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NH Student Wins Scholarship To Study Abroad

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DURHAM, N.H. – Edward “Joe” Naughton, a junior at the University of New Hampshire, has been awarded a National Security Education Program (NESP) scholarship to study in Russia. Naughton is a Russian and international affairs major.

Naughton, of Madison, Conn., will study in Moscow through this summer and the fall semester. He will spend the summer studying Russian language and culture through the University of Arizona’s study abroad program at the Moscow Humanities University, and in the fall he will study language, culture and politics at the Russian State University for the Humanities.

The NESP was established by the National Security Education Act of 1991. It provides scholarships to students for study abroad in world areas critical to U.S. national security to increase their knowledge of and competencies in other languages and cultures. This highly-selective program sends students to programs in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Middle East.

As the recipient of a scholarship, Naughton must complete a service requirement upon his return by working either for an office or agency of the federal government involved in national security affairs or in higher education.

UNH student Sarah Pratt won an NSEP scholarship last year and is currently studying in Jordan.