Initiated by the act of signing the Memorandum of Understanding between the Milovanovic Family and the UACS Foundation, the Foundation announces an

OPEN CALL for the Zlat Milovanovic Award

for UACS students from North Macedonia in the academic 2023/2024

General Information

In memory of Professor Milovanovic, the Milovanovic family and the UACS Foundation have partnered to create a grant opportunity for students of University American College Skopje to travel, study, or have other educational international experience abroad. The UACS Foundation aims to create a professional, educational and cultural cooperation with the Family Milovanovic, by establishing the honorary **Zlat Milovanovic Award**.

About the Award

"Les voyages forment la jeunesse" is the phrase that appears in the Zlat Milovanovic Award logo. The phrase translates from French to mean *"Travel Shapes Youth,"* and this grant supports exactly that. It supports students who wish to expand their knowledge through an experience abroad that combines academic growth and discovering other countries and cultures.

About prof. Milovanovic

Professor Zlat Milovanovic taught at universities for over 45 years and was associated at UACS for 13 years. He learned French as a child, Spanish as a teenager, and many more languages throughout his life. He studied and traveled the world, starting with a UN fellowship to visit Latin America, and later earning an MA and PhD in France, as well as a second PhD in the United States. As a professor, Zlat encouraged his students to learn languages, study and travel abroad, explore beyond their borders, and gain the experience that would later serve them both personally and professionally, both in North Macedonia and when representing their country abroad.

Purpose of the Award

Having in mind his life story and personal educational development, this annual award has been designed to be open and flexible. In order to take advantage of this grant, the applicants should submit specific proposals for:

- study abroad,
- travel abroad,
- undertake a short professional internship (e.g. AISEC/IAESTE) abroad,
- participate in an international educational event, fair or conference, or
- describe any other kind of international and educational experience.

Amount of the Award

The Zlat Milovanovic Award is single and undivided, and is given to one applicant only, in the total amount of EUR1000. This means that the cost for the submitted proposal is expected be covered with this grant. If the proposal cost surpasses the amount of the award, the additional costs will be covered by the applicant.

Application Requirements

Applicants should send their copy of transcript (GPA), their CV and motivational letter/proposal in English, that should explain where the student wants to go, what does s/he plan to do abroad and what does s/he hope to gain from the experience. It should also mention whether the applicant has already lived, traveled or studied abroad for a semester or more. Applications should be submitted to networking@uacs.edu.mk no later than **25 April 2024** and every year there will be a selection of one student to receive the award.

Eligibility

The call is open to all students from UACS in the Republic of North Macedonia that have completed second year of studies, or passed 4 semesters. To apply, please submit the following documents at <u>networking@uacs.edu.mk</u>:

- Transcripts
- CV
- Motivational letter
- Awards & Certificates

Criteria	Max points
GPA	25
Previous experience abroad	25
CV, Motivational Letter, Awards & Certificates	25
Interview*	25
Total	100

*The interviews will be held in May 2024.

The final list will be published on 23 May 2024 at <u>www.uacs.edu.mk</u>. Any objections can be submitted to the UACS Foundation no later than 31 May 2024.

Follow Up Activities

Upon the arrival back to North Macedonia, the applicant should prepare a brief report for their time abroad, including the experiences had and the knowledge gained. Their story can be used for promotional purposes for the communication of the award in the following years.