Research Abroad at a Top European Research University



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University in the spotlight: University of Geneva



Founded in 1559 by John Calvin, the University of Geneva (UNIGE) is one of Europe's leading universities and stands out as one of the 100 best universities in the world. With

around 17,000 students of more than 150 nationalities, UNIGE is Switzerland's second largest university.

For over 450 years, the university has maintained its commitment to excellence with an interdisciplinary focus in both teaching and research, making it an institution of world renown. Today, UNIGE offers a remarkable range of programs and fosters multidisciplinary activities, as attested by its many interdisciplinary projects and centers, as well as its selection as the site for various National Centers of Competence in Research (NCCR's).

Faculties and interdisciplinary centers

- 9 faculties: Science, Medicine, Humanities, Social Sciences, Economics and Management, Law, Theology, Psychology and Educational Sciences, Translation and Interpreting
- 14 interdisciplinary Centers and programs (among them the Global Studies Institute, the Institute for Environmental Sciences, the Institute of Genetics and Genomics in Geneva)



Programs and Rankings

- 26 Bachelor's Degrees
- 100 Master's Degrees
- 79 Doctoral Degrees
- 20 Geneva Summer Schools
- 20 Massive Open Online Courses
- 100 Bilingual programs (or entirely taught in English)
- Total Students: 16,908
- 56th among 20,000 universities in the world (Shangai Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015)
- 2nd of the 21 Swiss Institutes of higher education
- 2nd most international university in the world, according to Times Higher education (2015)

Research

- 3950 Research Staff from 113 foreign countries
 - 595 Full Professor
 - 3'355 Teaching and Research Collaborators including 1,904 doctoral students
- 6 National Centers of Competence in Research (NCCR's): PlanetS, SwissMap, Chemical Biology, Affective Sciences, Synaptic Bases of Mental Disease, LIVES Overcoming vulnerabilities: Life Course Perspectives (former NCCRs: Frontiers in Genetics, MaNEP)
- More than 10 Cutting-Edge Research Infrastructures (Bodmer Lab, Campus Biotech, High Performance Calculator, etc.)
- 3,900 Articles Published Every Year, on average 10 per day
- Cutting-edge discoveries made each year; about 50 seminars, conferences, and symposiums are taking place each week

International

- 40% International Students
- 60% International Teaching Staff
- 67% International Doctoral Students
- Mobility (2014-2015): 753 Incoming Students, 488 Outgoing Students, 421 Exchange Agreements
- 153 Nationalities

"Week of Democracy" at the University of Geneva:



The United Nation's international day of democracy on September 15th is celebrated in Geneva during a "Week of democracy." The University of Geneva participates in this celebration and organizes a series of events, roundtable discussions, presentations, and discussions. Through these events taking place for the second time this year, citizens are

encouraged to exchange with and question researchers and political actors on topics related to political participation and involvement in the political process.

The 2016 "Week of democracy" has a special focus on the political participation of young citizens and activities in parliament. For the former topic, results from studies on young citizen's participation in elections and referendums are presented and discussed with the presidents of the youth organizations of several political parties.

Activities in parliaments, from decision-making to speech-making, play a central role in democracies. Presentations of research projects dealing with parliamentary debates and decision-making processes give insights into the proverbial "sausage factory" (the German chancellor Otto von Bismarck once noted that "Laws are like sausages, it is better not to see them being made."). Politicians and researchers debate these contributions and assess the work of members of parliament.

Click here for more information about the EuroScholars research project linked with the topic of democracy and parliaments.

EuroScholars sponsoring NCHC 2016

On behalf of EuroScholars, Dr. Elizabeth Erbeznik will be attending the 51st annual National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC) conference this year. The conference is to be held in Seattle, WA from October 12th-16th, 2016.

Please contact her at euroscholars@studiesabroad.com to schedule a time to meet during the conference and to learn about how your students can participate in the EuroScholars program.

Updates from EuroScholars



In Spring 2016, we welcomed 15 students from 10 North American institutions. Since that

time, all students have finished their research semester at 1 of the European universities and have returned home. Some of these students have been involved in a joint publications with their Research Supervisor. Follow this link to learn more about the joint publications.

To learn more about the research projects in which our students were involved, please have a look at this page.

This Fall, we are welcoming 22 students from 16 North American institutions. We wish them good luck with their studies and research.

EuroScholars Site visit Fall 2016



The site visit will be organized and hosted by the <u>University of Zurich</u>, <u>Karolinska Institutet</u>, and the <u>University of Helsinki</u> in the week of November 6th, 2016.

During this week, our guests from 10 North American institutions will learn more about the EuroScholars Program, the host universities, and will meet with the current EuroScholars students and researchers.

To get an impression of our previous site visits, please follow this link

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