

Bakala Scholarships

Would you like your professional career to reach the highest possible level of excellence and do you dream about studying at a top US or UK university such as Harvard, Stanford, Yale, Cambridge, Oxford?

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

An outstanding university experience was key to Zdenek Bakala's success; our Foundation's purpose is to support young people committed to applying their knowledge and foreign experiences in practice (business, corporate, financial, medical sectors) and contribute to having a strong and positive impact in our world.

We are looking for the most talented and ambitious individuals who are willing and capable of assuming leading positions in all sectors of society.



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The Fondation Zdenek et 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.

Who do we support?

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)
- Università della Svizzera italiana (USI)
- University of Lucerne (UNILU)
- University of Neuchâtel (UNINE)
- University of Basel (UNIBA)

The total annual budget for the scholarships is approximately CHF 200'000.-. 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 a 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 can 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 do we expect from our candidates?

In order to consider each of our candidate's specific potential and ambitions, the conditions that apply to our scholarships are high academic achievement, financial need and a strong personal motivation. We do also 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 are 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, HSG, USI, UNILU, UNINE or UNIBA (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)

What is the procedure?

Application form

The application forms are available through our partner Swiss universities and students should apply directly through them.

Pre-selection of the candidates

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

Interviews

Our Foundation will interview pre-selected candidates in English.

For further details and the exact dates, please refer to the Foundation's website www.fondation-zmb.ch or write an email to office@fondation-zmb.ch.

What are the deadlines?

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 of each year