

## Best of South-East Scholarship

**Best of South East** is a scholarship-programme initiated by the **Steiermärkische Sparkasse**, in cooperation with **Montanuniversitaet Leoben**, *University of Graz*, *University of Music and Performing Arts Graz* and *TU Graz*. It is an advancement and continuing education programme for talented and dedicated 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 **Montanuniversitaet Leoben (MUL)**:

1. A scholarship of 750€ monthly for an entire year (sponsored by Stmk Sparkasse)
2. A scholarship for a 2-semester mobility programme at Montanuniversitaet Leoben (winter and summer semesters)
3. 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 **MUL**
- 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

- Citizenship: Slovenian, Bosnian and Herzegovinian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegro or the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (F.Y.R.O.M)
- The applicant must be enrolled as regular student in a university abroad or at MUL
- Language skills in English (level B2) or German (level B2)
- Students need to have completed at least 4 semesters of their Bachelor program by the time of the application
- Very good grades
- Doctoral students require a letter of confirmation from the supervisor of your dissertation at **Montanuniversitaet Leoben** (our office can help you to find a supervisor at MUL)
- Motivation, commitment, good communication skills, adaptability, theoretical knowledge, as well as practical skills

## Application Process

### Step 1: Request the link to the online application platform at MIRO

Send an application request to [christina.cresnik@unileoben.ac.at](mailto:christina.cresnik@unileoben.ac.at) and you will receive the link to our MUL online application platform. *You should do this a minimum of 14 days before the application deadline ends in order to apply via the platform in due time! → **The online application will close on December 8<sup>th</sup>!***

**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
- Your academic programme (BA, MA, Diploma, Dr. etc.) and in which semester of your programme you are currently in

### Step 2: 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 3: Apply via our online application platform

→ Link will be send to you upon request

**Don't Miss the Application Deadline!**

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

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#### Interesting Links:

- <http://international.unileoben.ac.at/de/5773/>
- <https://www.sparkasse.at/steiermaerkische/wir-ueber-uns/gesellschaft/wissenschaft-und-forschung>
- <https://www.facebook.com/BestOfSouthEast/>