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COVID-19 Measures

Due to the COVID-19 situation worldwide, the EuroScholars students who participated during the Spring 2020 semester had been instructed or strongly advised to return home by their home university.

During this semester, all students were offered to conduct their, in some cases, alternative research remotely and to part take in their language course and/or elective course and exam(s) and still earn their credits.

All the European institutions have taken several measures to keep their students and staff safe. Updates on the measures taken by the European universities are mentioned on these university websites:

[Leiden University](#)

[KU Leuven](#)

[University of Geneva](#)

[LMU](#)

[University of Zurich](#)

Information on the Fall 2020 semester

EuroScholars Program cancelled for Fall 2020 intake

In the meantime, the measures taken by the respective countries are changing frequently, the EuroScholars Board and Consortium decided, that due to the unpredictability of the COVID-19 to cancel the program for the Fall 2020 intake for all their locations. Prospective students who had

already been admitted or whose application was being reviewed have been offered to transfer their application to the next semester.

Although the program has been cancelled for the Fall 2020 intake, EuroScholars universities are once again open for business and plan to re-engage in their normal education and research programming in the new academic year as much as possible. The EuroScholars Consortium continues to operate under the premise that for the Spring 2021 semester the Consortium can move back into their regular EuroScholars operations.

University of Zurich withdrawing from EuroScholars Consortium

With much regret, we have to announce that after almost 12 years, the University of Zurich has decided to withdraw their participation from the EuroScholars Consortium. The University of Zurich has decided to change their university's strategic plans for internationalization and will therefore not offer any placements within the EuroScholars Program as per the Fall 2020 semester.

Recent highlights

[Leiden University](#)



photo by: Leiden University

Leiden University is an internationally oriented, comprehensive University. Our scientific research and teaching inspire one another, and this cross-pollination shapes our contribution to society. With our research, we work to gain a fundamental understanding of the world and the people around us. In our teaching, we train our students to become analytical thinkers and critical world citizens who can apply this knowledge to make the world a safe, healthy, sustainable, prosperous and just place. Where possible, we endorse and apply the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

In "[Research dossiers](#)", students can learn about various major interdisciplinary challenges that Leiden researchers are working on, both together and with external partners. These dossiers give an idea of the breadth of the research in Leiden. The dossiers shows research opportunities in the field of science, health and wellbeing, languages, cultures and societies, law, politics and administration, life sciences and artificial intelligence.

[Collaborative and effective drug development:](#)

There are many complex links in the chain that provides patients with new drugs: from fundamental science, to clinical tests, to production. The entire chain can be found in Leiden. The University, the Leiden University Medical Center (LUMC) and the businesses at the Leiden Bio Science Park (LBSP) work closely together to make the hunt for new drugs as efficient as possible.

[Diversity and inclusion:](#)

Inclusive teaching and research, a good reflection of society and a safe and accessible learning and working environment. The new [Diversity and Inclusion Work Plan](#) has set the direction of University policy and aims to create a university where everyone feels respected and at home.

[KU Leuven](#)



photo by: KU Leuven

KU Leuven is a research intensive university, a setting for both fundamental and applied research, with a strong inter- and multidisciplinary background and a clear international orientation. We aim for research excellence, a contribution to societal and cultural debates and the realization of a real knowledge society. Individual initiative, critical reflection, collaboration, solidarity, academic freedom and diversity are key concepts in realizing these goals.

[KU Leuven researchers shed new light on solar flares:](#)

Plasma astrophysicists at KU Leuven have created the first self-consistent simulation of the physical processes that occur during a solar flare. The researchers used Flemish supercomputers and a new combination of physical models.

[AG supports KU Leuven research on COVID-19 vaccine development and treatment:](#)

When it comes to virology research, Belgian labs have a top-notch reputation. In the global quest for vaccines against COVID-19, it is more important than ever to mobilize sufficient resources to carry out and support their groundbreaking work.

[University of Geneva](#)



photo by: UNIGE

The University of Geneva offers more than 500 programmes (including 136 Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes, 87 doctoral programmes) and 343 continuing education programmes covering an extremely wide variety of fields: exact sciences, medicine, humanities, social sciences, law, etc.

Its domains of excellence in research include life sciences (molecular biology, bio-informatics), physics of elementary particles, and astrophysics. UNIGE is also host and co-host to seven National Centres of Competence in Research: Frontiers in Genetics, MaNEP, PlanetS, SwissMap, Chemical Biology, Synaptic Bases of Mental Diseases and LIVES-Overcoming vulnerabilities in a life course perspective.

[Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität](#)



photo by: LMU

From distinguished research grant winners to undergraduate students, all members of the LMU Munich community are engaged in generating [new knowledge](#) for the benefit of society at large. The University is particularly noted for providing [excellent conditions for innovative basic research](#), both within individual disciplines and through inter- and transdisciplinary collaborations across [various fields of knowledge](#).

[How much oxygen does the brain need?:](#)

The brain has a high energy demand and reacts very sensitively to oxygen deficiency. LMU neurobiologists have now succeeded for the first time in directly correlating oxygen consumption with the activity of certain nerve cells.

[Playing with Diverse Identities:](#)

Ivan Huc's specialty might best be termed molecular mimicry. He designs and builds synthetic analogs of biomolecules that retain the essential features of their models, while exhibiting properties beyond those seen in nature.

University Ranking

All EuroScholars Consortium members are ranked in the top 150 of the most common ranking systems.

	Times Higher Education (2020)	ARWU Shanghai Ranking (2019)	QS World University Rankings 2020	The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) CWUR 2020-2021
Leiden University	67	82	118	79
KU Leuven	45	85	80	115
University of Geneva	144	58	110	96
Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität (LMU)	32	52	63	49

E-NAFSA poster presentation 2020

Initially, Usha Mohunlol (EuroScholars Head Office) and Marisa Moazen (University of Tennessee-Knoxville) had been selected to give a poster presentation at the NAFSA conference in St. Louis in May 2020.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 situation, the conference was cancelled and replaced by digital version, called e-NAFSA. This allowed Usha and Marisa to still present their poster online to the participants. The [presentation](#) can be downloaded from the EuroScholars website.

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