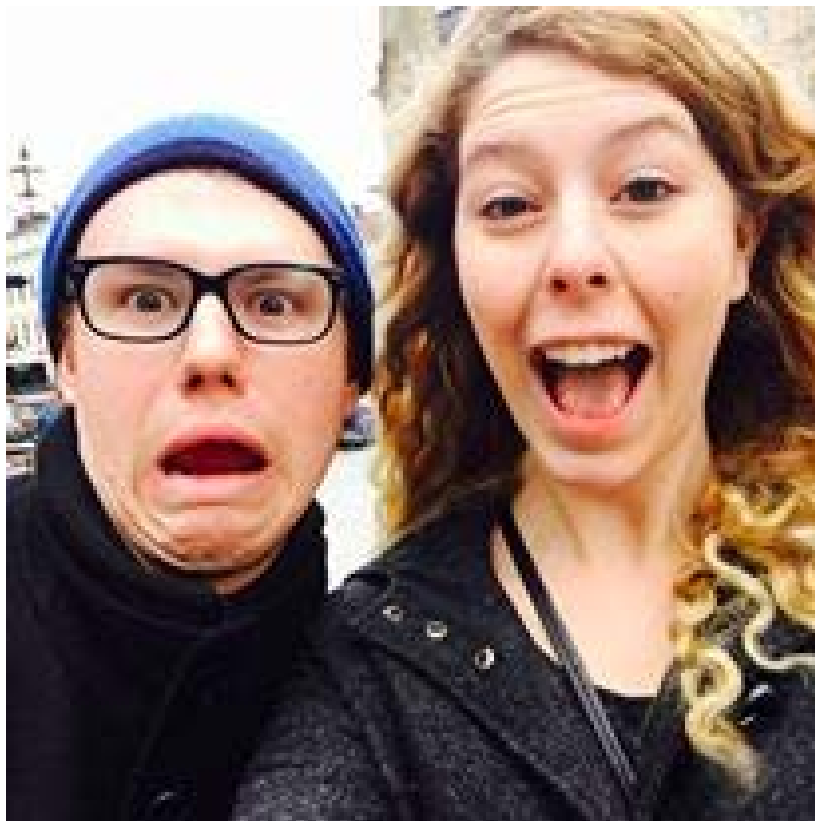


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The EuroScholars MidStay program was a unique experience for a myriad of reasons. Many of us in the program are the sole participants at our institutions. Therefore, the MidStay program was the first time we had the opportunity to meet the other members. It was interesting to see the disparity in experiences between people who are working in the natural sciences versus those in other fields like economics or mathematics. Meeting everyone gave me a new perspective on the different forms research can take.

More than anything, I think the MidStay program was beneficial because it afforded us the opportunity to observe a culture different from the one we've been living in. I had never been to a Scandinavian country before so sitting down for "fika" was a completely new (and delicious) experience for me. The old town was already being decorated for Christmas so we were able to see such a beautiful side of the city as well.



I also enjoyed walking around Karolinska Institute and observing their particular approach to academia and research. Most of us are at the point in our studies where we are looking for graduate programs so getting the exposure to all the options available to us while making important contacts was immeasurably helpful.

I'm very grateful to the EuroScholars coordinators who went through the effort to put the MidStay program together for us.