DeepMind scholarships for under-represented students in AI available for a fourth year at Technical University of Cluj-Napoca

In July 2023, the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, one of the largest universities in Romania and a leading research center in the country, renewed a partnership with DeepMind, a world leader in Artificial Intelligence research, regarding the scholarship program aimed at increasing diversity in the field for a third year.

During the academic year 2023/2024, two new DeepMind Scholarships will be awarded to students who wish to study for a Master's degree in Intelligence and Artificial Vision at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Automation and Computer Science.

The DeepMind scholarship program gives talented students from underrepresented backgrounds an opportunity to get an education at leading universities, with mentoring from DeepMind staff, to assist scholars with reaching their personal development goals. The program is in its third year in Romania, with the hope of strengthening the presence of the country, and Eastern Europe, in the global machine learning community.

Prof. Sergiu Nedevschi, the Lead for the Master program said: "*The DeepMind Scholarships, offered since 2020, are complementing our efforts to step up the state of the art in AI, in supporting highly motivated students from underrepresented backgrounds.*"

Obum Ekeke, university relations and educational partnerships lead at DeepMind said:

"*We're delighted to continue our relationship with the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca through the DeepMind scholarship program. By removing some of the financial barriers that prevent people applying to postgraduate study and providing mentoring and broader support, we hope to extend the efforts of the Eastern Europe Machine Learning Summer School (EEML) and others, to encourage Romanian students from all walks of life to consider postgraduate study in AI.*"

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The scholarships will be awarded for 2 years (2023-2025) to two selected students from a deprived socioeconomic background.

Applicants should also meet the following criteria:

● Be a resident in a member state of the European Union;

● Have accepted an offer to study for the Master's degree in Intelligence and Artificial Vision at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Automation and Computer Science (from the academic year 2023-2024 onwards), with a focus on Machine Learning.

Each scholarship amounts to €28 250 and will cover:

● An annual stipend of €12 100;

● A one-off academic travel scholarship of €2 400;

● One-off equipment budget of €1 650.

The competition for awarding scholarships will be announced in mid-September 2023.

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