

The objective of the EUROScholars program is to give students the challenge of conducting original research at the cutting edge of human knowledge. The program strives to promote interactions with scholars through an immersion in European research opportunities in an academic environment.



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Although private international law rules are able to solve many of the problems associated with the recovery of child maintenance in cross-border situations, these solutions only serve to deal with half of the problem. A possible alternative is to create a separate European child maintenance system. In attempting to create such a system, one must undertake comparative substantive law research in a variety of European and non-European jurisdictions chosen on the basis of geographical, historical, socio-economic, and legal factors. In researching the federal system of the United States of America, it is of great importance that any research be up-to-date, accurate, and well-documented. The research findings will then be able to form the basis for a comparative research project under the jurisdiction of the Netherlands.

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Jessica Dorsey, a third-year law student from Topeka, Kan., is in Utrecht, the Netherlands, participating in an in-depth research program known as EUROScholars. For Dorsey, the program began in August 2008 and continues until February 2009. Her research is titled, "Maintenance in Europe: A Child Maintenance System for Europe?"

"I will work closely with Dr. Ian Curry-Sumner on a comparative child maintenance scheme between the American system and the laws in the Netherlands," said Dorsey. "My research will culminate in a co-authored article with Dr. Curry-Sumner, to be published in the *Utrecht Law Review*, and I will orally defend my findings to two separate groups of the Law Faculty of the University of Utrecht. She added, "I will also take courses in the Dutch language as well as a Comparative Methodology course taught at the University of Utrecht."

For students interested in discovering their potential for a research career, the EUROScholars program offers unique opportunities to work as a junior project researcher. The program is available to outstanding and motivated advanced undergraduate, honors, or graduate students who have a GPA of 3.4 or higher and possess a strong interest in working in an academic/research environment.

Participants learn about scientific reasoning, research methods, theoretical principles, and scholarly communication. By finalizing the results of their research projects in publishable quality, they will also have improved their writing and presentation skills.

"I will be the first American law student to participate in this program," stated Dorsey. "I hope to continue on to an LL.M. in International Human Rights and Criminal Justice at the University of Utrecht, starting in 2009. Ultimately, I'd like to work with the United Nations or related nongovernmental organizations in the field of human rights."

For more information about the EUROScholars program, visit: <http://www.euroscholars.eu>.