

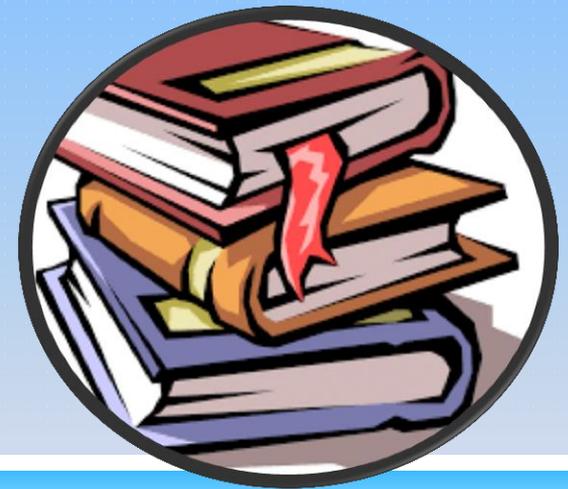


# SOCIAL SCIENCES UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS AY2017-18 Awardees' Sharing

## Global Exchange



## Academic Excellence



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# GLOBAL EXCHANGE

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## CHAN Wang Ka (GIS)



Partaking in the annual Model European Union conference in Strasbourg, France, where the European Parliament locates

▶ Having had an academic exchange at Aberystwyth University is arguably the best memory in my life by far. Aberystwyth was a cosy, small town far from the hustle and bustle of the big cities. This allowed me to temporarily forget the pressures and worries about the uncertainties in life, and to focus just on the moment – viva la vida. During this period of time, not only have I comprehended more about the history and culture of Britain and some other European countries through reading British decline and diplomacy, as well as the EU Simulation, but I have also come to appreciate the essence of life – to know thyself. This is particularly significant to me as before the half-year exchange I was somehow a bit lost and not so sure what kind of person I want to be and what sort of life I wish to lead in the future. Living and studying abroad alone was never lonely. I would rather think it as the ‘beautiful solitude’ as it served as a short break from the urban life which I have had before, giving me a chance to draw a fresh breath of completely different air from the exotic lifestyle and the people you have never met.

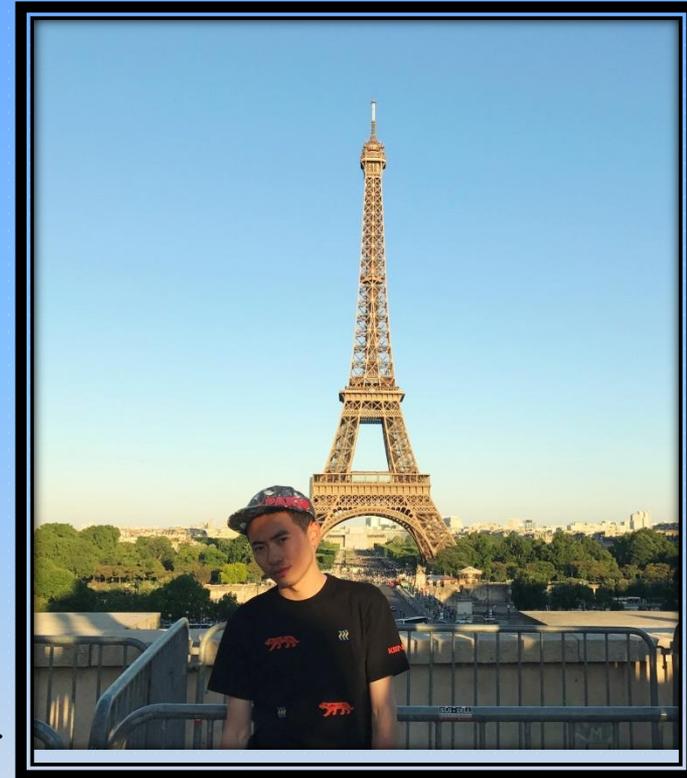


Receiving the Best Delegate Award from the hands of Chair in the Model United Nations Conference in Warwick University!



## LAI Ruilin(GIS)

- ▶ *My exchange at Sciences Po Paris was a year that taught me a lot and inspired me considerably. Academically, the knowledge shared and gained are unforgettable: Each and every class I took had its unique level of excitement and engagement, and was supplemented by the great flavours of multicultural settings. Out of the university, the entire experience of adapting was an adventure: I started from almost nothing, without friends or prior knowledge of French, but ended up with long-lasting friendships with students of different race and ethnicity, as well as enchanting memories of the view and the people of European lands. I can never forget the sights and smell in Reims and Paris, the patisseries, the restaurants serving Italian pizza with champagne, the starry nights and the empty streets. I wish to be back and experience more of France, for it was an exquisite time I spent there.*





# CHIM Wing Yi (HIST)

If you ask me what the most unforgettable memory in my university life is, I will definitely say going on exchange to the Netherlands. The experience of studying and living in the Netherlands are fantastic.

I had a great time in University of Groningen. It was a precious opportunity for me to study art history and ancient mythology there. It is a pity that art history is not very popular in Hong Kong but it was lucky that I had a chance to study in Groningen. The lessons are very inspiring. The hardworking and serious attitude of the Dutch classmates towards study impressed me too. It was really fruitful in terms of study.

I also made international friends during the exchange period. Groningen is a highly internationalized student city. I met people of various nationality during different occasions. This international circle was just like 'a speaking globe' that gave me insight into the history and custom of different corners of the world. For instance, my buddy who is a Dutch not only assisted me in living and studying issues, he often told me Dutch history, culture, and political environment. I also visited his family to understand more about Dutch life style.

There are still countless impressive experiences. I would like to encourage everyone to go on an exchange programme and create your own story. The world is waiting for you to explore and the process would be very rewarding!



## Yu Tianxiaoshan (SOC)

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity to study abroad at Baylor University. I not only gained the ability to survive in the rigorous curriculum in the United States but also learnt several important life lessons. First, I have developed the habit of thinking critically. Unlike most Chinese students, students at Baylor University always had various views toward a single issue and they might even challenge their classmates or teachers. Second, I have understood more about American culture, which helps me adapt to a multicultural environment in the future. Third, having tried out new sports such as kayak, I have realized the importance of stepping out of my comfort zone to learn something new. Overall, studying abroad is a life-changing experience for me.

