



GE Foundation

Scholar-Leaders Program in Central and Eastern Europe 2002-2015

The **GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders** university scholarship (www.scholarshipandmore.org/cee) is a **leadership** program which is **unique** in the Central-Eastern European region. The program was launched in Hungary by the **GE Foundation** in the fall of 2002, followed by Poland in 2003, the Czech Republic in 2004; Romania joined in 2006. This made the GE Foundation scholarship a **regional model program**. Winners receive a **USD 4000 award**, but more importantly become part of a **network** including **Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Romanian top students**, and with GE's help get an **insight into** the workings of one of the most **successful companies**. In addition to this, they also get a chance to perform **community service** in their own countries. All this aims at **creating a network of future leaders** in the Central and Eastern European region who want to contribute to the development of the region as well as their own countries on the societal level as well, and for whom **cross-regional economic and social cooperation** is a value.

In these four countries, the following universities are participating in the program in 2015-16:

Czech Republic: Brno University of Technology, Czech Technical University in Prague, Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague, Masaryk University, and Technical University of Ostrava

Hungary: Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Corvinus University of Budapest, University of Miskolc, University of Pecs, University of Szeged

Poland: Gdansk University of Technology, Lodz University of Technology, Rzeszow University of Technology, Warsaw University of Technology, Wroclaw University of Technology

Romania: Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Babes-Bolyai University, Politehnica University of Timisoara, Romanian-American University, University Politehnica of Bucharest

The program was created for **second-year undergraduate** students in **economics, management, engineering and technology** from these universities. Students with great academic achievements, excellent English and outstanding leadership potential can apply, see: www.scholarshipandmore.org/cee

Selected winners receive their certificates at a public award ceremony in each country; speakers include the highest level representatives from GE, the Institute of International Education, the US Embassy, Ministries of Education, and the American Chamber of Commerce, with extensive press attendance.



One of the 2014 winners, Zuzana Korenciakova, receives her certificate from Peter Stracar, GE CEO on Central and Eastern Europe at the award ceremony hosted at the US Ambassador's Residence in Prague.



The network of Scholar-Leaders is being built by GE Foundation as well as by volunteers from GE – team building at the 2014 regional summer Leadership Development Program.

Success stories of Scholar-Leaders on the GE for CEE regional blog:

<http://gereportscee.com/post/125515106076/future-leaders-jan-rieger-cz> - A life-changing scholarship

<http://gereportscee.com/post/125737275466/aim-for-the-clouds> - Great success of a startup company

<http://gereportscee.com/post/124752987321/female-engineers-challenge-accepted> - Female engineers on the rise

Video about the program celebrating its 10th anniversary in the Czech Republic in 2014: <http://youtu.be/Gt9e6NBfdiA>