



VELUX Scholarship Programme

The VELUX Scholarship Programme is for talented, but financially disadvantaged young people (full-time undergraduate university students) from Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic and Poland. The main purpose of the project is to give approximately 300 financially disadvantaged students a life changing opportunity to study abroad. The selected students are given the opportunity to take part in a one or two semester study exchange at the IBA in Kolding or at IBA's partner institution KEA in Copenhagen. The project was initiated by the IBA, and after a successful application process funded by the VELUX Foundations.

Until now 122 students were offered a VELUX Scholarship for one or two semesters. The students were selected based on the following requirements: academic results, English skills and social/financial situation. The most important criterion is the social/financial background of the students. The project team is doing their utmost to ensure that the scholarships are given to the right students, to students who otherwise would not have the opportunity to study abroad.

Most of the participating students, due to their family's financial situation, never left their home country before. For them it is a life changing experience, that many refer to as the best and most valuable opportunity they have ever had in their life so far.

27 higher education institutions from the 6 countries were invited and decided to participate in the project. They consider the project an impactful, enriching and enlightening experience for their students.

The VELUX Scholarship programme enhances internationalization possibilities for the participating institutions, and it catalyses the establishment of new networks. For some of the participating institutions joining this programme was the first step toward internationalization, others benefited from the networking opportunities provided by the VELUX annual workshops. VELUX partner institutions were invited to join IBA's existing networks. Two of the institutions from Hungary and Romania decided to join NIBS.

The VELUX Scholarship programme is a social sensitive programme which is very rare in Europe, even though there is a high need. Many families and students in Eastern/Central Europe are living at a very low living standard.