

From Criminology to Global Impact: Support My Journey

Hi,

It is with great excitement that I may share the wonderful news that I have been accepted into the 2025-2026 Baret Scholars cohort! I have been awarded a substantial scholarship in recognition of my dedication, responsibility and passion for learning. This is an incredible opportunity and an amazing accomplishment. However, this scholarship does not cover all the costs necessary to participate in this program, so I still need to pay some fees, flight tickets, insurance and other necessary costs.

I am 20 years old and this year I am completing my degree in criminology at Erasmus University, while also studying law part-time. The Baret Scholars program is a unique opportunity for me to develop not only academically, but also personally and prepare me for the challenges of the future as a leader, an academic or both. The mission of the program is to give students their best year ever, learning about themselves, exploring different interests and developing the skills needed to make a meaningful impact, all while traveling the world and learning about and experiencing different cultures.

Through and after Baret, I aim to combine my ability to teach and motivate with my quick learning and adaptability to address issues in this fast-changing world. To make this dream a reality, I am looking for additional financial support. Any contribution will go directly towards the costs I have to incur to participate in this incredible opportunity (<https://gofund.me/b3f5cf14>). In addition, I am actively looking for companies that want to sponsor me, I'm happy to discuss the options and what I can offer, but think for example of inspiring presentations about my experiences and insights before, during and after the program, tailored to the organization or writing blogs, articles or other publications that contribute to visibility and impact, and of course working together on specific projects or themes that fit the organization where my experiences can be an important addition. A lot is possible, don't hesitate to get in touch: ronjaponsteen@gmail.com.

Thank you for taking the time to read my story.
Sharing is much appreciated!

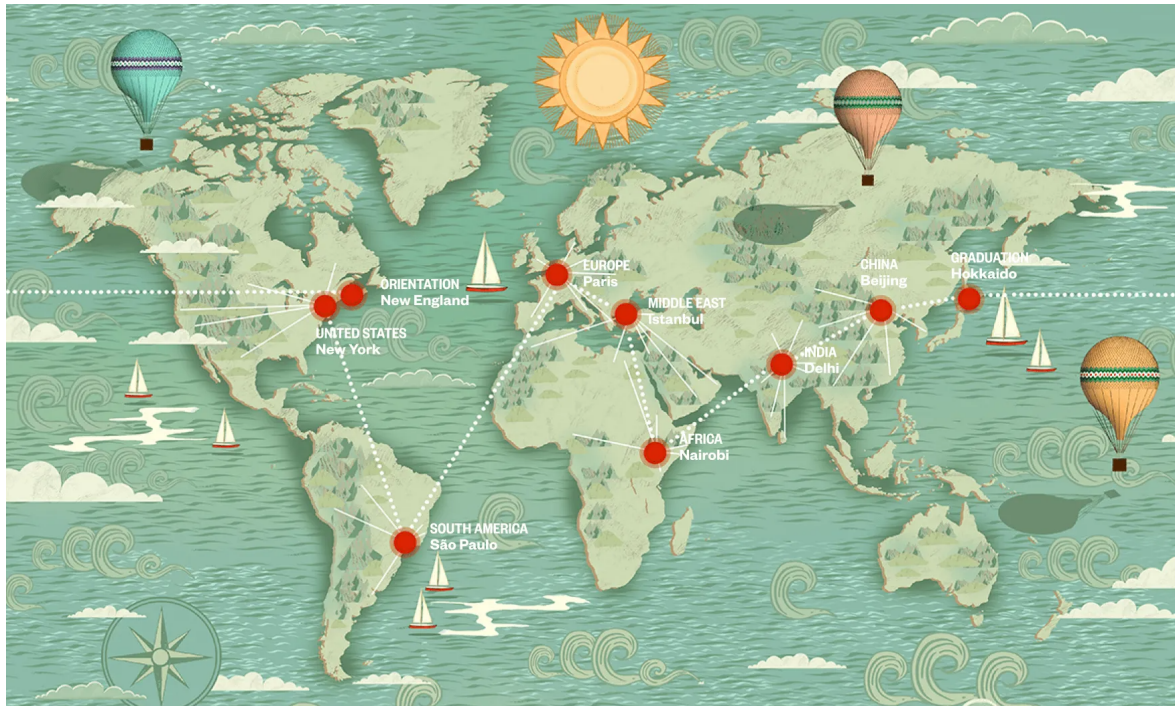
Kind regards,
Ronja

For more information about the program I recommend their website (<https://www.baretscholars.org>), Instagram and LinkedIn. In addition, I have written more about the program and its value below.

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Baret Scholars

Baret Scholars is a prestigious and innovative program that offers ambitious students the opportunity to develop themselves by exploring and discovering seven regions of the world together with fellow students of different nationalities. Baret combines Tedtalk-style lectures, workshops, networking opportunities and specialized unique experiences to allow students to develop themselves, putting academic and professional growth first. Participants are encouraged to discover, develop and use their passions, goals and talents. Thanks to the diverse group and traveling around the world, students not only learn about different cultures and perspectives, but also have the opportunity to see their own backgrounds and aspirations in a new light.



The program consists of several elements. In each region, students spend the first three weeks in one city. Here a morning program will take place Monday to Thursday, in which various interesting and inspiring people share their knowledge, expertise and experiences. The rest of the week is devoted to free time in which students can explore the city and its surroundings, as well as attend various workshops.

This is followed by a period of 7 to 10 days in which students, under the guidance of a fellow, do a fellowship, in a different location in the region, perhaps traveling around. These fellowships have different topics such as politics, nature, history and so on, the students have a choice of fellowships for each region. For example, this could include exploring the effects of Brexit and the changing political landscape in London and Oxford.

During the program there is intensive guidance, for example, you get a dedicated group (10-12 people, called houses) under the guidance of a fellow, and every week there is room for your own conversation with the fellow about, for example, personal goals but also your own project. Each student works on a capstone project during the year, this can be a podcast about traveling, but also a research on the different places with a topic of their choice. At the end of the program, students present their projects.

In addition to the fellows, a professional team travels with the students, including a security officer, medical staff and dean, these provide a safe and supportive learning environment.

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I aim to leverage the Baret Scholars program to make a difference in the areas of femicide, sexual violence, and human trafficking. These issues deeply resonate with me and motivate me to contribute to sustainable solutions. Additionally, I feel a strong commitment to supporting refugees, who often face complex and cross-border challenges. Through various forms of (volunteer) work, I have already gained substantial experience in this field. Sustainability also plays an important role in my motivations. In a world increasingly impacted by globalization, I want to work to make our society more sustainable. I believe that through international collaboration and innovative approaches, significant progress can be made in all these areas.

More information can be found on the website and in their book:

<https://www.baretscholars.org>

For questions (and of course advice) about my experiences (eg resume), sponsorships, next steps and the program, I can always be contacted by mail: ronjaponsteen@gmail.com