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INFORMATION LEAFLET

SURE



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INTRODUCTION

This document describes the collaboration between the Student Union for Research Masters (SURE) of Erasmus MC and outside associations.

This collaboration serves to better the statues of SURE by educational and social means. This is done through monetary or promotional avenues from which the members of SURE benefit. Partnerships include local organizations at EMC, EUR, TU Delft, and Leiden University, as well as businesses in Rotterdam and around the country.

What SURE stands for

SURE's goal is to provide a safe and fun community to strengthen educational and social growth. We are proud to be comprised of a large number of international students and we use this to our advantage. We aim to maintain the diversity in this group, both in background and interests. With the 5 research masters in mind (Clinical Research, Health Sciences, Infection and Immunity, Molecular Medicine, Neuroscience, and Genomics in Society) we organize career and educational events each month. SURE's subsequent purpose is to allow international students to acclimate to life in the Netherlands by hosting social events.

What SURE has to offer

Our group consists of hard-working and talented master's students and PhD students. We have members of all ages and who come from all over the world including the Americas, Europe, Africa, and Asia. Thanks to our diverse and enthusiastic members SURE is able to offer the following:

- Easy access to a wide network of professional students who have ambitions both inside and outside of academia
- Catered events for both social and professional purposes with the aim of building a strong well rounded student. Partners can work with SURE to organize specific events in which these goals are met
- High engagement on our social media allows for the effective promotion of relevant goods such as work opportunities, social activities, business promotion, and so on

LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hello,

This position came very naturally to me after serving on the 2021-2022 Board. From that experience I learned what an amazing organization SURE Is at Erasmus MC. Personally, being apart of SURE helped me build my personal friendships after moving all the way from New York. It also connected me and empowered me to be confident In a professional academic setting.



The things we were able to achieve last year made me want to aim higher this year. I had the benefit of learning from all my mistakes and have molded myself into a leader that makes our team highly efficient. I look forward to the year and all the opportunities we have.

Warmly,
Madison Gulbin

Goals

Our goals for this year are bold but with our commitment and passion, we are confident that we will achieve more than what we previously thought was possible.

Through the SURE board's week-to-week dedication, we are able to organize about 20 events during the academic year. Our largest academic event, the annual **SURE symposium**, takes months of preparation and hard work. Last year's board also combined the symposium with a small career fair. After receiving feedback that attendees enjoyed it but wanted more, we decided to make the career fair its own, larger event. This brings us to our primary goal: **to organize events that are successful, fun, and relevant for our members, while constantly learning from past events to improve future ones.** We hope that with fun and engaging events, our members will grow. We aim for the positive effects of SURE to reach not just students, but also the medical scientific community at Erasmus MC and beyond.

Therein lies our second goal and a key aspect of realizing our primary goal: **building a large network of sponsors and academic contacts.** Since we are not yet an officially recognized student association in the Netherlands and do not benefit from its associated funding, our events are made possible largely through our own initiatives to secure sufficient capital. While we work this year toward **becoming a recognized student association**, our third goal, building this network in the hopes of maintaining long-term relationships is critical for our continued success and member satisfaction. Our membership numbers have almost doubled since last year, a growth that has enabled us to pursue this official recognition and appreciation that SURE deserves.

SURE BOARD 2022-2023



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