Scholarship Opportunities for Students

In order to implement the activities directed towards the improvement of higher education, especially in a way of providing young people with an access to quality education, the International University of Sarajevo provides support to students in the form of four types of scholarships, namely to:

- The best students coming from secondary schools in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region,
- The best candidates who pass the entrance exam in mathematics and general culture
- Talented students who are best placed on state and other competitions
- Students who achieve high grade average (CGPA) during their first year of study.

All types of grants are given for four-year studies at any IUS faculty, including English Language School for candidates who are required to attend intensive English language classes. Scholarships awarded by the International University of Sarajevo can be: full 100% scholarships which cover all the costs of tuition at IUS; or partial scholarships of 75, 50%, or 25%, covering only the partial part of the full cost of tuition.

The goal of this type of scholarship is to encourage and promote the skills and abilities of your people, and retain young and talented people to study at the International University of Sarajevo.

This year’s scholarship testing in general knowledge will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2013 in the premises of the International University of Sarajevo at 11 am.

Registration of all participants at testing is obligatory and free of charge. Testing results will be announced on IUS website and notice boards, latest 5 days after the day of the testing.
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<td>Ajla Šoše</td>
<td>Prva bošnjačka gimnazija, Sarajevo</td>
<td>“I finished the First Bosniak Gymnasium in Sarajevo. There, during the four years, I attended classes in English, through the Curriculum B program, which represents cooperation between my school and Cambridge University. I passed all my tests and exams successfully. Now, I am an IUS student, attending the second year of the Genetics and Bioengineering Program. The scholarship the University awarded me with motivated me further and inspired me to study and achieve better results. I believe that this scholarship rewards all the hard work you invest during high school, but, at the same time, gives a chance for excellent students to be set apart from the masses and be motivated for even greater successes.”</td>
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<td>Zaid Zerdo</td>
<td>Elektrotehnička škola, Visoko</td>
<td>“I participated at the 16th Bosnia and Hercegovina state’s competition for high school students in computer science. It was organized at IUS. The university provided scholarships for the best placed participants and that is how I was granted the full award.”</td>
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<td>Amila Selimadžović</td>
<td>Druga gimnazija, Sarajevo</td>
<td>“I took the general knowledge test at the IUS and won 25% scholarship. As it is for every student, I was too given a chance to increase this percentage with effort, hard work and high grades. I achieved the goal I set for myself at the beginning of my first year. Now, when I am the second year student, my scholarship covers 75% of my tuition. I am motivated to achieve even more and work harder and prosper more.”</td>
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<td>Nadir Herić</td>
<td>Opća gimnazija Dubrovnik</td>
<td>“Considering the fact that I am from Dubrovnik, and all the expenses that it entails, the IUS scholarship ensured me the opportunity to study without difficulty, greatly helping me and my parents. The first year I was paying full tuition, but after achieving good results I was awarded a scholarship. Even though I don’t have full scholarship yet, I am sure that IUS will, if I continue achieving results, recognize that and offer full support. They always strive to build the most productive environment possible, providing students with quality education. Here, at IUS, hard work and effort are greatly rewarded.”</td>
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<td>Adisa Šabotić</td>
<td>Srednja škola grafičkih tehnologija, multimedije i dizajna, Ilidža</td>
<td>“The scholarship helped me, above all, in the financial sense. Because of it, I am now able to be a student at IUS. Even more, it motivates me to desire greater achievements. The fact that I can increase the percentage (I currently have 50%) by keeping my grades high inspires me to put in more effort and advance my knowledge to succeed. If we are the best, or among the best, implicitly we have more opportunities to thrive, win scholarships and, one day, get a good job.”</td>
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<td>Velida Babić</td>
<td>Prva gimnazija u Zenici</td>
<td>“IUS professors visited my high school and presented available programs, as well as conditions for studying at the University. I was impressed enough to attend the Open Day and find out more. I did the scholarship test and won 50%. What I liked the most is that this particular university awards knowledge and provides opportunities for students to increase their scholarships with their effort, simply by achieving high grades. It is very nice to know that someone notices the hard work you do. We, the students, are motivated by that to try harder, learn more, achieve better results and, some time in the future, become the best within our fields.”</td>
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<td>Emir Hambo</td>
<td>Gazi Husrev-begova medresa, Sarajevo</td>
<td>“Considering I finished my third semester, I can claim with confidence that the scholarship helped me achieve better results. Once you are a scholar of a renowned university such as IUS, automatically you have a feeling of greater responsibility. This forced me to put effort not to betray the trust they conferred on me. If we work hard on being amongst the top students, there will always be an institution such as IUS that will recognize and award it. Excellent education stands for the achievement of quality results, which consequently directs the attention to the student, paving an easier path to achieving a successful business career.”</td>
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<td>Minela Golubić</td>
<td>International School of Sarajevo (Bosna Sema)</td>
<td>“The IUS scholarship helped me in many ways, above all decreasing financial stress on my family. Secondly it gave me better motivation to achieve higher grades, which is necessary to ensure the scholarship throughout the entire course of study at IUS. It is important to use this chance because it is the education that will ensure that in the future and in my career I have all the background necessary, since IUS provides the best programs available.”</td>
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<td>Ajla Suljević</td>
<td>United World College, Mostar</td>
<td>“I finished United World College in Mostar, one of the most prestigious high schools in Bosnia and the region. My wish was to continue that path in an international environment with quality education. IUS was perfect choice, and it was not far from my home! On the IUS website, I found all the necessary information about scholarship testing, I tried my luck and – I got it! Now I have an opportunity to build the career of my dreams, ensure my future and become one of the best IUS students. All that is thanks to the scholarship!”</td>
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<td>Zerina Dubravač</td>
<td>Gimnazija &quot;Musa Ćazim Čatić&quot;, Tešanj</td>
<td>“I found out about IUS through friends of mine. They recommended me to do the scholarship test. I registered and won 50%. Now I am a first year student of computer Science and Engineering”</td>
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Panel discussion at IUS "Development potential of B&H Diaspora"

On Thursday, January 17, 2013, at the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), the Association of young experts in B&H "Academia" in cooperation with IUS, organized a panel discussion entitled "Development potential of B&H Diaspora: Framework for Integration and Utilization of Highly Qualified Returnees Within 'Brain Gain' Policies." Panel discussion was conducted as part of a regional research project in cooperation with the International University of Sarajevo entitled "From Brain Gain Policies to Practice – Dissemination of Best Institutional Practices in the Western Balkans Region".

At the meeting representatives of the following institutions were present: the Ministry of Civil Affairs of B&H, the Ministry for Human Rights and Refugees in B&H, the Centre for Information and Recognition of Qualifications in Higher Education, the Civil Society KULT – Youth Institute and IUS academic staff.

Discussion was divided into two panels, with the introductory words from Assist. Prof. Dr. Nermin Oruč, from the International University of Sarajevo, and Mr. Almir Mukača, the Vice-President of "Academia." Each panel had three presentations, and was followed by a 45 minutes discussion. All discussions were moderated by Mr. Sanel Huskić.

At the roundtable panel, academic staff of IUS actively participated in the discussion, especially when it came to the establishment of quality education, the introduction of simplified procedures for recognition of diplomas, and the ability to attract the youth of B&H to return from Diaspora.

Academic participants at the round table were also Mr. Haris Hojkurić and Mr. Benjamin Duraković. They returned to B&H, after years they spent in the United States of America, where they’ve been educated and have worked for the past few years.

Following very interactive and in-depth discussions on the topics presented, participants agreed on addressing the issues of engagement of highly skilled Diaspora in the development of B&H requiring wide involvement of all societal strata including governmental institutions, independent actors, research institutions and international organizations, and media. It is necessary that all institutions at all administrative levels understand, adopt and introduce measures within their legislation and policy to utilize the vast resources of the Diaspora.

Universities also, need to be more involved in research on Diaspora as well as public dissemination of information and knowledge. At the same time, they should have a greater role in promoting the new and creative measures and policies to manage the migration of highly skilled returnees.

It is important to point out that the International University of Sarajevo has more than 30 doctors and masters of science as returnees to B&H, which were given an opportunity to continue their academic careers in their own country.

Some of these professors have gone abroad during the aggression on Bosnia and Herzegovina, while some have completed their undergraduate studies in Bosnia and continued graduate studies abroad.

The reasons for the return of the majority of academicians, is said to be better social life conditions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the fulfillment of the work they like to do, which directly contributes to the progress of society.
IUS Students awarded best in Sarajevo Canton

The Government of the Sarajevo Canton provided valuable scholarships for the best students in the Canton. The Ministry of Education, Science and Youth of the Sarajevo Canton awarded the most successful students in 2011/2012, with 134 scholarships in the amount of 325,200 KM cash. The amount students received depended on the average score they achieved during the academic year.

International University of Sarajevo is proud of the fact that among the three most successful students, whose average score is 10, two students come from the International University of Sarajevo.

Award-winning students are: Mirza Selimović from the Faculty of Engineering and Natural Sciences and Ilma Ibrisiević, from the Faculty of Business and Administration, while third best student scholarship was given to Ali Bevrnja from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, of the University of Sarajevo.

On Monday, January 21, 2013, at the Art Gallery of Bosnia and Herzegovina, an exhibition was opened with 50 photographs that passed the selection competition entitled "Fotografija godine BiH 2012/ The Photography of the Year-BiH 2012," organized for the third time by Fotografija.ba.

Student of the International University of Sarajevo, Eldar Spahić, has participated in this competition for the best photograph in 2012, with a photograph "The One." He is a student in the Program of Visual Art and Visual Communication Design.

Among the Committee members who evaluated the "Fotografija godine BiH 2012/ The Photography of the Year-BiH 2012," were Bevis Fusha (Albania), Branislav Brkić (Serbia), Marc Proust (Belgium), Mario Perić (Croatia) and Zijah Gafic (BiH). They had the difficult task of selecting the best pictures among 1750 photographs of 578 photographers.

After selecting 50 photographs, the jury chairman Mr. Branimir Brkić chose the winners in different categories. The awards were officially presented at the opening of the exhibition.

The exhibition "Fotografija godine BiH 2012/ The Photography of the Year-BiH 2012" will last from January 21, 2013 to January 26, 2013.

Representatives of the King Fahd Cultural Center visited IUS

On Tuesday, February 12, 2013, representatives of the King Fahd Cultural Center in Sarajevo, the Attaché and General Director of Fahd Kultural Cultural Centre in Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Khalid Addamigh and Secretary of The Cultural Attaché, Mr. Mua-mer Haj Hamdo, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

Distinguished guests were welcomed by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Ozer Çınar and his associates, the Coordinator of International Relations Department at IUS Prof. Dr. Mesut Idiz and Ms. Gül-sen Devre, the Assistant to IR Coordinator.

The reason for the visit of the guests, was to talk about the possible collaboration between the International University of Sarajevo and the King Fahd Cultural Center in Sarajevo. This collaboration would primarily be focused on strengthening the cultural cooperation and other aspects of academic and business cooperation.

Informatics Winter Youth Camp

This year, the Association of Computer Olympiad in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in cooperation with the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), organized The First Winter Youth Camp in Informatics in the period from January 13 to January 18, 2013. The aims of this camp included: raising the level of computer literacy; developing the skills of young and talented people; and creating the basis for a quality representation of BiH students in informatics Olympiad in the country and abroad.

At the camp, high school students from Bosnia and Herzegovina acquired new knowledge in different fields of computer sciences. They gained new experiences and established social links with friends from all over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Daily lectures were held from 9 am to 1 pm, and tutorials from 2 pm to 5 pm, during the entire duration of the camp. In the evening, additional appropriate presentations / lectures were organized. From eight courses offered, students chose three courses according to their interests and preferences. A list of all courses offered and their detailed description was announced on website. Each camp participant attended only one of the three chosen intensive courses for a period of 35 work hours.

Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in B&H visited IUS

Mr. Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery, the Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in B&H, visited the International University of Sarajevo on Wednesday, February 13, 2013.

The Rector of the International University of Sarajevo, Prof. Dr. Ozer Çınar introduced the Ambassador to work and development plan of the University. They also spoke about the possibility of establishing cooperation between the International University of Sarajevo and the universities in Pakistan. Ambassador Jaffery and Rector Çınar signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the International University of Sarajevo and the Quadr-e-Azam University in Pakistan. At the meeting possibilities and opportunities, for Pakistani students, to study at IUS were discussed as well.
IUS Rector visited Iranian Ambassador

Monday, January 28, 2013, Rector of the International University of Sarajevo (IUS), Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar, accompanied by the Coordinator for International Relations at IUS, Prof. Dr. Mesut Idris, visited the Ambassador of the Republic of Iran, HE Mr. Gholamreza Yousefi.

During the meeting, HE Yousefi initiated discussions about the possibilities of academic cooperation between the International University of Sarajevo and the educational institutions of the Republic of Iran. They discussed the possibility of bringing students from this country to study at IUS, and other aspects of business cooperation. Rector Çınar informed the Ambassador about the current educational facilities at IUS, the structure of professors and students, as well as future plans for affirmation and promotion of IUS in the world.

Prof. Dr. Alessandro Tolomelli from the University of Bologna visited IUS

On Wednesday, February 13th, 2013, Prof. Dr. Alessandro Tolomelli, a professor at the Faculty of Education Science of the University of Bologna, visited the International University of Sarajevo (IUS).

This was the second time that this distinguished guest visited IUS and was welcomed by IUS Rector, Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar.

During those two meetings following has been discussed: the future development of cooperation and possibility of signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the IUS and the University of Bologna, establishment of cooperation in the exchange of professors, student exchange and joint research projects that will be jointly administered by international donors. It was also agreed that the professors of the Faculty of Education of the University of Bologna, will help establish the Faculty of Education at IUS.

Prof. Dr. Alessandro Tolomelli will deliver a lecture entitled: The concept of empowerment from theory to practice, on Monday, February 18th, 2013, at 2 p.m., in the grand Amphitheater hall of the University.

Director of Yunus Emre Turkish Cultural Center at IUS

The newly appointed Director Mr. Ceylani Akay and Deputy-Director Mr. Nuri Türkyılmaz of the Yunus Emre Cultural Center visited the International University of Sarajevo on January 09, 2013. Distinguished guests were welcomed by the Rector, Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar, who gave a brief presentation about the accomplishments of the University up to date. This visit was also a good opportunity for all participants to discuss possible joint projects between Yunus Emre Cultural Center and the International University of Sarajevo. The Rector Çınar congratulated Director Akay for the completion of successful projects.

Visit to the Indonesian Ambassador

On Tuesday January 08, 2013, on the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Subijaksono Sujono, the Indonesian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Rector Prof. Dr. Özer Çınar and Prof. Dr. Mesut Idris paid a visit to the Embassy of Indonesia. During the meeting, HE Mr. Sujono and his guests had a fruitful discussion about possible cooperation between the International University of Sarajevo and Indonesian universities, and student and staff exchange.

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