What will be discussed?

- ISEP programme
- Conditions for taking part in the programme
- Application procedure
- Finances
- Time schedule for application 2018/2019
- Presentation former ISEP student Haike van Dongen – Dominican University of California
- Further information / questions
ISEP: International Student Exchange Program

- World’s largest student exchange organization
- Over 35 years of experience in international education
- Partly funded by the American government and member universities
- Member universities and colleges:
  > 130 American institutions
  > 150 non-American institutions
- One Radboud student can go to the US for each American student who will study at Radboud University
ISEP: Vision

“No barrier should keep you from studying abroad. We break down financial and academic barriers”

Radboud students receive in the US:
• Exemption from tuition fees
• Housing (usually on campus, generally a shared room)
• Meals (‘meal plan’ or reimbursement)

American students receive in Nijmegen:
• Exemption from tuition fees
• Grant for housing and meals
ISEP: What is expected of an ISEP student

- Exchange for 1 semester
- 1st year of degree programme completed (FSW-psychology 2nd year)
- Enrolled as regular full-time student at Radboud University (also during the period abroad in the US)
- Sufficient academic knowledge and interest
- Extra curricular activities
- Sufficient English proficiency (TOEFL test)
- Clear reasons and motivation for study in the US
## ISEP: Application

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Available places</th>
<th>Applications at RU</th>
<th>Selected students</th>
<th>Selection Rate</th>
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<td>20</td>
<td>26</td>
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ISEP: Application

How to apply? ➔ Online, go to: www.isepstudyabroad.org
Apply ➔ How to apply in seven easy steps
ISEP: Application

Start your online application on www.isepstudyabroad.org NOW!
Go through all the steps of the application to find out what is needed. You can save the input temporarily and continue the application at a later time.

1. Biography
   - Personal information
   - copy of passport

2. Program List (list of 10 universities)

3. Field of study for each university

4. Motivation for every institution on your Program List
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6. Personal Statement: letter of motivation about studying in the US
7. TOEFL score (and/or language evaluation)
8. One academic reference
9. Copy of your propaedeutic diploma
10. Official academic Transcript of Records

Upload all documents in .pdf form, also use the RU checklist on www.ru.nl/isep.
ISEP: Application: How to select US institutions

• Overview of participating institutions at www.isepstudyabroad.org - Find a Program

• www.niche.com/colleges/search/best-colleges/  
  www.youniversitytv.com (short videos)  
  www.isepstudyabroad.wordpress.com/ (study abroad blog)

• Select 10 institutions (Exchange only!)

• Don’t just select very popular sites
  
  - You are only allowed to select 1 “Most Competitive” site

• Check the available courses offered that are suitable for you (e.g. on the website of the institution); also pay attention to the level

• Consider large/small college, location, nature, sports, city, country
### ISEP: Application: previous placements

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<th>Placed at university of</th>
<th>1st choice</th>
<th>2nd choice</th>
<th>3rd choice</th>
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<th>5th choice</th>
<th>6th choice</th>
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<th>Percentage top 4</th>
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ISEP: Application: How to select courses

(Most students take part in their 3rd year)
• Bachelor in the Netherlands - Undergraduate in the US
  (courses Graduate-level limited)

• Don’t select very general, introductory courses – too easy; better to select end of Undergraduate-level

• In case you would like to broaden: select somewhat lower levels, but not too low

• Law: No places available at Law Schools – option is to broaden (e.g. business, communication, politics etc.)

• Medicine: No places available at Medical Schools – option is to broaden (e.g. biology, psychology etc.)
# ISEP: Costs for the Dutch student

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<th>Costs</th>
<th>Amount</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Tuition fee Nijmegen</td>
<td>€ 2,060</td>
<td>(2017/18 for a whole academic year)</td>
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<td>Airline ticket</td>
<td>€ 600 – 1,000</td>
<td>Estimate, depends on destination</td>
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<td>Toefl-test</td>
<td>$ 245</td>
<td>(2017)</td>
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<td>Visa / Sevis Fee</td>
<td>$160 / $180</td>
<td>(2017)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ISEP health insurance</td>
<td>$ 86</td>
<td>per month (2017)</td>
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<td>ISEP application fee</td>
<td>$ 425</td>
<td>(2017)</td>
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<td>ISEP participation (living costs)</td>
<td>€ 3,175 (5 x € 635)</td>
<td>(2017/18)</td>
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### ISEP: Sources of income for the Dutch student

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<th>Source</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Subletting your room</td>
<td>€ 250-450 per month (2017)</td>
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<td>ITG grant</td>
<td>Max. €1200 (€300 a month, max. 4 months)</td>
<td>contribution in costs toefl-test and travel expenses (2017/2018)</td>
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<td>Reimbursement OVstudentenreisproduct</td>
<td>€ 89,07 per month (2017)</td>
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Where to find more information

• Website: [www.ru.nl/isep](http://www.ru.nl/isep)
  - checklist application
  - ISEP at Radboud global information

• Try to use **academic connections** of your study discipline

• Website ISEP: [www.isepstudyabroad.org](http://www.isepstudyabroad.org)
  - online application manuel
  - practical information, including US country handbook
  - Check the websites of participating universities (US members) at
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## Schedule for ISEP application 2018/2019 round

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<td>09 Nov. 2017</td>
<td>12.45 – 13.45: Q&amp;A session on application (TvA 2.00.12)</td>
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<td>17 January 2018</td>
<td>Submit application <strong>before 4pm</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>February 2018</td>
<td>Selection process by International Office</td>
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<td>February 2018</td>
<td>Students nominated/selected by International Office</td>
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<td>April/May 2018</td>
<td>ISEP announces student placements for the first semester of 2018/2019</td>
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<td>Oct/Nov 2018</td>
<td>ISEP announces student placements for the second semester of 2018/2019</td>
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What do you need to take into account?

- A lot to do and organize for the application paperwork, search for information, reference letter etc.
- A lot to do and organize after selection: insurance, visa, scholarship.
- A period of uncertainty; where will you be going?
- Level of courses: may be less difficult than here, but the workload is higher.

But, it is all worth it:

- A great experience!
‘Het is hier echt onzettend leuk. Ik heb het hier erg naar mijn zin! [...] het is zeker de moeite waard om een semester hier in The States door te brengen’

‘Het een onvergetelijke ervaring was’

‘Ik heb het erg naar mijn zin hier [...]. Wel is het schoolwerk meer en pittiger dan verwacht. Maar buiten dat, leuke mensen, leuke ervaringen en erg blij met mijn keuze.’

‘..het een onvergetelijke ervaring was’

‘..ik de beste tijd van mijn leven heb gehad in Amerika en dat ik het voor geen goud had willen missen’

‘.. een van de beste beslissingen in mijn leven’

‘..wat een onvergetelijke ervaring mijn studietijd in Amerika was’
And now… let’s get started!

• Consult your study advisor

• Make an appointment for the toefl-test as soon as possible
  (Test results needs to be submitted before we nominate students to ISEP)

• Take care of your reference letter with professor/study advisor
  (Don’t wait until after Christmas)

• Make sure you finish and submit your online application completely before
  4 pm January 17, 2018. (Under ‘Apply’ at www.isepstudyabroad.org.)

• Q&A session for completing application,
  Thursday November 10, 12:45 – 13.45 at TvA 2.00.12

• www.ru.nl/isep : ISEP-presentations, useful documents
Questions?
isep@io.ru.nl

Good Luck!