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Central European - American Business Leaders scholarship (Poland)

The objective of this program is to provide the best of Poland's future business leaders with an American MBA and substantive exposure to the American customer-first approach to business.

What does the program look like?

Quinnipiac University (USA) will select two top Polish business students for the second Polish edition of *Central European - American Business Leaders* scholarship. Selected students will receive a scholarship to come to the United States for up to three years to study and work.

The key benefits of the program are:

- earning an MBA degree at Quinnipiac,
- regular internships at American companies, and,
- upon completing the MBA, participants work full time for up to one and a half years at an American company
- upon completing the program students are required to return to Poland, putting their knowledge and experience to use there.

What kind of support is offered?

The scholarship provides the recipient with:

- 1 roundtrip airline ticket,
- a “starting up” stipend to help with initial living and travel costs,
- room in university housing,
- all tuition

The university helps students find internships and jobs during their time in the U.S. but cannot guarantee any specific job or company.

What are the requirements?

- Ideal candidates will have a strong work ethic, be honest, display a high level of maturity and a strong sense of responsibility. They will also be personally motivated, independent, and display initiative. They should be eager to understand American culture and business practices. Finally, they must have good communication, presentation and general people skills.
- Students must have completed their university degree in Poland by 15 August 2016.
- Candidates must be under 27 years of age when arriving in the USA.
- Some work experience (at least internships) is required. Ideal work experience is 1-2 years but not more.
- Candidates must have a valid driver's license.
- Candidates must be Polish nationals.

What documents you should provide for the application?¹

- **Current Resume**
- **2 Letters of Recommendation** – Both letters may be, but at least one should be, from a professor at the student's university. The other letter may be from a past employer or other appropriate person who can comment on the applicant.
- Copies of current **University Transcripts** (this may be an unofficial copy but selected candidates must submit an official copy before receiving the scholarship)
- Provide any **proof of English language proficiency** (minimum C1 level).

*Please note that the selected finalists who accept the scholarship must take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) <http://www.ets.org/toefl> with minimum score 95 or higher. The International English Language Test System (IELTS) may be taken as an alternative to the TOEFL. <http://www.ielts.org/> with minimum score 7.0 or higher.

- Confirmation of driver's license - Please indicate on the application form whether you hold a current driver's license (Polish, international licenses or another country). Candidates who are selected as finalists will need to present proof of licensure.

¹ All applications must be submitted digitally in Microsoft Word and/or Adobe Acrobat format. Each document's file name should begin with the applicant's family name followed by their given name. As an example, HEJMOWSKI_HANNA_Resume.doc All written documents must be double spaced, Times New Roman with 12pt. font, and standard American page size.

- **Introductory Letter** (1 page) – The introductory letter should be one page long and include the student’s name, current field of study, and basic information including contact information. It will serve as a cover letter for the application packet.
- **Essay on Intent and Motivation** (estimated 2-3 pages) – This should be up to five pages and explain the applicant’s motivation in applying for the scholarship. Students should explain why they are interested in obtaining an MBA and extensive work experience in the USA as well as why they are interested in returning to Poland at the end of the program. It should also explain the industries in which the applicant is especially interested in working.
- **Plan of Study** (estimated 1-2 pages) – The plan of study should list the MBA courses at Quinnipiac University in which the student is particularly interested as well any MBA specialization in which the student is interested.

What is the selection process?

- Applications should be submitted according to instructions posted in mid of November on our website <http://www.quinnipiac.edu/school-of-business-and-engineering/programs-of-study/graduate-programs/mba/central-european-american-business-leaders-scholarship-poland/>
- Applications should be submitted before midnight December 13, 2015.
- Finalists will have a personal interview with Dr. Christopher Ball from Quinnipiac University in January in Warsaw (selected applicants are required to come to Warsaw at their cost).
- Finalists will then be reviewed and selected by Quinnipiac University.
- The final selection will be announced by the end of January, 2016.

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