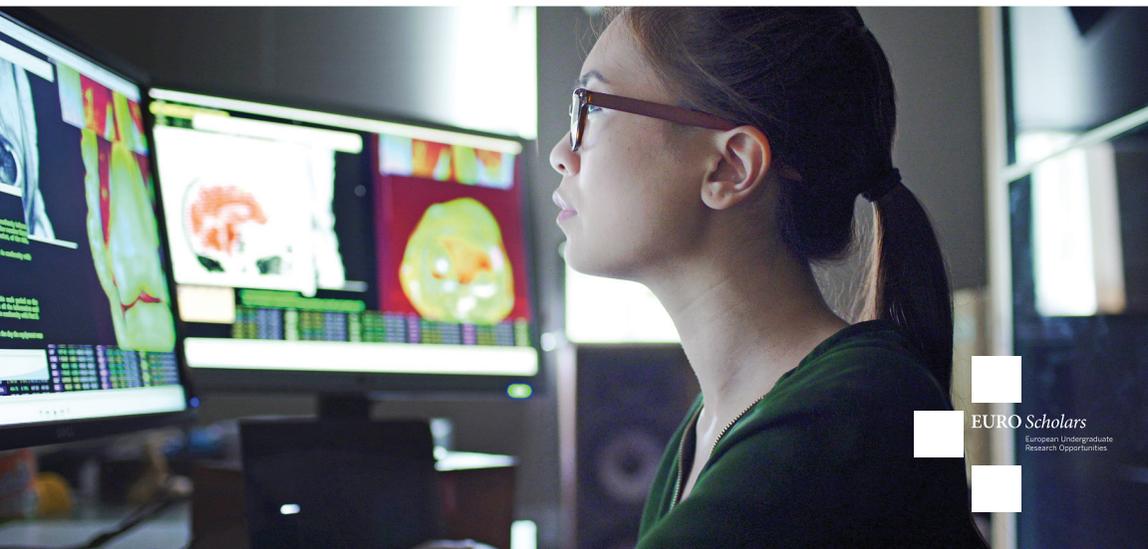


# The EuroScholars Program

A European academic research experience in collaboration with ISA

2020



**EURO Scholars**  
European Undergraduate  
Research Opportunities

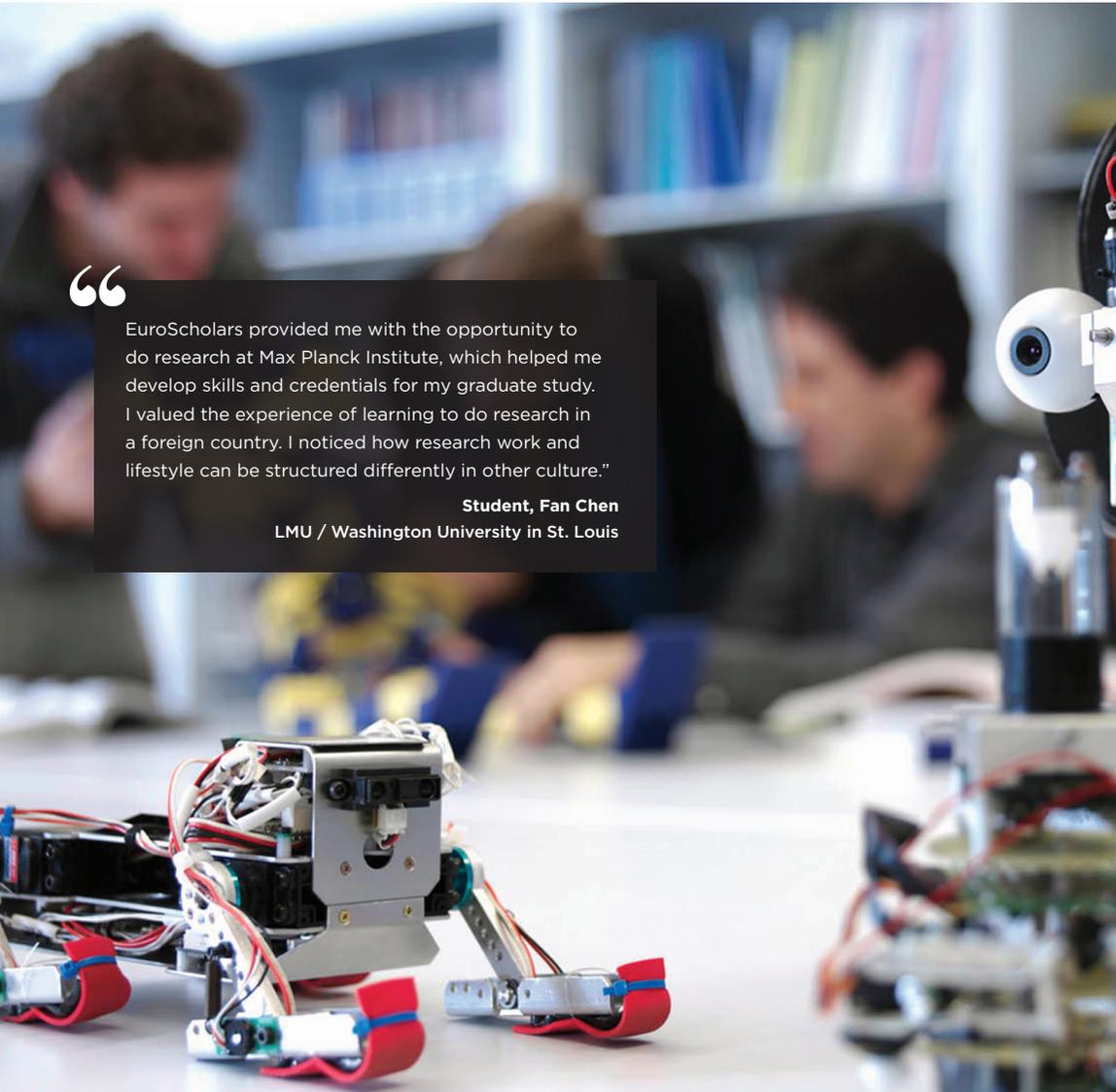
## What is EuroScholars?

EuroScholars is a unique, research-intensive study abroad program designed for talented and advanced undergraduate students. The program combines a study abroad experience with the opportunity to join a research team and participate in an ongoing investigation at an internationally renowned European research university.

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EuroScholars provided me with the opportunity to do research at Max Planck Institute, which helped me develop skills and credentials for my graduate study. I valued the experience of learning to do research in a foreign country. I noticed how research work and lifestyle can be structured differently in other culture.”

**Student, Fan Chen**  
LMU / Washington University in St. Louis



## In this program you will...

- Choose an academic research project from a variety of fields within the participating institutions.
- Gain hands-on research experience at one of Europe's top institutions, under the direct supervision of professors and other academic staff.
- Collaborate and share experiences with other like-minded students.
- Document your research in a paper of publishable quality.
- Develop professionally as you explore research as a long-term career option.
- Advance your intercultural and scholarly communication skills.



## WHAT THE SCHOLARS ARE SAYING...

**85%** EuroScholars exposed me to experiences and opportunities I wouldn't have found on my home campus.

**85%** Participating in the EuroScholars program helped me fine-tune my career/graduate school goals.

**97%** I would recommend the EuroScholars program to other undergraduate students interested in research.

**93%** Participating in EuroScholars was one of the most important experiences I had as an undergraduate student.

**97%** I returned from my EuroScholars experience with a stronger sense of what it means to be engaged in research as a full-time endeavor.

EuroScholars helped me strengthen my application to gain acceptance to medical school. Being fully immersed in research was a great experience especially coming from predominantly lecture learning and appreciating the differences.”

**Student, Austin Auyeung**  
Leiden University /  
University of Western Ontario

# Academic Structure & Project Options

The EuroScholars academic structure is customizable per student, based on qualifying coursework and experience.

Your semester will be transcribed as a full-time semester workload. A maximum of 30 ECTS credits are included in the program, with a minimum of 18 ECTS devoted to research.

Once accepted to a project, you will complete the EuroScholars Learning Agreement to outline your course configuration for the semester.



## THE RESEARCH PROJECT

Projects can be found in virtually any area of study, from biochemistry to linguistics.

The research project will contribute to the majority of your time, energy, and credit for the program.

## LANGUAGE & CULTURE COURSE

Required for all students. This course is meant to enhance your intercultural awareness and experience outside of the lab.

## METHODS & LITERATURE REVIEW COURSE

Designed to enrich your appreciation for and understanding of the subject.

## ELECTIVE COURSE IN YOUR FIELD OF STUDY

The elective option may not be available for all students, as it is dependent on the availability of courses taught in English at the host institution.

## PROJECT EXAMPLES BY ALUMNI

[Probing the Viscosity of Conduction Metals](#)  
Geneva, Switzerland

[Network Engineering: Managerial Big Data Analytics](#)  
Zurich, Switzerland

[Molecular & Cellular Mechanisms Regulating Sleep & Biological Clocks](#)  
Zurich, Switzerland

[Ethnic Power Relations & Conflict in Fragile States](#)  
Geneva, Switzerland

[Reconstructing Geoeological Changes in Floodplains](#)  
Leuven, Belgium

[Light-activated Anti-cancer Compounds](#)  
Leiden, Netherlands

[Cognitive Neuroscience](#)  
Leiden, Netherlands

[Personal Rights in German Civil Law](#)  
LMU, Germany

A full list of projects is provided on the EuroScholars website at [euroscholars.eu](https://www.euroscholars.eu).



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EuroScholars has allowed my students to gain top-notch lab and research experience across a variety of academic disciplines, while still allowing them many of the important cultural and linguistic experiences of a more traditional study abroad model.”

**Assistant Director Global Education, Heather Powell Browne**  
Colorado College

## Program Cost, What's Included & Eligibility

### Program Cost: Spring/Fall 2020

9975€ per semester + \$500 administration fee

**Please Note:** The USD program price will be set each semester based on a current exchange rate.

### What's Included

- Admissions advising and pre-departure support.
- Tuition at the host university.
- Housing in an approved university facility. An additional housing security deposit may be required from students.
- An orientation at the host campus and on-site support throughout the semester.
- Research project supervision.
- All students will be automatically enrolled in international medical insurance by ISA. A description of coverage is available on the ISA website. Please note that some countries will require students to purchase additional coverage for visa purposes.

- During the semester a Mid-Stay Program will be organized for all EuroScholars students at one of the host institutions. Travel and lodging expenses for students traveling to attend the Mid-Stay program are covered. The Mid-Stay program will consist of an academic portion, in which students will present their research findings up to that point of the semester, as well as social activities around the host city.

### Eligibility

EuroScholars is looking for independent, mature, and motivated undergraduate students with a strong interest in an academic and/or research career.

A minimum GPA of 3.4 is required. Research experience is not required; however, natural science students should have ample academic experience in a laboratory setting. Students must obtain approval by both the host and home university.

# How to Apply

## 1. Find a Project

Search the Research Project Database found on [euroscholars.eu](https://euroscholars.eu) to view all available research project options. Identify three projects of interest.

## 2. Contact ISA and your U.S. University

ISA (International Studies Abroad) is the North American partner of the EuroScholars program and will guide you through the admissions process. Please contact our office to set up a phone call to discuss program and application nuances once you have established research projects of interest.

You should also work closely with your U.S. university to establish approval of the EuroScholars program and the feasibility of credit transfer.

**Email** [euroscholars@studiesabroad.com](mailto:euroscholars@studiesabroad.com)

**Phone** (512) 480-8522

## 3. Apply

An online application is available through the ISA website at [secure.studiesabroad.com/apply/euro](https://secure.studiesabroad.com/apply/euro). A \$95 nonrefundable deposit is required in order to submit this application, so please be confident about your intent to move forward with the program by the time you reach this step. Your deposit will be refunded if you cannot be placed in your requested research projects.

After completing the online application, you will be required to submit the following supporting documents via the ISA Student Portal:

- Cover Letter
- Academic Resume
- Two Academic Letters of Recommendation
- Project Identification & Personal Statements (prompts provided)
- ISA Application Supplement
- Official Transcripts



## 4. Host University Application Review & Status Notification

Upon receipt of your complete application, ISA will provide it to the host institution for your first-choice project for their review. The host institution will then contact you regarding your acceptance status within approximately 2-3 weeks. In most cases, a call with the research project supervisor will be arranged to discuss your application in greater depth before a final decision is made.

Following your acceptance, additional paperwork and payment will need to be submitted to ISA by the final forms and payment due date. The Learning Agreement must be completed and signed by you, your home university, and your host institution in order for final program approval to be granted.

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Semester / Academic Year

April 1

Spring Semester

October 1



Hosting a EuroScholar provides a unique insight, on the part of the EuroScholar as well as on the part of his/her hosts, into the scientific and educational cultures on both sides of the Atlantic.”

**Research Supervisor, Dirk van der Marel**  
University of Geneva

## GRANT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



### Funding & Costs Confirmation Form

You must submit a funding & costs confirmation form as part of your grant application. The form allows you to communicate the costs (if any) you will have at your home university for the time you are abroad, as well as the funding you are receiving to help finance the cost of the EuroScholars program. Financial need or challenges with regard to disabilities will both be considered when allocating grant funds.



### Statement of Impact

You must submit a statement in which you:

1. Briefly discuss the factors that motivate your research interest. You could explain why, for example, you chose your particular academic field of study and research project.
2. Outline any financial circumstances that may impact your ability to participate in EuroScholars and/or highlight accessibility considerations and how they might contribute to your experience abroad.

This narrative must not exceed 400 words.



### Academic References

Your faculty references from the EuroScholars application will be submitted with the grant application materials and taken into consideration during the review process.

## EuroScholars Grants

The EuroScholars Consortium awards a limited number of grants of 2500€ per semester to deserving applicants.

In order to be considered for a grant, you must have your full EuroScholars program application and EuroScholars grant application submitted to ISA by the application deadline. You will be able to submit your grant application materials to the ISA Student Portal along with your application materials. The EuroScholars Grants are counted toward the payment of the EuroScholars program fee.

Students participating in more than one semester will only be eligible to receive the grant once. The EuroScholars Grants are awarded to lower-income students and students with disabilities.

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The participating institutions are research-intensive universities, all internationally recognized for their outstanding research in numerous fields. All of the participating institutions are ranked in the top two percent of the 4,000 universities in all of Europe.



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