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It has been a week since I have returned to the U.S. after spending a semester in The Netherlands, and I wanted to share a bit about my experience studying abroad!

Although it was difficult to fit an abroad program into my schedule as a Fall term instead of a Summer term, it was absolutely worth being able to spend more time exploring the area and learning from my mentors. I participated in the EuroScholars program, which pairs students with research faculty/projects from a selection of European institutions. My project was based at the Leiden University Medical Center—Department of Radiology, and my mentors were members of the C.J. Gorter Center for Magnetic Resonance Imaging. This program is unique for its focus on research rather than strictly coursework, which made for a fun opportunity to apply what I have learned back at my home institution to a real-life project. There was the option to take an elective course at Leiden University, in which I chose to take Magnetic Resonance Phenomena with the Faculty of Science/Physics. I also completed a Dutch Language course as a part of the program.

It was amazing getting to play the role of a researcher for 4 months, working on my own individual projects and learning from Ph.D. students/Postdocs in the lab group. I also had the opportunity to speak with incredible experts in the field of medical imaging and hear their perspectives on research/medicine. This experience solidified my goals of pursuing research as a career and has made me more passionate for my coursework back home.

I highly encourage looking into abroad programs if you have the time in your schedule, and I would love to help anyone that is lost on how to begin planning their experience!!

