Macalester Graduating Senior Receives Fellowship with the CBYX

St. Paul, Minn. – Macalester graduating senior Esther Schlotterbeck from Lewiston, Maine, has received a fellowship with the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) to teach language and pursue an internship in Germany.

The Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals (CBYX) is a full year, reciprocal exchange program between the United States and Germany designed to strengthen ties and understanding between the people of both countries. The fellowship is annually awarded to 75 American and 75 German young professionals and is funded by the German Bundestag and the U.S. Congress through the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA).

CBYX participants act as ambassadors of their home country and culture while immersing themselves in the academic, professional, and everyday life of their host culture. They have intensive language training, university study, an internship in a German-speaking work environment, and accommodation in a German home or student residence. The program provides participants with first-hand experience in many aspects of German life and culture. CBYX participants are between the ages of 18-24 and come from a wide range of career fields.

Schlotterbeck, who is majoring in Environmental Studies, has visited Germany several times. “I'm looking forward to continuing to study German and learn about some of the progressive environmental and social activism/politics that are happening there,” she said.

The CBYX program consists of three main phases: intensive language training from Aug. – Sept., study phase from Oct. – Jan. and an internship from Feb. – June.

“I'll be taking language courses, classes in environmental studies at a German university, and then complete an internship,” Schlotterbeck said. “I'll be placed in a couple cities for the different components of the program.”

Once she returns to the U.S.? Schlotterbeck says her plans are still pretty open.

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