

*To the Evaluation Board of the Erasmus European Grant Program,*

My name is Darius Catinas, and I am currently studying towards a Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science (taught in English) at "Babes-Bolyai" University of Cluj-Napoca. The purpose of this letter is to express my interest in applying for the MHP Porsche Erasmus Placement offer in Ludwigsburg, Germany for the summer of 2019.

The reasoning behind this choice is my wish to get acquainted to the workplace of a foreign country - having chosen Germany because of how their ethics suits mine, whilst also fulfilling my professional endeavors.

Having already experienced an internship in Romania, I look forward to comparing my past experience with one abroad. My keen interest in software development has been reflected not only in my grades, but also in the passion that I developed for this field. The chance of working in such demanding circumstances in a well versed company, practicing automotive solutions, is something I am most certainly looking forward to. Combining my love for Computer Science and the autos would be a way to further deepen and develop both my technical skills and general knowledge in a truly rewarding manner.

Moreover, the opportunity of living and having an occupation in Germany, a developed western society, would enable me to learn more about the *deutsch* lifestyle and work environment. This would take me out of my comfort zone, and would lead me to be more knowledgeable about the greater European culture. As part of the experience, grasping the basics of the German language is imperative to me, as it is an important market language in Europe and beyond.

Personally, I have always showed a keen interest in modern history and the rise of modern states - out of which one of the primary figures is Germany. Seeing the way its prominence and importance are linked to European integration is a fascinating matter to experience first-hand, through travelling. My hopes are to become immersed in the land of Baden-Württemberg this summer, as an Erasmus+ beneficiary.

With all my gratitude,

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