

## **Research Abroad: A Scientist's Way of Seeing the World**

### **Purpose:**

When you are majoring in one of the Sciences, it often feels impossible to fit studying abroad into your busy schedule. Between all the classes you need to take for your degree plan and the research internships you need to spend your summer doing, there is just no time to see the world and experience other cultures. You need to get ahead in order to achieve your goals, and not being able to study abroad is just one of those sacrifices you are willing to make.

I used to feel the same exact way as well until I discovered Research Abroad. Research Abroad allows you to spend 8-10 weeks during the summer working in a research laboratory in a foreign country. You were already planning on doing research over the summer, so why not do it in Switzerland or Thailand or Chile? No matter where you go, a lab is a lab. The foreign labs just have the added benefit that you can explore a country you have never been to and meet people with ways of life both similar to and different from your own.

I will be giving 2-3 presentations this semester about many of the different opportunities out there for undergraduate students to participate in Research Abroad. Having just completed my own Research Abroad experience in Switzerland this past summer, I am super excited to help others do the same.

### **Task:**

In preparation for my Research Abroad presentation, please do the following:

1. List 5 places you would like to visit and a reason why each of those places interest you
2. Write 50-100 words about your personal academic interests
3. Come prepared to listen and ask questions

After attending my Research Abroad presentation, please write a one page summary about what you learned, which opportunities interest you the most and why, and how helpful you found the presentation. Include the work you did in preparation for the presentation as well.