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University in the spotlight: Utrecht University



Founded in 1636, Utrecht University is an esteemed international research university, consistently positioned in the top 15 in continental Europe and the worldwide top 100 of international rankings. At Utrecht University, complex 21st century questions are studied in a multidisciplinary context and in an environment where world-class research stimulates innovative teaching and vice versa. With its research themes - Sustainability, Life Sciences, Institutions, Dynamics of Youth - the university contributes to solving issues such as climate change, infectious diseases, the aging population, social cohesion, and security.

Bright minds, better future

Highly talented academics and students contribute to a better world: 'Bright minds, better future'. Utrecht University has almost 30,000 students, over 6,000 staff, an annual budget of approximately 800 million euros, and a wide offering of English-taught courses and programs. In international rankings, Utrecht University is in the top 1% of the world's universities. Visit our new website at www.uu.nl. Utrecht University has brought forward [12 Nobel Prize winners](#). Among them Christiaan Eijkman, one of the first to discover vitamins, neuro-pharmacologist David de Wied, and the most recent Nobel Prize winner, theoretical

physicist Gerard 't Hooft. All these excellent students and staff, from far in the past up to the present day, are what makes Utrecht University what it is today. Through innovative research and education, they contribute to Utrecht University's mission: *Bright Minds, Better Future*.

Innovative education

At Utrecht University you will experience a model of [quality education](#) that stands for personal and interactive teaching based on critical reflection and debate, flexibility and a level of choice for students, as well as permanent professional development for lecturers. All of Utrecht's master's programs are directly linked to [fundamental and applied research](#) in a wide range of disciplines. Educate-it supports teachers as they future-proof and enhance their teaching practice by incorporating new trends and IT tools to engage students and clear the logjams that obstruct effective teaching. In 2015, Utrecht University opened a facility for safe and reliable large-scale digital assessment (up to 300 students at a time).

Collaboration & Utrecht Science Park

Collaboration at regional, national, and international levels is fundamental to providing excellent teaching and research, as well as societal relevance. These collaborations involve research institutions, companies, stakeholder organizations and governments. Utrecht University aims to have research and entrepreneurship make an indispensable contribution to solving societal challenges. Increasingly, researchers take the societal issues as a starting point for their research. They create new opportunities for cooperation, enterprise, and make connections that offer new possibilities to all parties involved. [The Utrecht Science Park](#), situated in the center of the Netherlands, is a place where Utrecht University, University Medical Centre Utrecht and numerous innovative companies and research organizations together strengthen each other by their mutual proximity.

Summer School

Utrecht is home of the largest Summer School program in Europe. Nowadays the Utrecht Summer School offers a broad selection of over 200 academic courses in virtually all disciplines organized by Utrecht University, HU University of Applied Sciences, and HKU University of the Arts. These institutions offer high quality, challenging summer courses on bachelor, master, and PhD level. All courses are taught in English by our academic staff. Yearly, the Utrecht Summer School attracts around 3,000 students from over 110 different countries.

Safe and beautiful location

According to the Lonely Planet, Utrecht is one of the 10 unsung places in the world. The UN World Happiness Report lists the Netherlands in the top 5 of happiest countries in the world. [BBC Travel](#) subsequently picked Utrecht as one of the "*top 5 happiest places to live*". [Utrecht](#) is a beautiful city with a medieval city center, small enough to explore on foot (or by bike, as the Dutch do!). Yet large enough to enjoy world class festivals, modern architecture, a great variety of restaurants and bars, trendy shops, and interesting museums. Along the *Oudegracht*, the central medieval canal, water-level bars and restaurants line the towpath, which is a charming place to watch the boats and birds go by. The *Domtoren*, or cathedral tower, is the tallest in the country, and from the top you can see the entire city below. Every Saturday the *Oudegracht* blooms with the weekly flower market.

English is widely spoken throughout the Netherlands. With an excellent public transport system, the center of Amsterdam and Schiphol Airport are less than half an hour away from the centre of Utrecht, and there are easy train connections throughout Europe.

New project at Utrecht University



A new project on unilateralism and the protection of global interests (UNI JURIS) is now available at Utrecht University. UNI JURIS seeks to study the exercise of unilateral jurisdiction by states and regional organizations (such as the EU) aiming to protect global interests. [For more information about this exciting new project, please click here.](#)

EuroScholars student Adam Uliana awarded prestigious 2016 Udall Scholarship

Adam Uliana, a Penn State chemical engineering student and Schreyer Scholar, has been selected as a 2016 Udall Scholar by the Udall Foundation.

Adam is currently conducting research on nano filtration membranes for water treatment at [KU Leuven](#) under the supervision of [Prof. Bart van der Bruggen](#) in the Department of Chemical Engineering during the Spring 2016 term.

Udall Scholars are selected annually and represent an elite group of students committed to study in fields related to the environment or American Indian health care and tribal policy.

They are chosen for their leadership, record of public service, and academic achievement.

Adam was selected for his humanitarian contributions and commitment to conservation, particularly in the area of natural water filtration as a means to aid the global water crisis.

[Follow this link to read more.](#)

Interview with Jacob Cecil

University of Tennessee-Knoxville student Jacob Cecil participated in an interview to provide insight into his experience with the EuroScholars program. Jacob researched on the topic of Vascular Growth Factors in Development and Disease at the University of Helsinki during the Spring 2016 term. Click the image below to view his interview.



Student review of MidStay Program:



The following is a review of the EuroScholars MidStay program, written by Adam Uliana: "Each of the four days of the spring 2016 MidStay program was packed with picturesque sights, insight into research, laughs, and delicious food. Zurich, Switzerland, provided an excellent location for our MidStay program. I treasured all of our tours and adventures around the city, which featured a boat ride through its beautiful lake and steep rides on the Polybahn railway. We additionally toured buildings of the University of Zurich and learned about its social and research cultures. For the research portion of the MidStay program, I especially enjoyed learning about and discussing the research work of my fellow EuroScholars together. A visit to the Botanical Garden of the University of Zurich also highlighted the week of activities.

We were fed well at fancy restaurants (a great break from my low student budget and pitiful cooking skills) and were given ample time to get to know one another, which was my favorite part of the program. I relished all of the many jokes and interesting conversations that I shared with each of the other EuroScholars. To top off the terrific week, I had the privilege of traveling to Lucerne, Switzerland, over the following weekend with the other two KU Leuven EuroScholars for some hiking in the Alps and hanging out. I most certainly would like to thank the EuroScholars staff for the opportunity to have traveled to Zurich for the MidStay program, and I look forward to seeing what amazing things will accompany the bright futures of the other EuroScholars I have gotten to know."

EuroScholars Site Visit, Fall 2016:



The EuroScholars consortium is hosting a site visit this fall to enhance US and Canadian institutional knowledge of the program. The site visit is tailored toward Honors and Undergraduate Research administrators, faculty, and advisors at North American universities. During this week, 1 of the institutions above will also organize the EuroScholars MidStay program for students. Some activities will be combined with the Site Visit.

Registration deadline: 5 July 2016

Travel dates: week of 6 November 2016

Locations: University of Helsinki (Finland), Karolinska Institutet (Sweden), and University of Zurich (Switzerland).

Read more : <http://euroscholars.eu/advisors/euroscholars-site-visit/>

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Upcoming conferences 2016:

EAIE (European Association for International Education), Liverpool UK

September 13 - 16 2016

www.eaie.org

Some of the members of the EuroScholars Consortium will attend the EAIE. Should you like to schedule a meeting, please contact Ms. Usha Mohunlol (u.c.mohunlol@sea.leidenuniv.nl).

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