

Research Abroad at a Top European Research University



The banner features a blue header with the EuroScholars logo (a circle containing a red square, a brown square, and a blue square) and the text "EUROScholars" and "with the EuroScholars Program". Below this, on a white background with diagonal lines, is the text "UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH with the EuroScholars Program". To the right, it says "STUDY IN EUROPE" in blue, "9 TOP RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES" in red, and "IN 6 COUNTRIES" in red. On the far right is a photograph of three students sitting on wooden steps, working on laptops and books.

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Research at Leiden University

[Leiden University](#), founded in 1575, is a research university.

Fundamental research is the main objective and the education provided is largely research-based. Fundamental research is typically curiosity-driven and its courses and findings are usually unpredictable. Leiden University believes that fundamental research is crucial to the development of modern society and the future prosperity of mankind. At Leiden we aim to create an inspiring atmosphere for researchers and students.



As a research University, [Leiden University](#) focuses on fundamental research and research-based education. Fundamental research is typically curiosity-driven and researchers develop their curiosity through their observations. In science and technology, unexpected outcomes or practical problems are often at the basis of research into the most fundamental characteristics of nature. Fundamental research frequently leads to new insights into the essence of nature, the human mind, and the complex interactions between their elements. From this starting point, innovations, new developments and solutions to old problems emerge.

In our globalizing world, universities have to face growing, intense competition, both in research and teaching. To maintain and further strengthen our excellence in research, choices have to be made. For this reason, Leiden University has selected [11 research profile areas](#), most of them with a strong multidisciplinary focus. These areas offer ample opportunity for first-class fundamental research, but they are also strongly linked to key issues prevalent in modern national and international societies. In the coming years, Leiden University will do its utmost to facilitate excellent research and to stimulate multidisciplinary collaboration in these profile areas:

1. Asian modernities and traditions
2. Bioscience: the science base of health
3. Brain function and dysfunction over the lifespan
4. Fundamentals of science
5. Global interaction of people, culture and power through the ages
6. Health, prevention and the human life cycle
7. Interaction between legal systems
8. Language diversity in the world
9. Political legitimacy: institutions and identities
10. Translational drug discovery and development
11. Vascular and regenerative medicine

Leiden University strongly believes that the education it provides benefits directly from the high quality research that is carried out within the University itself, and that new fundamental knowledge is new intellectual capital. The most recent academic insights are immediately integrated into the courses.



Leiden University strongly believes in worldwide co-operation.

Top research increasingly means [joining forces](#) across boundaries; these may be the boundaries of departmental disciplines, of faculties and of the University itself. Leiden holds a firmly established international position among the top international research institutes in many diverse fields. Many international researchers and students work and study here, and the University enjoys numerous valuable and fruitful contacts with academic establishments throughout the world.

More about the current achievements and laureates at Leiden can be found at [Leiden's Laureates](#) and via our [research output](#).

[About the city Leiden and Leiden University](#)

The city and the university have for centuries been closely interwoven.



The presence of thousands of students and staff has a major impact on the street scene, cultural life and economic diversity. These are what make Leiden a true university city.

There are many opportunities for students and staff to get together: during lectures, at the student associations or sports centre, or on the streets and in cafés.

Leiden does not have a campus where all the university buildings and activities are concentrated. The University's premises permeate the city.

The historic city centre lives and breathes the University: the Academy Building - the oldest and most defining of the University's premises - the Observatory and the Gravensteen all form an integral part of the city's architecture.

EuroScholars Poster Presentation at NAFSA 2015

On Wednesday, May 27th, Usha Mohunlol (Coordinator EuroScholars Program) and Andrew Wingfield (ISA), presented the poster *“Student Case Study: Outcomes of Intensive Research Abroad through EuroScholars.”*

STUDENT CASE STUDY

Outcomes of Intensive Research Abroad through EuroScholars

What the Scholars are Saying...

- 12000 I received the most amazing amount of help and support from the program.
- 12001 I had a great time in Leiden and it was a great experience to be in a different country.
- 12002 I was able to explore a new area of research that I had never explored before.
- 12003 I was able to meet and work with some of the best researchers in the world.
- 12004 I was able to gain a lot of experience in my field and it was a great learning experience.
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Program Details

- Research abroad experience in a world-class research environment in Europe.
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The next EuroScholars Poster Presentation will be at the EAIE in Glasgow, which is scheduled for September 17th from 15.00-16.30.

Reviews EuroScholars Alumni

Caitlyn Ahlberg, Patrick Fortier-Brown and Colby Fortier- Brown (University of Maine / Karolinska Institutet, Leiden University and Utrecht University)

Caitlyn, Patrick and Colby, all three participated in Spring 2013 in the EuroScholars Program.

Together they wrote a review on their experience in the newsletter of their home university.

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming conferences 2015

September 15 - 18

EAIE (European Association for International Education)

Glasgow UK

www.eaie.org

Some of the members of the EuroScholars Consortium will attend the EAIE. Would you like to schedule a meeting, please contact: Ms. Usha Mohunlol

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