



## *The Technical University of Cluj-Napoca builds its relationship with DeepMind through a Scholarship Programme for Students from Underrepresented Backgrounds*

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In September the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, one of the largest universities in Romania and a leading research center in the country announced a partnership with DeepMind, a world leader in Artificial Intelligence research to offer a new scholarship programme aimed at increasing diversity in the field.

During the academic year 2020/2021, two **DeepMind Scholarships** will be awarded to students who wish to study for a Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence and Vision at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Automation and Computer Science.

The DeepMind scholarship programme gives talented students from underrepresented backgrounds an opportunity to get an education at leading universities and connect with its researchers and engineers. The programme is extending to Romania with a hope to strengthen the presence of the country, and Eastern Europe, in the global machine learning community.

Prof. Sergiu Nedeveschi the responsible of the master programme said: "The DeepMind Scholarships will complement our efforts to step up the state of the art in AI supporting the highly motivated students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Obum Ekeke, university relations and educational partnerships lead at DeepMind said: "We're delighted to strengthen our relationship with the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca through the DeepMind scholarship programme. 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."

The scholarships will be awarded for 2 years to 2 selected students from underrepresented backgrounds at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca in the academic years 2020-2022. Applicants should 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 Artificial Intelligence and Vision at the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Automation and Computer Science (from the academic year 2020-2021 onwards), with a focus on Machine Learning.

Each scholarship amounts to €25 285 and will cover:

- An annual stipend of €10 800;
- A one-off academic travel scholarship of €2 185;
- One-off equipment budget of €1 500.