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## HOW IS THE EUROSCHOLARS PROGRAMME STRUCTURED? – TWO OPTIONS

### ABOUT EUROSCHOLARS

The EuroScholars programme is a recently established research-focused study abroad programme for talented North American students. Each participant will attend one of 12 research intensive universities (all LERU members) for a semester, where he/she will join an existing academic research team. In order to earn a full semester of credit, they will actively participate in the established research project as well as undertake some coursework. The programme is individually built around the research project the student has selected during their pre-enrolment phase and the project details will be established in close dialogue with you as the project supervisor. The application process is largely guided by EuroLearn, a US organisation dealing with sending students abroad. Throughout the process they will be in touch with all parties and they host the email address [info@euroscholars.eu](mailto:info@euroscholars.eu).

### Flexibility of the curriculum

The EuroScholars programme offers a flexible curriculum individually built around each student and established in dialogue with the supervising professor. The number of ECTS credits per component and for the whole programme may vary although a full-time credit load must be maintained by the student. This also depends on whether the institutions offer courses in English in the chosen field of study. The programme must always have a research project as its central element.

There are two important advantages to maintaining programme flexibility:

- 1) it is easier to align the programme with the course and research opportunities at the host institutions;
- 2) it will be easier for students to integrate the EuroScholars programme into their US curriculum as the start and end date are not fixed.

EuroScholars proposes two different basic curriculum options to assure that the characteristics of EuroScholars are best represented (academic research and language and/or culture). Both options have a total of 30 ECTS (1 semester). Examples of each basic curriculum option are provided on page two.

### Option 1 (higher research focus)

6 ECTS Language & culture course (*classes + exam*)

6 ECTS Methods & literature review (*independent study*)

18 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (*research*)

### Option 2

6 ECTS Language & culture course (*classes + exam*)

6 ECTS Methods & literature review (*independent study*)

12 ECTS Participation in research project including article/presentation (*research*)

6 ECTS Elective course in the field of research (*classes + exam*)



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**Example of Option 1 of a EuroScholars curriculum at Zurich University**

- 2 ECTS Pre-semester intensive language course
- 2 ECTS Semester language course
- 2 ECTS Cultural course "Switzerland and its wealth" (in German)
- 6 ECTS Literature Review on research area
- 18 ECTS Research Project "Rheumatoid arthritis"

**Example of Option 2 of a EuroScholars curriculum at Leiden University**

*These programme components are based upon the availability of courses and projects in 2008 and may change over time.*

- 5 ECTS Course 'Introduction to Dutch language and culture'
- 5 ECTS Course: 'Policy and Social Behaviour'
- 6 ECTS Literature Review on Social Decision Making (books chosen upon a student's knowledge of the area of study)
- 14 ECTS Research Project: 'Social Decision Making'
- Total: 30 ECTS