

2026

The EuroScholars Program

A EUROPEAN ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE
IN COLLABORATION WITH WORLDSTRIDES HIGHER EDUCATION

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What People Are Saying

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My time abroad in the Netherlands, specifically the research project I worked on that culminated in a first author publication in Physical Review Letters, helped immensely when applying to graduate school. I made innumerable close friends, and I travelled all over Europe. I had a life-changing experience with this program, and I always, always look on it fondly.”

Sander
Leiden University

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Doing research through this program gave me the confidence, both in the sense that I knew research was something I enjoyed doing and, in the sense, that I felt I was capable of doing research as my career, to pursue a PhD in physics. Without this research experience, I don't know if I would have been accepted to the schools I was accepted to and do not know if I would have had the confidence in myself to apply or pursue my PhD.”

Camille
University of Geneva

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EuroScholars played an essential role in both inspiring me to apply and subsequently get accepted into my current PhD position. I consider my decision to partake in the EuroScholars program to be perhaps the best academic and personal decision I've ever made. I cannot speak highly enough about the program and how much it prepared me for my graduate school studies and applications.”

Adam
KU Leuven

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Offering students opportunities to study and work here is greatly gratifying. They learn about our ways to conduct science, about the Netherlands, our culture, and our ideas. I have seen that it enriches them, makes them see the world through different perspectives”

Dr. Ludo Juurlink
Leiden University

About EuroScholars

WorldStrides Higher Education 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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Euroscholars played a big role in helping me learn more about research, give me a different perspective on travel and culture, and improve my grades enough to complete an honors thesis, which then allowed me to apply for a masters/PhD program. I mostly value my growth as an independent woman and researcher, an immeasurable feeling of strength and confidence that I began to realize that I had.”

Idu
Leiden University

What are the students saying?

Percentage of alumni who either Strongly Agree or Agree:

100%

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

100%

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

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.

97%

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

93%

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

85%

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

Students in this program will:

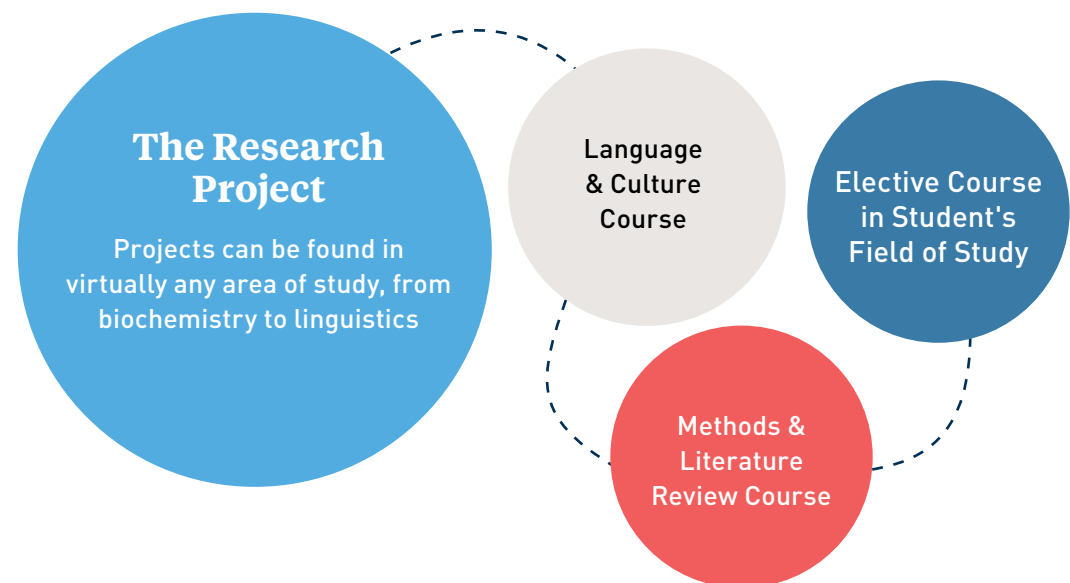
- Gain hands-on research experience at one of Europe's top institutions, under the direct supervision of professors and other academic staff.
- Choose an academic research project from a variety of fields within the participating institutions.
- Collaborate and share their experiences with other like-minded 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

- **Plant Ecology**
Leiden, Netherlands
- **Electrical Energy Systems**
Leuven, Belgium
- **Individual differences in learning and transfer**
Geneva, Switzerland
- **Alliage Project**
Geneva, Switzerland
- **Light-Activated Anticancer Compounds**
Leiden, Netherlands
- **Research projects in Physics**
Leiden, Netherlands
- **Developing interdisciplinary training**
Leuven, Belgium
- **The Strategy of Recorded Voting in the European Parliament**
Geneva, Switzerland
- **Detecting Patterns in Monetary Values of Animal Species: A Meta-Analysis**
Leuven, Belgium

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



- The research project is the academic focus of this program, awarding the majority of credits earned and requiring the majority of your time and efforts.
- 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 2026

11,250€ + \$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 WorldStrides)*
- The Mid-Stay Program -----

Eligibility

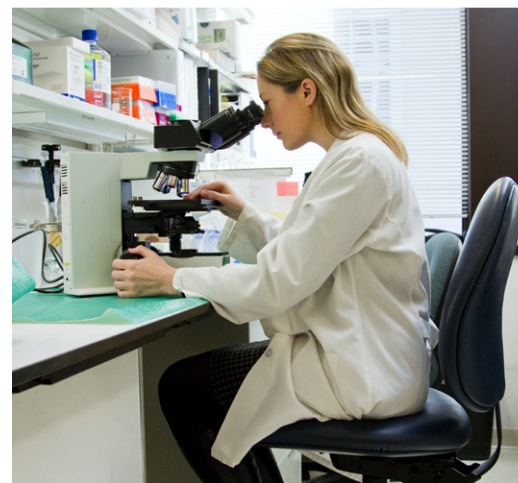
EuroScholars looks for independent, mature, pro-active and motivated undergraduate students with a strong interest in an academic and/or research career. Students must be at least sophomore in standing before they go abroad.

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.



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.



How to Apply

Application Deadlines

Spring Semester
October 1

Fall Semester/Academic Year
April 1

Step 1: Find a Project

Search the Research Project Database found on euroscholars.eu to view all available research project options. Identify three projects of interest or submit a proposal yourself.

Step 2: Contact WorldStrides and Your Home University

WorldStrides Higher Education 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@worldstrides.com or call (512) 480-8522.

Step 3: Apply

An online application is available through the WorldStrides Higher Education website at bit.ly/euroscholars-abroad. 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 WorldStrides 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, WorldStrides will present it to the host institution for their review. The host institution will then contact you regarding your acceptance status within 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 WorldStrides 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 WorldStrides by the application deadline. You can submit your grant application materials to the WorldStrides 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 with preference 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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