.org/Attend_Events/Annual_Conference/

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

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Or visit our session at NAFSA : “Undergraduate Research Abroad: Creating Global Opportunities”. Presented by: Bart Hendrickx, Bessie Guerrant, Sibdash Gosh and Kathleen Horn. Date and time will be announced in due time.

September 13 – September 16 2016

EAIE (European Association for International Education), Liverpool UK

www.eaie.org

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