



# SCHOLARSHIP IN SLOVAKIA

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## Our Program Celebrates 4rd Anniversary!

Penta's scholarship for Ukrainian students has celebrated its 4rd anniversary last Autumn. While supporting 18 young people so far, we draw the first conclusions on the direction the program has taken.

We, the Penta Foundation, are reasserted in that investment in education is the best way to secure the new generation of leaders for both Slovakia and Ukraine. As the concept proven to be fruitful, we have decided to expand the program for the following years.

With the fsecond issue of our newsletter we recall how the initiative started, capture its present state, and share our vision on prospective of the “Scholar- ship in Slovakia”.



## Our mission

We consider motivation behind the initiative to be twofold. First of all, the Foundation is constantly seeking for the opportunities to support the regional educational environment. Better educational environment – more bright young people to change our countries for better.

## About the program

The “Scholarship in Slovakia” for Ukrainian students was established in 2015, as an educational initiative by Penta Foundation. So far, we have got 18 Ukrainian students going through the program, forming an alumni club. We are now open for the year 2019 admissions, ready to provide 8-10 more scholarships.

Participants of the program are granted with a stipend fully covering the academic tuition fee at one of our partner-universities. Additionally, the participants are supported with monthly payments for the duration of studies and may apply for a voluntary internship to the Penta Investments, or to one of its subsidiaries.

Second aspect, shaping the essence of the Scholarship, is its relevance for Ukrainian students. We believe, that it is critical to support the new generation of Ukrainians in times of economic and political uncertainty.

We hope that Ukrainian students would obtain advanced knowledge and abilities through studies at the best Slovak universities. And further apply this knowledge to contribute to our region's development.



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# Study Programs overviews!



For the 2019 admissions, “Scholarship in Slovakia” applicants may obtain a scholarship in largest educational institution for architects and civil engineers in Slovakia.

Accordingly, in 2019 we accept applications for the following faculties and study directions:

1. University of Economics in Bratislava: International Finance Program;

2. Comenius University in Bratislava: Faculty of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science;

3. Comenius University in Bratislava: Faculty of Medicine - General Medicine;

4. Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava: Faculty of Architecture;

5. Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava: Faculty of Civil Engineering.

We wish best of luck to our future applicants!

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## Slovak Courses Now Covered

In addition, cooperation with STU allows us to collaborate more closely with STU Institute of Lifelong Learning.

This institution offers an intensive course of Slovak language for those students who wish to study at selected universities in Slovak language.

Upon finishing two semesters of intensive courses, you would be proficient at professional and technical terminology from your academic area and will be able to study under the same conditions as Slovak students.

We believe that resolve to grasp new languages is to be encouraged. Hence, a decision was made to expand “Scholarship in Slovakia” program to cover the full tuition fee for STU Intensive Slovak Language Course.

Find more information about STU Intensive Slovak Language Course on our web page:





# University Coordinators on “Scholarship in Slovakia” Program:



## **Jana Péliová, PhD.**

(Vice Rector for Managing  
International Projects at the EUBA)

“EUBA is offering high-quality study programs with a personal approach to each foreign student, we do offer support and we are willing to host international students. Slovakia belongs to one of the safest countries in the region. So if you want to study peacefully in a nice country, in a beautiful city, having opportunities to travel – come to Bratislava.”

## **Doc. MUDr. Boris Mravec, PhD**

(Study Vice Dean for 1st - 3rd year study program  
General Medicine; study in English language)

“Faculty of Medicine in the Comenius University is the oldest medical academic institution in Slovakia, and I would argue - the best one.

I would like to encourage applicants from Ukraine. If the students are willing to study, they are most welcomed here.”



## **Kristína Rostás, PhD**

(Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies  
at CU FMFI)

“We have a very positive experience regarding applicants and students from Ukraine.

It is wonderful that ‘Scholarship in Slovakia’ program provides Ukrainian students with such opportunities to study and explore new horizons. The faculty also benefits greatly from Ukrainian applicants, as we are able and willing to gather the best students not only from Slovakia, but beyond.”



# Student's look on Bratislava

## Roman Martynenko

University of Economics in Bratislava

Previous: KNUTE

Year 2016 Recipient



This September was a year since I've moved to Bratislava in pursuit of a Masters degree in International Finance. Penta Scholarship has contributed to my case immensely, covering the tuition fees and ensuring that I have some pocket money to focus on my studies.

Looking back to my experience, I am eager to share some insights.

### On Slovakia:

Slovakia was my first trip abroad. A small state, in the middle of Europe, with an incredibly beautiful landscape and a population of roughly two times Kyiv city. The people are modest, calm and friendly. It's easy to find good friends here.

Language and culture are similar to those of the neighboring countries – you don't feel like too far away from home.

### On Bratislava:

Ah, the beautiful Bratislava... Honestly, spending 2 years for Masters degree here feels more like a vacation. Bratislava is compatible with Lviv by size: it's a peaceful city, but expanding rapidly. There is a lot of active vibe going through: parties, shopping malls, big busy international companies.

The main features of Bratislava to be Danube river, a big iconic castle and hilly outskirts – you always see something eye-catching on a horizon.

### On the University:

University of Economics in Bratislava is my second alma mater. Long story short – in the EUBA you feel demanded. With a rapidly expanding sector of shared financial services in Bratislava, EUBA's graduates are snatched up by the local companies like biscuits.

The local employers keep offering all sorts of internships, presentations, lectures, trips, even whole academic courses. It's a hunt for a talent. Obviously, it isn't tricky to find an interesting part-time position here, and start getting work experience right away – that's what most students do.

### On travelling:

One thing I want to highlight is how easy it is to travel here. Travelling is my passion, so during my stay in Slovakia I've managed to visit 14 other European countries. It's pretty amazing how in two hours by lowcost flight from Bratislava you can end up at literally any point of Europe.

Now it feels like granted, of course. But if you think about it, changing a university and moving to another country is a defining experience.

Somewhere inside us dreams and ambitions are calling. In my case these were the calls to explore the new horizons. If this resonates with you – don't hesitate, just go for it.

[scholarshipinslovakia.com/interviews](http://scholarshipinslovakia.com/interviews)

# THE BENEFACTOR: PENTA FOUNDATION

## **PENTA** FOUNDATION

We value the environment we work in. Our social responsibility projects are focused on finding the common ground between our goals and the interests of the community around us.

We build on the tradition of the Penta Foundation, whose projects since 2002 donated more than EUR 3.5 million to education, healthcare, sport, culture and science.

# PENTA INVESTMENTS

## **PENTA**

Penta is originally a Central European investment group founded in 1994, specializing in long-term value investing. Today, the Group actively develops companies and projects, primarily in healthcare, financial services, retail, manufacturing and real estate.

Having grown from a local to international company, Penta operates in more than 10 markets across Europe, providing more than 32,000 jobs through investee companies. Penta owns assets of EUR 8.5 billion and focuses on businesses in which it can use its expertise, and takes a very active part in managing the investments and companies in portfolio.

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