

Best of South-East

-The Scholarship Programme for the Best of South-East Europe

Best of South East is a scholarship-programme initiated by the **Steiermärkische Sparkasse** (Styrian Bank), in cooperation with the *University of Graz, University of Music and Performing Arts Graz, the TU Graz* and the **Montanuniversität Leoben**. It is an advancement and continuing education programme for talented and dedicated graduates and students from **Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia**.

The scholarship programme lasts 12 months (from September to the end of August) and includes at the **Montanuniversität Leoben**:

- A scholarship of 750€ monthly for an entire year
- A scholarship for a 2-semester mobility programme at MU Leoben (winter and summer semesters 2017-2018) and
- A 2-month trainee programme or internship (in July and August)

The programme's aim is to provide scholarship-holders with **international education, work experience and training opportunities**. Scholarship-holders benefit greatly from the BoSE-programme in multiple ways:



- Academic added value from studying at the *MU Leoben*
- Career facilitation through an international internship
- Enhancement of your chances on the job market through studying and working abroad

During the scholarship programme **events** and **informative meetings** ensure that scholarship-holders are integrated into the economic, cultural and scientific life in Styria. On order to improve your language skills German and English language courses can be attended.

Application Requirements

- Language skills in English (level B2) or German (level B2)
- Citizenship: Slovenian, Bosnian and Herzegovinian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegro or the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (F.Y.R.O.M)
- Excellent grades
- Students need to have completed at least 4 semesters of their Bachelor's degree by the time of the application
- Doctoral students require a letter of confirmation from the supervisor of your dissertation at the **Montanuniversität Leoben** (please note that you yourself are responsible for finding a supervisor)
- Motivation, commitment, good communication skills, adaptability, theoretical knowledge, as well as practical skills



Application Procedure

Step 1: Collect the Application Documents

- Confirmation of enrolment from the applicant's home university
- Motivation letter in the form of an essay (not exceeding 2 pages); the focus of the essay should be on the applicant's individual interests and motivation
- Transcript of Records / Diploma Certificate (if the original is in a language other than English or German, a translation in English or German certified by the home university is necessary):
- for Master's students: Bachelor's degree certificate and transcript of records from the Bachelor's and Master's degree programmes
- for PhD students: Bachelor's and Master's degree certificates, as well as the transcript of records from the Bachelor's, Master's, and Doctoral degree programmes
- 2 letters of recommendation: Both letters of recommendation must be written by teachers who taught or supervised the applicant during his/her degree programme. One of the two letters of recommendation must be issued by an academic.
- Curriculum vitae in tabular form (in English or German)
- Copy of your passport
- Proof of German or English language skills: Language certificates may not be older than one year.
 - German language skills (at least level B2); only official certificates from the ÖSD, Goethe Institute or universities will be accepted.
 - English language skills (at least level B2); only official certificates will be accepted.

Step 2: Submitting the Application Documents

Applicants have to hand in all of the required application documents above as pdf files via email to christina.cresnik@unileoben.ac.at no later than **January 22nd, 2017**

Please, be so kind as to include the following information in the application email:

- First and last name (as in your passport)
- Name of your home university in both the native language and in English
- Field of study in which you are currently enrolled
- Your academic programme (BA, MA, Diploma, Dr. etc.) and in which semester of your programme you are currently in
- If you were registered at an Austrian university in the past or are still registered at an Austrian university, state the name of the university and your matriculation (ID) number

Don't Miss the Application Deadline!

Email ALL the required application documents by **January 22nd, 2017**
to christina.cresnik@unileoben.ac.at

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