



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 up to two recipients per year for the Central European-American Business Leaders Scholarship (Poland). Selected students will receive a scholarship to come to the United States for two years to study and work. Scholarship recipients begin taking online MBA courses prior to arriving in the USA so they can complete their MBA program in one year. Once in the USA, scholars take on-site MBA courses (limited online courses are allowed) while living on campus and working part-time during their first year. They work full time and live off campus during their second year.

The key benefits of the program are:

- earning an American MBA degree at Quinnipiac,
- work experience at American companies,
- participants work part-time during the MBA studies 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.

What kind of support is offered?

The scholarship provides the recipient with:

- 1 reasonably-priced roundtrip *airline ticket*,
- a “start-up” *stipend* to help with initial *living and travel costs*,
- room in university *housing* and *health insurance* during MBA studies,
- 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, and 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 August 15, 2018.
- 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 preferably not more.
- Candidates must have a valid driver’s license.
- Candidates must be Polish nationals.
- The selected scholarship recipients will be responsible to cover certain costs related to: mandatory vaccines, J1 VISA processing fees and SEVIS fee.

The documents you are expected to 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 another 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 **proof of English language proficiency** (minimum C1 level).
- Photocopy or Digital Scan of your **driver's license** (typically your Polish license, but International Licenses or a license from another country is also acceptable).
- **Introductory Letter** (1 page) – The introductory letter should be one page long and include the student’s name, the 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 specialisation in which the student is interested.
- Official copy of **International Credential Evaluation** from WES (World Education Services). Additional cost/fees may apply.

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.

What is the selection process?

- Applications should be submitted before midnight November 30, 2017 (CET).
- Finalists will have a personal interview with Prof. Gedeon Werner from Quinnipiac University in December 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 2018.

For more information, please contact us at:

Hanna Hejmowski

Assistant Director
Central European Institute
203-582-8737 (U.S. office)
203-809-3193 (U.S. cell)
hanna.hejmowski@qu.edu

Gedeon Werner

Novak Family Polish Chair
Central European Institute
203-582-8737 (U.S. office)
gedeon.werner@qu.edu

