Abstract
Before studying in Switzerland, I had almost no knowledge of Switzerland other than the language and upon arriving I realized that I did not even know that. Now I feel as if I have gained a better understanding of the Swiss culture and the experience has helped me grow in innumerable ways both professionally and socially.

ETH Zürich
As one of the top universities in Europe, ETH Zürich proved a difficult challenge for me as an engineer. The frequency and intensity of many of my classes took a significant amount of time to adjust to, but I have developed time management skills while at the same time networking with some of the top professors in the world.

NTB Buchs
Buchs provided a unique opportunity to me by showing me what it was like to live in a town where tourism was not common. Although this is definitely not due to lack the lack of beautiful scenery. The university itself was small, but with a lot of brilliant minds. The friends I have made while living in Buchs and doing research in the lab are definitely going to be lifelong.

Research
For my international internship, I opted to do research at NTB Buchs. The project I worked on was to create and test a 3.5 KW inductive charger with the end goal of being used to charge electric cars. The skills I learned on this project have greatly surpassed most of my formal education and the ability to work on such a cutting edge technology and reaching efficiencies of more than 96% is one of the main highlights of my college career.

Conclusion
GEARE has been one of the highlights of my entire college experience. It provided me with more than I ever thought possible and the skills and knowledge I have gained are extremely valuable to me as a person and an engineer. I am convinced that studying abroad is one of the best decisions some one can make in college and that the GEARE program makes sure that you gain as much from it as possible.

Domestic Internship
The Eisenmann Corporation USA is the US branch of a German company that specializes in paint booths and anaerobic digesters. My responsibilities included the configuration of a server for a paint booth as well as the design of customer satisfaction software with iPad applications.