

BAKALA SCHOLARSHIPS

You would like your academic career to reach an international level and you dream about studying at a top US or UK university such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Cambridge, Oxford, etc.?

Do you consider competition, administrative challenges, deadlines and the costs as important obstacles?

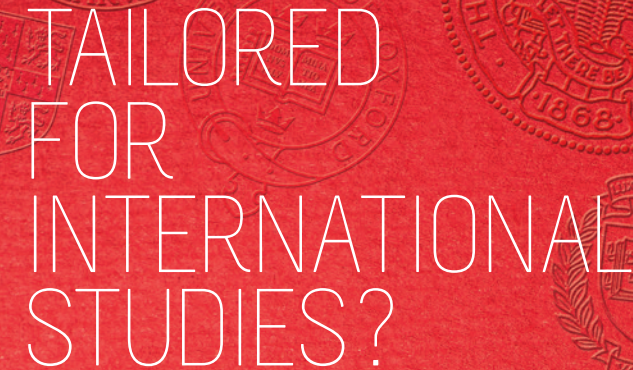
An outstanding academic experience was key to Zdeněk Bakala's success; our foundation's purpose is to provide the same opportunities to talented and ambitious students from any field of study in Switzerland.

We want to help you reach your educational and professional goals so that you can have an opportunity to contribute successfully to a positive future for yourself and as part of society.

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TAILORED FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES?

**WE HAVE THE KEYS TO THE MOST
SELECTIVE UNIVERSITIES!**



WHO DO WE SUPPORT?

THE FOUNDATION ZDENEK & MICHAELA BAKALA, IS A SWISS FOUNDATION REGISTERED IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND. IT WAS LAUNCHED IN 2012 AND IS PLACED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE SWISS FEDERAL SUPERVISORY AUTHORITY.

THE FOUNDATION SEEKS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS RESIDING IN SWITZERLAND TO ULTIMATELY CONTRIBUTE TO A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THIS COUNTRY.

Our scholarships are for students or research fellows of the following swiss universities :

- University of Geneva (UNIGE),
- University of Lausanne (UNIL),
- the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology of Lausanne (EPFL)
- the Graduate Institute of Geneva
- University of Zurich (UZH)
- the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich (EPFZ)
- University of St. Gallen (HSG)

The total annual budget for the scholarships is approximately CHF 200'000.- which will be allocated for 5 to 10 scholarships per year. The distribution of the funding for each student will depend on the candidates' needs and study plans. The main aim is to cover tuition fees and/or living expenses at the foreign university.

Support will be provided for one or more semesters at the foreign university as part of a Swiss Master or Doctorate or a complete Master or Doctorate at the foreign university. Funding will be provided for a maximum of three years. In view of the founder's studies at Berkeley University (California)

and at the Dartmouth College (Tuck School of Business, New Hampshire), our foundation wishes to support students admitted to these institutions. However this does not constitute a preference from our side or an exclusion of other possible universities.

Students will receive an annual contribution ranging from CHF 10'000.- to CHF 30'000.- .

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE AND WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES?

Application form

The application form and its schedules, available from the foundation's website (www.fondation-zmb.ch) must be sent directly to the Swiss university.

Pre-selection of the candidates

Selection Committees composed of professors and representatives of the mobility departments of UNIGE, UNIL, EPFL, the GI, UZH, EPFZ and HSG shall pre-select our candidates.

Interviews

Our foundation will interview in English the pre-selected candidates.

For further details and the exact dates, please refer to the foundation's website: www.fondation-zmb.ch or contact Mrs Patricia Legler, Foundation Manager.

Sending of the application form:
Between January and March

Pre-selection of the candidates:
End of March for an answer in April

Interviews and decision:
In May for a decision mid-June

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM OUR CANDIDATES?

In order to consider each of our candidate's specific potential and ambitions, the only condition that applies to our scholarships is academic achievement. We do, however, encourage candidates to participate actively in charitable or social activities for the benefit of the community whenever possible.

In order to assess the effectiveness of the allocated funds, we ask candidates to provide us with a summary of their studies and a report of the implementation of the funds. We also kindly ask them to be available to promote our scholarship program to future potential candidates.

In addition, selected candidates are encouraged to network with each other and keep in touch with the foundation to share experiences and exchange ideas.

WHAT IS OUR SELECTION CRITERIA?

- > Academic excellence
- > A strong motivation and an interesting personality
- > A lack of financial means
- > Swiss residency (min. during the last 5 years)
- > Registered student at UNIGE, UNIL, EPFL, UZH, EPFZ or HSG (min. during the last 3 years)
- > Registered at the Graduate Institute (min. during 1 year)
- > Admission or pre-admission to a foreign university (obtained at the latest by the time of the interview at the foundation)