My GEARE Adventures
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Abstract
Joining the GEARE Program was the best decision I have made at Purdue. Since middle school I knew I wanted to study abroad, and GEARE allowed me to take this to a whole new level. Not only did I get to study in Spain for a full semester, but I got to work a summer engineering internship in Germany and participate in a Global Design Team in Cameroon. I also used my previous Spanish credits and a culture class to obtain a Global Engineering Minor. GEARE allowed me to gain valuable work and technical experience with a global emphasis. These experiences pushed me past my comfort zone and forced me to think critically about the world around me and the life I want to lead.

Spain
- Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
  - Studied spring semester abroad in Madrid
  - Lived in the city center
  - Worked on technical projects with Spanish students
  - Weekly meetings with “culture buddies”
  - Traveled all around Europe

Germany
- Molex
  - Worked in for Molex in Walldorf, Baden-Württemberg
  - Lived in Heidelberg
  - Intern Inside Sales Engineer
  - Answered customer questions and fielded potential leads
  - Explored Germany and nearby countries

Cameroon
- ACREST
  - Participated in PUP (Portable Utility Platform) Global Design Team
  - Work to create hauling vehicles for farming and general transportation
  - Also design affordable farming equipment such as threshers
  - Will travel to rural Cameroon in spring 2016 for a month
  - Upcoming senior design project
  - Designing improved maize grinder

Domestic Internship
- Molex headquarters in Lisle, Illinois near Chicago
- Sales and Marketing Intern
- Researched potential markets
- Networked to find international possibilities

Lasting Impacts
- Met amazing people from all over Europe and the world
- Learned that I want to continue to live an international life
- Improved Spanish and picked up some German

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