





Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Montenegro 2015-2016

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Montenegro (Global UGRAD) provides scholarships for talented students from Montenegro to attend U.S. universities and colleges for one year of undergraduate, non-degree study. The Global UGRAD program, sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is supported by the people of the United States. This international educational and cultural exchange program brings future leaders to the United States to experience the U.S. educational system, enhance their knowledge, and explore U.S. culture and values. It also affords students the opportunity to educate Americans about other cultures and traditions. The program is administered through the joint efforts of the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the U.S. Embassy in Podgorica, and World Learning.

The scholarship covers international travel, tuition, room and board, medical insurance, required books, and a small monthly stipend. Selected students pursue academic coursework in their fields of study, U.S. studies, and electives. They participate in all aspects of campus life, engage with their U.S. communities through required volunteer service, and gain practical skills through relevant internships. Since the beginning of this program, more than 300 students from Serbia and Montenegro have benefited from this unique opportunity and returned home to complete their studies, better their communities, and embark on their careers. Seven Montenegrin Global UGRAD students are currently studying at universities and colleges across the U.S.

PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

The Global UGRAD is open to all undergraduate fields of study except medicine and law (as these are only available at the graduate level in the U.S.). Selection is merit-based and all finalists are evaluated on the bases of academic excellence, leadership potential, and preparedness to study abroad. Global UGRAD applicants will be considered without respect to race, color, religion, ethnicity or gender. Persons with disabilities are strongly encouraged to apply.

The Global UGRAD program is open to anyone who is:

- a citizen of Montenegro who currently resides and studies in Montenegro;
- enrolled as an undergraduate in good standing at any Montenegrin university, public or private, or vocational school and has satisfactorily completed at least one semester for which he/she will obtain some of his/her final grades;
- not enrolled in his/her final year of studies at the time of application:
 - o has no more than 140 ESPB if enrolled in 4-year academic program;
 - o has no more than 70 ESPB if enrolled in 3-year academic program;
- has solid command of written and spoken English (English language training for finalists possible);
- able to begin studies in the United States in August 2015 (selected may not defer to a later date);
- eligible to receive and maintain the US student exchange visa (J-1) required for the program;
- cleared by a physician to participate in the program in May 2015;
- committed to returning to his/her home country after the completion of the program.

See application instructions for full eligibility requirements and restrictions

Applications are available online at www.worldlearning.org/UGRAD-SAM and http://podgorica.usembassy.gov on Oct. 13, 2014.

Completed applications must be submitted online by 5:00 pm on November 24, 2014.

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