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Honors Post-Enrichment Award Report: Education Abroad in Exeter, England

The Enrichment Award put forth by the Honors College at Colorado State University (CSU) helped enable me to pursue a semester abroad during the Spring 2017 semester. I chose to attend the University of Exeter in England and took courses related to my minor in English. The opportunity to study abroad allowed me to advance academically and grow personally. I was also able to pursue extracurricular interests, explore new cultures, and foster connections with individuals from all around the world.

The academic standards of the University of Exeter were a challenge to meet, but I was tutored by professors who were leaders in their specialties and was able to gain a greater understanding of classic English novels and their film adaptations. I had seminars for each course, which allowed students to discuss our opinions of the work and the importance of the novel as a whole. I completed in-depth research as I completed my studies, sometimes being able to visit locations where authors had written novels that we were researching. Further, not only was I able to develop my academic abilities, but also those in my personal life.

Living in England was an eye-opening experience that allowed me to explore my interests and gain independence. I was able to join various societies at the University of Exeter, such as the Out of Doors and International society, and travel all around the country and continent. During this experience I was often pushed out of my comfort zone as I traveled and adjusted to life in another country, and this gave me a heightened sense of confidence and

adaptability. Additionally, this experience contributed to my future career and educational pursuits.

In my future career I hope to pursue work that has an international focus and the opportunity to travel while I was in England allowed me to gain a better understanding of European culture. While exploring various countries I was able to expand my perspective of the world and develop a global mindset, which will help serve me in any career I might pursue and in my future studies. I was also able to meet people from all over the world and made connections and friendships that will last a lifetime. In conclusion, this experience was an unforgettable one that allowed me to widen my appreciation and understanding of other cultures, to advance as a student and to achieve great personal growth. It was with the help of the CSU Honors college that I was able to partake on my journey abroad and I am grateful for the support.