

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT HANDBOOK



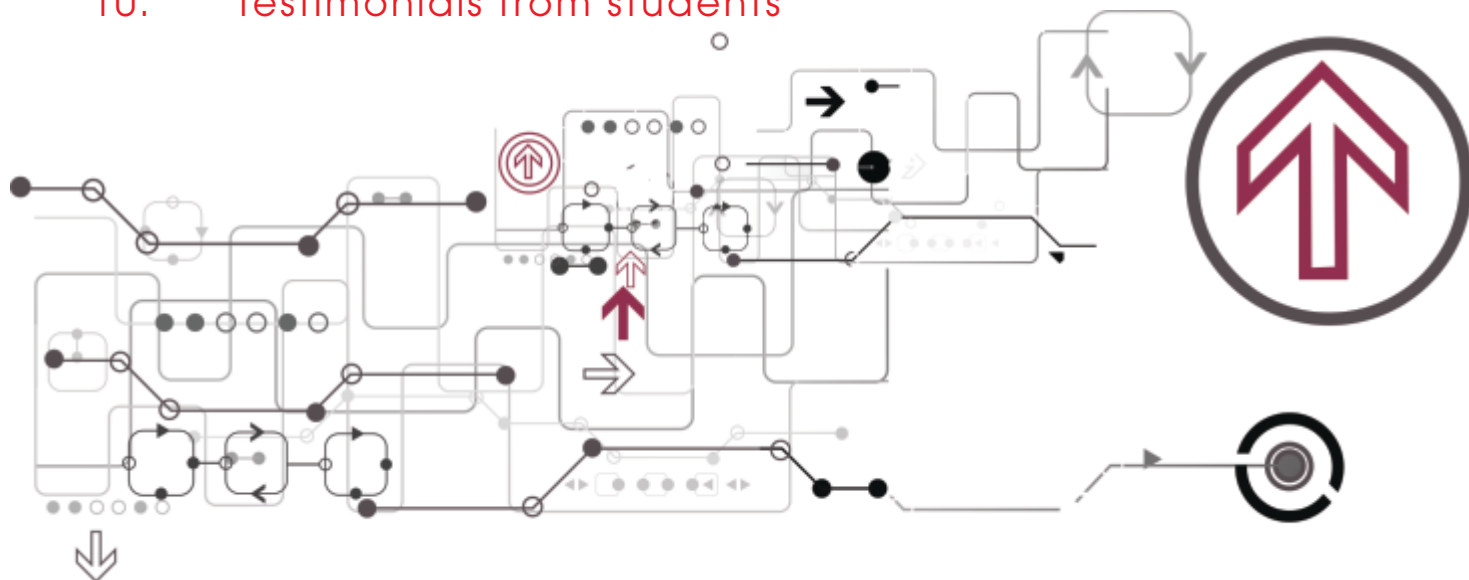
**THE TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY**

of CLUJ-NAPOCA
ROMANIA

HANDBOOK FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

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The Rector's Message

The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca has been included in the “club” of the 12 Romanian universities which have been awarded the degree of “advanced research and education universities” in recognition of its results. This status has to be strengthened in the future by a more efficient approach to research, institutional development and improvement of quality in education.



The Mission

The Mission assumed in the Charter of The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca lies in “developing the values in the people, in the processes and products”. In this line, we intend to develop education and research, at a high quality level, in specific domains, in national and international context, according to the intellectual, professional and social needs of each and every Romanian individual and society. For this purpose, the stress will have to be put on internationally visible advanced research, on innovation made in cooperation with the economic environment, on orienting the educational process, be it Bachelor, Master, or Ph.D. level, towards fulfilling the needs of the Romanian society.

1. The city of Cluj-Napoca

ABOUT

Cluj-Napoca, commonly known as Cluj, is the second largest city in Romania, after the national capital Bucharest. Geographically, it is (almost) equidistant from Bucharest, Budapest and Belgrade. Located in the Someșul Mic River valley, the city is considered the unofficial capital of Transylvania.



HISTORY



The ancient capital of Dacia Porolissensis, Napoca, was recorded for the first time more than 2000 years ago. The former Roman municipium became, as documented in 1173, Clus (from Latin "surrounded by hills"), Klausenburg in German, Koloszvar in Hungarian and Cluj in Romanian.

Cluj was known for its wine production and as an important center of trade. Because of its great importance on every level (urban, economic, political, spiritual, cultural), it became the most important city of the province.

At the initiative of the catholic prince Ștefan Báthory, the first university-rank college in Transylvania was set up in Cluj.

Transylvania became a part of Romania in the year of 1918.

Source: <http://www.primariaclužnapoca.ro/en/multicultural-guide/?155>, <http://www.visitcluj.ro/despre-cluj-napoca/istoria-clujului.html>

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TOURIST ATTRACTIONS

Cluj-Napoca has a number of landmark buildings and monuments, which are considered tourist attractions. The most important is Saint Michael's Church in the Unirii Square, built during the 14th century in Gothic style. It remains the tallest church tower in Romania to this day. Also, the Fortress of Cluj-Napoca (Cetățuia), the Bethlen Stronghold (Bastionul Croitorilor), as well as the defense wall, are important medieval landmarks.

Cluj also has many theatres and museums, being an important cultural center: the National Museum of Transylvanian History, the Ethnographic Museum, the Art Museum, the Pharmacy Museum, the Water Museum, the museums of Babeș - Bolyai University—the University Museum, the Museum of Mineralogy, the Museum of Paleontology and

Stratigraphy, the Museum of Speleology, the Botanical Museum and the Zoological Museum. Also, the Opera, the Hungarian Opera and the Cluj Philharmonic are cultural landmarks with a great importance for the city.



The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca is ranked among the top 12 universities of advanced research and education in Romania.

The Technical University comprises at present 12 faculties, with more than 20.000 students, in the two academic centers of Cluj-Napoca and Baia Mare, as well as in Alba Iulia, Bistrița, Satu Mare and Zalău.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

International Relations Office (IRO) represents an organizational structure of the university with the purpose of developing the international relations, managing the international exchange with partner universities and attracting international students in the university's educational programs.



ERASMUS⁺ OFFICE

The Erasmus⁺ Office within the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca has as main goals the management and implementation of the educational and vocational programs supported by the European Commission.

FACULTIES IN CLUJ-NAPOCA

Faculty of Architecture and Urban Planning	http://fau.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Automation and Computer Science	http://ac.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Civil Engineering	http://constructii.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Machine Building	http://cm.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Electronics, Telecommunications and Information Technology	http://etti.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Materials and Environmental Engineering	http://imm.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Electrical Engineering	http://ie.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Building Services	http://instalatii.utcluj.ro
Faculty of Mechanical Engineering	http://mecanica.utcluj.ro

INFRASTRUCTURE IN CLUJ-NAPOCA

The main administration building

Address: Memorandumului Street No. 28

Academic buildings:

Observatorului Street No. 34-36, 72

Rene Descartes Street No. 18

George Barițiu Street No. 25, 26-28

Constantin Daicoviciu Street No. 15

Muncii Boulevard No. 103-105

21 Decembrie 1989 Boulevard No. 128-130

Dorobanților Street No. 71-73

Student dormitories

- Observator Student Hostels, Observatorului Street No. 34
- Mărăști Student Hostels, Fabricii de Zahăr Street, No. 58

Libraries in 4 sites:

- Daicoviciu Branch, Constantin Daicoviciu Street No. 15
 - Schedule:
 - Monday-Friday : 08:00 - 20:00
 - Monday-Saturday : 08:00 - 20:00;
 - Sunday: 08:00 – 13:00 (examination session)
 - Monday-Friday : 08:00 - 15:00 (holidays)
- Mecanica Branch, Muncii Boulevard No. 103-105
- Observator Branch, Observatorului Street No. 34
- Mărăști Branch, University Campus

University Bookstores:

- Daicoviciu Street No. 15
 - Schedule: Monday-Friday 8.00-15.00
- Muncii Boulevard No. 103-105

2. The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca

3. International Students

ERASMUS STUDENTS

Contact information:

Erasmus+ Office - Contact person: jur. Andreea Popa
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Romania
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E-mail: Andreea.Popa@staff.utcluj.ro

Faculty Erasmus coordinators: http://bri.utcluj.ro/erasmus_comisia.php

Documents required for an Erasmus application
(http://www.bri.utcluj.ro/RI2_en/erasmus_incoming_en.php)

The following documents need to be signed and stamped by the home institution and sent to the International Relations Office of TUCN before the mobility:

- Student Application Form (download from site);
- Learning Agreement (download from site);
- Transcript of Records.

Application deadlines:

31st of July - for the first semester mobility

31st of November - for the second semester mobility

Note:

At the end of the mobility period, the student will receive from the TUCN:

- Transcript of Records;
- Certificate of Attendance.

SELF-SPONSORED STUDENTS

Citizens from non-EU countries may use the online application available at this link: http://bri.utcluj.ro/RI2_en/admitere_non_eu.php. The admission calendar, steps of admission, selection criteria, information about the tuition fees, deadlines and other useful information are also available on the website.

SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

- Scholarships offered by the Romanian State (<http://www.mae.ro/en/node/10251>)
- Francophone scholarships
 - “Eugen Ionescu” – Romanian Government Scholarship;
 - A.U.F. scholarships.



FREE MOVERS

(http://bri.utcluj.ro/RI2_en/incoming_free.php)

Conditions:

- You have to be enrolled as student of a university in EU;
- The general bilateral agreement between the two universities has to be valid (the university you are coming from and the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca);
- The Learning Agreement has to be signed by the dean and rector of both universities, before your enrolment at TUCN.

PROCEDURE FOR FREE MOVERS

- Download and complete the request form for admission;
- Send the request along with the Transcript of Records and Learning Agreement prior one month before the beginning of the semester by fax (0040-264-591-690) or e-mail: International@staff.utcluj.ro;
- The Board of TUCN will approve or deny your request;
- Once your request is approved, you will be enrolled and pay the same tuition fees in RON as Romanian students (according to the specialization you opted for);
- For accommodation, you should follow the steps found in the document "ACCOMMODATION" on the webpage <http://bri.utcluj.ro>, Useful Information.



Note:

If the bilateral agreement between the two universities is not signed, you must find professors from both universities who agree to be coordinators for the agreement. A draft of the agreement may be available at request, by e-mail International@staff.utcluj.ro

TRANSPORTATION

- By air:
Daily national and international flights from and to the Avram Iancu International Airport here: <http://airportcluj.ro/> (English version)
- By train:
National and international train routes here: www.cfrcalatori.ro (English version)
- By bus:
More information about traveling by bus here:
<http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en>

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

Hotels in Cluj-Napoca: www.travelro.ro/hoteluri-cluj-napoca.html

PERMANENT ACCOMMODATION

- University Campuses:
Observator Campus (Observatorului Street, No. 34)
Mărăști Campus (Fabricii de Zahăr Street, No. 58)
- Private Apartments for rental in the city:
www.inchirieri-cluj-napoca.ro/
www.imobiliare.ro/cluj
<http://www.piata-az.ro/>

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

International Relations Office

Memorandumului Street No. 28
400114, Cluj-Napoca

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Fax: 0040-264-591690

Email: International@staff.utcluj.ro

<http://bri.utcluj.ro/>

Erasmus+ Office

WELCOME MEETING

The Welcome Meeting is an event held at the Rectorate of the University, where all international students, along with University staff gather in order to meet one another and discuss aspects of interest for the students.



ROMANIAN LANGUAGE COURSE

Optional course (only for the Erasmus mobility) - The Department of Foreign Languages within the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca organizes free of charge Romanian language courses for the international students as well. The courses are held weekly, 2 hours/week.

Preparatory year for Romanian language – is available for non-EU students. The students who apply for this program will study Romanian language for the entire year and will only sustain Romanian language exams during that year. After successfully graduating the preparatory year, they will be enrolled in the first year of their specialization. You can find the application form here:

http://bri.utcluj.ro/RI2_en/admitere_non_eu.php

CURRICULA

You can find all the specializations of every faculty and every level of academic degree (Bachelor, Master, PhD) on our website:

<http://bri.utcluj.ro/documente/curricula.pdf>

ACADEMIC YEAR CALENDAR

The academic year calendar is available in pdf version on the BRI website at this link: http://bri.utcluj.ro/RI2_en/academic_calendar.php

TRANSPORT IN THE CITY

The most important means of public transportation in Cluj-Napoca are the following:

Bus, trolleybus, tram – there are several routes for each of the 3, but the ticket is universal, meaning that it is the same ticket for any route of any bus, trolleybus or tram. One ticket costs 4 lei (~ € 0.9) and you can use it twice (for 2 trips). For instance, when you get on the bus you validate your ticket at one of the ends, and when you get on another bus you validate it on the other end. A new ticket does not expire, so you can buy more at once and use them months later. You also have the possibility to purchase tickets via an SMS sent at no. 7479. You receive a code which you have to show to the control when requested.

Useful routes:

- between the airport and the center of the city - Bus No. 8 and 5
- between Observator Campus and the center of the city - Bus No. 35
- between Observator Campus and Muncii Boulevard (mechanical profile faculties) - Bus No. 50
- between the center of the city (Baritiu Street) and Muncii Boulevard - Tram No. 102
- between the train station and the center of the city - Bus No. 9 and trams No. 101 and 100.

Taxi – the taxi fare is about 2.25 lei/km (€ 0.5) during the day and about 2.5 lei/km (€ 0.55) during the night. You can easily find a taxi anywhere in Cluj-Napoca.

MEDICAL SERVICES

Important medical center, due to its recognition as a prestigious university center, Cluj-Napoca has various medical institutions, clinics, institutes and elite hospitals. There are 3 public institutes, 8 public hospitals and over 50 private medical institutions. You can find the most important ones here:

<http://www.clujbusiness.ro/why-cluj/living-in-cluj/health/>

Before entering Romania, foreign citizens need a travel medical insurance. In case you find yourself in need of medical assistance, you can go to any authorized medical unit, public or private.

There are two medical cabinets free of charge for the students of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, located in Dormitory 3 in Observator Campus and Dormitory 2B Mărăști, where you can get examined at any hour in the time interval of 9 am to 4 pm, from Monday to Friday. However, if a more severe health issue occurs, you should go to a hospital or clinic.



DINING

If you prefer eating out rather than cooking, Cluj comes with a great deal of cafeterias, restaurants and pubs, including the cafeterias of the Technical University: in Observator Campus, in the building on Muncii Boulevard, and on Daicoviciu Street.

The most convenient places to dine are, of course, the cafeterias, but restaurants and pubs are quite affordable as well. Here, you can find a list with all the restaurants, pubs and cafes in Cluj: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g298474-Cluj_Napoca_Cluj_County_Northwest_Romania_Transylvania.html

You can also check out the prices of usual products from stores and supermarkets following this link: <http://www.clujbusiness.ro/why-cluj/living-in-cluj/living-costs/>

STUDENTS ORGANIZATIONS

- BEST Cluj-Napoca (Board of European Students of Technology) - www.bestcj.ro
- OSUT Cluj-Napoca (Organization of Students of the Technical University) - www.osut.ro
- League of Students of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca
<https://www.facebook.com/LSUTCN>
- AStA (Association of Students of Architecture) - www.astacluj.ro
- OSSIMM (Organization of Students of Materials and Environment Eng.) - www.ossimm.ro
- ASFIC (Association of Students of the Faculty of Building Services Cluj) - www.asfic.ro
- ASIEM (Association of Students of Economic Engineering and Management) - www.asiem.ro

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

The Theatre, the Opera and the Philharmonic host periodical performances. Being a city with an important cultural identity, Cluj also hosts different cultural events, such as:

- Cluj International Meetings- Cluj National Theatre
- Comedy Cluj International Film Festival
- Doors Open Night – Cluj National Theatre
- Interferences Festival
- TIFF Transylvania International Film Festival

Music festivals

- Contemporary music festival “Cluj Modern”
- Electric Castle
- Jazz in the Park
- La Stravaganza Baroque Festival
- Mozart Festival
- Musical Autumn of Cluj Festival
- Transylvania International Guitar Festival
- Untold Festival



Cluj-Napoca is a candidate city to become the European Capital of Culture in 2021.

SPORTS

The Swimming Pool of the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca is dedicated to a large public, from children, to students, undergraduates, sportsmen, adults, as it is one of the most agreeable place for sports and relaxation in our city. The public can use the swimming pools according to the timetable, either by paying their tickets or by subscription. The university staff and students benefit from a reduction of the tickets price.

More information here: <http://www.utcluj.ro/en/swimming-ground/>

Also, the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca has a Sports Club that organizes different competitions of karate, polo, bridge, plane modeling, table tennis, kempo, rounders throughout the entire year.



PARKS

Cluj has many green spaces for leisure activities (jogging, walking, biking, picnic etc.), such as:

- Iuliu Hațieganu Park
- Simion Barnutiu Central Park
- Cetățuia Park
- Iulius Park
- Rozelor Park

CINEMAS



The city of Cluj has more cinemas:

- Cinema City Iulius, located in Iulius Mall
- Cinema City Polus, located in Polus Center
- Arta Cinema
- Victoria Cinema
- Florin Piersic Cinema
- Mărăști Cinema (free entrance, sponsored by the Municipality of Cluj-Napoca)

MALLS

- Iulius Mall <http://www.iuliusmall.com/>
Address: Alexandru Vaida-Voevod Street No. 53B
- Polus Center <http://www.poluscentercluj.ro/>
Address: Avram Iancu Street No. 492-500

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

January 1st, 2nd: New Year

January 24th: Unification of the Romanian Principalities

April/May: Easter

May/June: Pentecost, Whitmonday

May 1st: Labour Day

August 15th: Dormition of the Theotokos

November 30th: St. Andrew's Day

December 1st: Great Union Day

December 25th, 26th: Christmas

TRIPS AROUND CLUJ

Important towns in proximity of Cluj-Napoca are:

- Alba-Iulia (98 km)
- Oradea (151 km)
- Timișoara (321 km)
- Sibiu (173 km)
- Sighișoara (155 km)

Interesting landscapes can be found at:

- Gâlgăul Almașului
- Cetatea Litei
- Salina Turda
- Cheile Turzii
- Mărișel
- Tarnița
- Laguna Albastră



European Youth Capital is the title awarded to a European city for one year, during which it will be granted the opportunity to present, through a multi-directional program, its life and development, from youth perspective point of view, on cultural, social, political and economic issues. The Youth Capital initiative encourages the implementation of innovative ideas, relative to the active participation of youth in society, aiming to present a model for the future development of youth policies across other European municipalities.

Cluj-Napoca is the European Youth Capital in 2015, a title won during a competition that had 49 European countries as participants.

You can find all the details about what Youth Capital means, here:

<http://www.cluj2015.eu/cluj-napoca2015.html>

You can also find the entire list of events held during the program Youth Capital, here:

<http://www.cluj2015.eu/events/>



FACULTIES IN BAIA MARE

Faculty of Engineering

<http://inginerie.utcluj.ro>

Faculty of Humanities

<http://litere.utcluj.ro>

Faculty of Sciences

<http://stiinte.utcluj.ro>

GETTING TO BAIA MARE

Transportation

By air: Baia Mare airport offers daily trips only to and from Bucharest (which is the capital city of Romania), except on weekends. For the exact schedule of flights please visit the airport website:
<http://www.baiamareairport.ro/en/>

By train: National and international train routes here: www.cfrcalatori.ro

By bus: More information about traveling by bus here:
<http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en>

Temporary Accommodation

Hotels in Baia Mare: http://www.tripadvisor.com/Hotels-304056Baia_Mare_Maramures_County_Northwest_Romania_Transylvania-Hotels.html

Permanent Accommodation:

University Campuses: Student Hostel No. 1 & Student Hostel No. 3 (Str. Victoriei, No. 76), Student Hostel No. 2 (Str. Victor Babes, No. 62A)

Private Apartments for rental in the city:

<http://www.imobiliare.ro/inchirieri-apartamente/baia-mare>

ON ARRIVAL

International Relations

International Relations Office

Erasmus+ Office

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Email: ramona.demarcsek@cunbm.utcluj.ro; <http://bri.utcluj.ro/>

Welcome Meeting

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Curricula

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Academic year calendar

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USEFUL INFORMATION

Transport in the city

The most important means of public transportation in Baia Mare are:

Bus and trolleybus - there are several routes for each, but the ticket is universal, meaning that it is the same ticket for any route of any bus or trolleybus. One ticket for trips within the city costs 3.50 lei (≈ 0.8) and you can use it for one trip only (one way). Tickets have to be bought for each trip and validated on the bus. Tickets do not expire, so you can buy more in advance, yet after validation they will lose their validity at the end of the trip.

You can also buy one-month or half-month passes.

You also have the possibility to purchase tickets via an SMS sent at no. 7551. You receive a code which you have to show to the control when requested.

For details see here:

<http://urbisbaiamare.ro/media/image/tarifesms-vodafone-digi-orange.jpg>

Check routes and fares here:

<http://urbisbaiamare.ro/index.php?mod=trasee>

Taxi – the taxi fare is about 2.25 lei/km ($\approx 0.5e$) during the day and about 2.5 lei/km ($\approx 0.55e$) during the night. You can easily find a taxi anywhere in Baia Mare.

Medical services

Baia Mare has one public hospital and several private medical institutions. The most important ones are:

- Clinica Someșan www.clinicasomesan.ro
- Policlinica "Sfântul Ioan"
- Policlinica "Sfânta Maria" policlinicasfantamaria.ro
- MedCenter www.medcenter.ro
- Euromedica Hospital www.euromedicahospital.ro

For a more comprehensive list check here:

http://www.sfatulmedicului.ro/clinici/baia_mare

Before entering Romania, foreign citizens need a travel medical insurance. In case you find yourself in need of medical assistance, you can go to any authorized medical unit, public or private.

Dining

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The most convenient places to dine are, of course, the cafeterias, but restaurants and pubs are quite affordable as well. Here, you can find a list with the most famous restaurants, pubs and cafes in Baia Mare:

http://www.visitmaramures.ro/index.php?task=category&category=restaurant_baia%20mare.

Students organizations

Liga Studenților "Pintea Viteazul" <http://www.lspv.ro/>

10. TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS



EDULAYEN ECHAVE INAKI
Spain

ERASMUS STUDENT

Coming to Romania is one of the best choices I have ever made. Apart of what the Erasmus means in many other aspects that do not belong to studies, I have found out in this university a way of teaching I thought to be lost. While in mine we are (usually) just our ID number, I felt being really integrated in the UTCN in the great atmosphere of a class where teachers knew their students names and they made jokes to each other.

The advantage of being no more than 25 students (at least in the courses I took) is something to appreciate. It enables the necessary interaction for any engineering career, as every problem is discussed in class and everyone's opinion is taken into account.

Moreover, the updated material used for teaching has impressed me a lot, as I learnt how to use really important programs I would never have learnt at home. And finally, I am really grateful for all the help I received from everyone, teachers and colleagues were there in every little problem I had.

Thanks to all of you!

ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

I am happy that I was admitted to the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca. At the faculty I had the pleasure of meeting very good teachers. Through their abilities and way of teaching their subjects, we received the satisfaction of learning, knowing and practicing some things. Cluj is a very peaceful city and one of the most beautiful I have seen until now.

I have already befriended a lot of people here, some of which are my colleagues. Remarkable and surprising for me was the kindness of each of them and their interest in helping me in every situation, no matter how small. I consider this to be a very important matter, especially if we spend so much time in the company of the same big group of people.

We all want a stable and happy future. I have already started to think about this.

I will continue my career in engineering because I am sure I will do this with pleasure.



DOINA PLĂMĂDEALĂ
Republica Moldova

10. TESTIMONIALS FROM STUDENTS



JEAN DE DIEU NKAPKOP
Cameroon

AGENCE UNIVERSITAIRE DE LA FRANCOPHONIE SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT

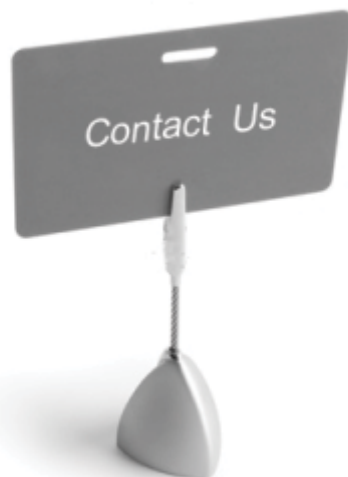
I am a beneficiary of the AUF Francophone Horizon program, and I have been accepted for a doctoral internship at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca for the first half of the academic year 2014-2015.

My research stay at TUCN was great. It is a university of international level, which contains research laboratories of international amplitude, offers access to great libraries and offers comfort like no other. The study programs are professional and are available in multiple languages. Moreover, it provides training in French for the Master program in Signal and Image Processing, curriculum taught by highly qualified bilingual teachers. I was housed in the university residence in comfort and safety, in a bedroom equipped for study conditions.

Choosing TUCN means: immersion in a new culture at the crossroads of European traditions, quality of professional study programs and a world-class research environment.

If I were asked to return there, I would not hesitate a moment.

This is not reserved to others! Go and discover the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca! Get started!



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