

Scholar-Leaders Program

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The **GE Foundation Scholar-Leaders** university scholarship (www.scholarshipandmore.org/cee) is a **leadership** program which is **unique** in the Central-Eastern European region. The program was launched in Hungary by the **GE Foundation** more than ten years ago. This program **started in Romania 7 years ago**, following its launch in Hungary in 2002, Poland in 2003; and the Czech Republic in 2004. This made the GE Foundation scholarship a **regional model program**. Winners receive a **EUR 3000 award**, but more importantly become part of a **network** including **Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Romanian top students**, and with GE's help get an **insight into** the workings of one of the most **successful companies**. In addition to this, they also get a chance to perform **community service** in their own countries. All this aims at **creating a network of future leaders** in the Central and Eastern European region who want to contribute to the development of the region as well as their own countries on the societal level as well, and for whom **cross-regional economic and social cooperation** is a value.

In the Czech Republic, the following universities participate in the program: **Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Babes-Bolyai University, Politehnica University of Timisoara, University Politehnica of Bucharest, and Romanian-American University**. The program was created for second-year undergraduate students in economics, management, engineering and technology from these universities. Students with great academic achievements, excellent English and outstanding leadership potential can apply.

Selected winners receive their certificates every year at an award ceremony. In 2013, the Romanian ceremony will take place in Bucharest on June 19 at 2pm. Speakers will include representatives from GE, the Institute of International Education, the US Embassy, and the American Chamber of Commerce, with extensive press attendance.



The 2012 winners receive their certificates at the award ceremony from Cristian Colteanu, GE President and CEO for Romania, Bulgaria, and Moldova



The network of Scholar-Leaders is being built by GE Foundation as well as by volunteers from GE – team building at the 2012 regional summer Leadership Development Program.

Success stories of Scholar-Leaders on the GE for CEE regional blog:

<http://geforcee.geblogs.com/future-leaders-gina-adam/> - The doors open

<http://geforcee.geblogs.com/future-leaders-jan-rieger-cz/> - A life-changing scholarship

<http://geforcee.geblogs.com/aim-for-the-clouds/> - Great success of a startup company

<http://geforcee.geblogs.com/my-life-changing-experience/> - Networking as key to becoming a leader

Video about the program celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2012:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHcyFejGUV&feature=plcp>