

EuroScholars Researchers: The Importance of Undergraduate Research Abroad



Dr. Michiel de Dood (Associate professor, Leiden University): *“Experience the important differences in education and research between US and other countries. Opportunity to be immersed in a research environment early in a student's career can be a great motivation for further personal development”.*



Prof. Dr. Klaus Oberauer, Professor of Cognitive Psychology, University of Zurich: *“Lab cultures differ between countries and cultures, so getting involved in research abroad broadens the student's experience. It is also an opportunity to build contacts with another section of the scientific community.”*

Dr. Adriana Ruiz Rizzo, Dept. of Psychology, LMU: *“Students could benefit from different ways of thinking and doing research.”*



PD Dr. Dr.med. Caroline Ospelt, Dept. of Rheumatology, University Hospital of Zurich: *“Students should gain practical experience in the lab, learn how to be independent and to cope with language/cultural differences.”*



Prof. Dirk van der Marel, University of Geneva: *“An undergraduate student should conduct research abroad in order to broaden his/her cultural horizon. Hosting a EuroScholar provides a unique insight, on the part of the student as well as on the part of his/her hosts, into the scientific and educational cultures on both sides of the Atlantic.”*



Dr. Bart Van der Bruggen, KU Leuven: *“EuroScholars are typically creative explorers by nature, and the EuroScholars program only sharpens this orientation. It then helps the scholars adding more skills, and most of all: a broad vision on science and the world”.*



Prof. Dr. Jan Aarts, Scientific director / professor of Experimental physics, Leiden University: *“A research and culture experience which is enriching for both sides. Sometimes also because the facilities may be (even) better than what they have available at home.”*

Prof. Dr. Renate Gay, Division of Rheumatology, University Hospital of Zurich: *“Very well educated student who was eager to learn. The work of the student helped to bring the project ahead.”*

Dr. Chris Warren, Institute Psychology, Leiden University: *“My student was extremely capable and independent and helped me get a lot of research done. I think the EuroScholars program was an excellent experience from my student, and for me as well.”*

Dr. Reinhilde Jacobs, Department of Imaging & Pathology, KU Leuven: *“The student was very eager to learn new things and picked up them up very easily. We were impressed, all the things he needed to learn for the research were new to him, but he behaved as an excellent student with a true research oriented mind set.”*

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Dr. Guido Gendolla, Geneva Motivation Lab / Psychology Dept., University of Geneva: *“Conducting research abroad certainly opens up the students' and the host institutions' academic horizons”.*



Dr. Donald Glowinski, Senior Researcher, Coordinator Music & Science, University of Geneva: *“It was first a surprise to see EuroScholars coming to my lab as it usually happens later on (e.g., for a Phd). I've been deeply impressed by their maturity, their insights, their professionalism and their curiosity”.*



Prof. Karl Schmedders, PhD, Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Information Technology, University of Zurich: *“The presence of the EuroScholars student in my research team provided a learning experience for him and a cultural challenge and experience for my team”.*



Prof. Patrik Vuilleumier, Dept. of Neurology and Neurosciences, University of Geneva: *“Conducting research abroad allow students to gain expertise and to build their network”.*

Dr. Ludo Juurlink, Associate Professor, Leiden Institute of Chemistry, Leiden University: *“Offering foreign students opportunities to study and work here is greatly gratifying. They learn about our ways to conduct science, about the Netherlands, our culture, and our ideas. I have seen that it enriches them, makes them see the world through different perspectives”.*

Prof. Dr. Steven Verhelst, Dept. of Cellular and Molecular Medicine, KU Leuven: *“The student performed excellent work, which gave good support to a running research project in the lab. The student had no research experience in an academic lab, the project exposed him to cutting edge research for the first time, and this was very helpful to him. Although he was a BSc student, he performed at the level of a starting PhD student. I believe that undergraduate students who are very ambitious and who would like to pursue a PhD should broaden their horizon and also get exposed to different kinds of research labs.”*

Dr. Kerstin Klein, Center of Experimental Rheumatology, University of Zurich: *“The motivation of the student was very high, he learned a lot in a short period. Our research team learned from his native English skills. I believe that undergraduate student conducting research abroad helps students to find out if they really like the idea of working in a lab. This is something that can not be learned in theory.”*

Anonymus : *“Conducting research abroad is a good experience for students to visit an institute abroad and thereby broaden their view on their study, research within their discipline and the world in general. It's a great learning experience putting the student outside his / her comfort zone. Students are often unaware of the possibilities and the level of science outside their home country”.*