FIRST-YEAR MEDICAL STUDENTS, PLME JUNIORS AND SENIORS

SUMMER STUDY IN GERMANY

Application Deadline February 29, 2016
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Some food and incidentals

**BIOL 6510: Growing Old—Aging and its medical challenges**
Rostock University, June 6-17, 2016

Course Coordination: Professor Thomas Mittlmeier
Language: English
Participants: Medical students from Alpert Medical School and PLME undergraduates
Number of students: up to 15
Tuition: No charge to Brown students
Room and Food: Off-campus housing will be provided by Rostock. Students receive a modest stipend for food.
Travel Expenses: Students responsible for all travel expenses to/from and within Germany. Rostock provides a travel card for travel within the City of Rostock.
Extracurricular: Sailing and swimming available on the beautiful Baltic coast.
Description: Provide students with cross-cultural perspectives on medical topics such as aging in the US and Germany contexts. During the morning seminars, specialists in aging provide information on the physiology of aging and on prominent diseases afflicting the elderly such as hypertension and diabetes.
During the afternoon, students undertake field trips, labs, and visits to institutions of aging as well as engage in cultural activities.
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**BIOL 6511: Comparative Medical Ethics**
**Tuebingen University, June 20-July 1, 2016**

Course coordination:
Professor Hans-Jörg Ehni and Dr. Elena Lebherz

Participants: Medical students from Alpert Medical School and University of Tuebingen, Undergraduates in the PLME

Number of students: up to 15

Tuition: No charge to Brown students

Room and Food: Tuebingen books rooms in the youth hostel (including breakfast) and gives a small stipend for food which can be used in the commissary or elsewhere.

Travel Expenses: Students are responsible for all travel expenses to/from and within Germany.

Extracurricular: Students can make a trip to Munich and Castle Neuschwanstein at their own expense.

Description:
The goal of this intensive two-week seminar is to bring pre-medical and medical students from Brown and Tuebingen together to discuss ethical issues of medical practice in a comparative perspective. The seminar will consist of small group discussions and study periods, and will include the students preparing short presentations for the group sessions. By comparing different ethical standards and positions from the US, Germany, and selected other countries, the students will not only receive a basic training in medical ethics but also get a sense for the cultural relativity of moral reasoning, the co-existence of alternative and competing ethical frameworks, calibrated to different civilizational traditions and socio-political conditions. The participants will be offered clinical cases to discuss the implications of different ethical positions. The seminar will be highly interactive to induce a stimulating exchange of ideas and arguments between the medical students from the US and Germany.

The seminar covers the following topic areas under a comparative perspective:

Organization of health-care systems
- Three prototypical systems:
  - Market driven system: US health system
  - Social security system: Germany
  - Tax financed state system: United Kingdom
  - Distributive justice in health care, comparison of the three countries US, Germany and UK

Medical decision making and the physician-patient relationship
- Basic ethical principles of medical decision making (respect for autonomy, non-maleficence, beneficence, justice)
- Models of the physician-patient relationship
- Meaning, justification and elements of informed consent
- Standards for surrogate decision making

End-of-life decision making and euthanasia
GENERAL INFORMATION
At Rostock, students are housed in off-campus housing. Tuebingen University books rooms in the youth hostel and provides a small stipend which can be used at the commissary. Students must pay for their own food. Students are responsible for all travel expenses including flights to and from Germany, ground transportation, and for those students who are attending both programs, travel from Rostock to Tuebingen.

ROSTOCK
Fly into Hamburg Airport
Train from Hamburg to Rostock takes 2 hours.

TUEBINGEN
Fly into Stuttgart Airport
Train or Bus from Stuttgart to Tuebingen
The youth hostel of Tuebingen is within walking distance of the main station (about 10-15 min, alternatively take a taxi).

TRAVEL BETWEEN ROSTOCK AND TUEBINGEN
We suggest that students wait until they are at Rostock to discuss options with German students and staff who might have travel suggestions (train, air, carpooling). A typical train journey from Rostock to Tuebingen takes about 9 hours with 2-3 stops, so you might want to split your journey over Saturday and Sunday in order to sightsee in Frankfurt or Hamburg. Deutsche Bahn (trains) website http://reiseauskunft.bahn.de/bin/query.exe/en
SUMMER STUDY IN GERMANY
SUMMER 2016 APPLICATION

Email to Hilary_Sweigart@Brown.edu
Deadline for receipt of application is February 29, 2016

NOTE: After you receive confirmation of your acceptance to this program, the school(s) in Germany will be informed of your participation. THEY ARE DEPENDING ON YOUR ACCEPTANCE IN MAKING ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR STUDENTS. Any change in your plans after committing to this program will be considered UNPROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR and must discuss changes with Dean Ip.

Name of Applicant:________________________________________________________

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Phone No(s):_________________________________________________________Email Addresses:_____________________________________________________

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Write a short paragraph which outlines your reasons for wanting to take part in the program: