

Dear Sir or Madam,

With this letter I would like to express my wish and interest in studying at the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg. I am a third-year Biology-Geology and Environmental Protection student, studying at Palacký University in Olomouc, Czech Republic, originally coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The turning point in, both, my life and education, occurred at the age of sixteen. Being granted a full scholarship from the government of Slovenia to attend an International Baccalaureate Diploma Program (IBDP) I decided to move three hundred kilometers from home. At that moment I became determined to try and achieve great aims I set before myself. I continued my impressive academic record from both primary and a part of secondary school in Bosnia and Herzegovina and that was an award for full dedication and the sacrifice I made when I moved away from home.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program has helped me develop curiosity, tolerance and compassion towards different people. Furthermore a unique and complex education and rigorous coursework have encouraged me to think independently, improve my organisational skills and drive my own learning. Learning to be an open-minded person, who is willing to expand knowledge and explore other cultures and customs I applied for a scholarship program that was offered by the Czech government and I got accepted.

I spent one year learning Czech language at the Institute for language and preparatory studies - Charles University in Poděbrady. After successfully absolving the language course and all the preparatory subjects I achieved a certificate in Czech language (B2). Having a chance to be a part of an exceptional generation at my high school in Maribor I have learned that when it comes to an education if you are not aiming too high then you are absolutely aiming too low. Having that in mind I have set the goal to try to enroll one of the best universities of science in Czech Republic and soon I managed to realize what I wanted. I continued my bachelor studies at the Palacký University Olomouc in Czech language.

Since I wanted to broaden my knowledge and explore different fields in science however focusing on what I was interested the most I decided to take a course Biology – Geology and Environmental Protection. From an early age I have been intrigued by the human body; how it works, what is the secret of the mechanism that initiates all the processes going inside our bodies, how our bodies are able to fight a disease, how we as individuals are able to adapt to a new environment and does our biology have something to do with that. As my bachelor studies were approaching an end I realized that all of my interests and scientific endeavour throughout my studies had been focusing on trying to understand human body and how it works on a molecular level. Furthermore I was curious about the role of science and research methods that may contribute to the discovery of the initial causes of different diseases and even help to fight them. During my bachelor studies I had a chance to work as an intern at the company named

Contipro in Czech Republic, which is one of the world's leading producers of hyaluronic acid for pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. Contipro offered me an opportunity to work on my bachelor thesis, the aim of which was to optimize the method of determining the yield of hyaluronic acid in small volumes of the fermentation culture that can be later used for the production purposes as well as for the research. Working at Contipro gave me an insight about what my career and scientific work would look like and provided me an opportunity to improve my laboratory skills, scientific writing and to experience a team work.

As a person who was raised and taught to nourish variety and to understand the importance of getting a chance to meet new cultures and customs, a person who is persistent and ready to work hard in order to fulfill my goals and make my dreams come true, I truly believe that Master's degree program Molecular Medicine offered by the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg is definitely the next step I want to take in a journey I have dedicated to lifelong learning and growing as both an intellectual and as a person.

Therefore, I sincerely hope that the Friedrich-Alexander University Erlangen-Nuremberg will be the place where I will get a chance to accomplish all of my scientific dreams, that I will be your choice and that Nuremberg will be my next home for at least another two years. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Should you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

Anesa Suljić