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Professors—apply now to gain valuable expertise

Innovate by offering state-of-the-art entrepreneurship education at your university. Equip your students with the knowledge, skills, and networks needed to launch or grow innovative businesses serving a tech-savvy market.

Professors from technical universities selected for the competitive RAF Scholar Award will complete a one-semester study program at a leading U.S. university.

- Examine best practices in entrepreneurship education
- Study the conditions supporting a healthy entrepreneurial ecosystem
- Experience U.S. university faculty and student interaction and the application of innovative course design and teaching techniques
- Network with experienced educators and entrepreneurs while participating in tech hubs, work with student-faculty innovation teams
- Study active entrepreneurial ecosystems through exciting field trips
- Develop plans for implementing new course offerings in your home university
- U.S. visit by your university administrator to review your plans and observe an active entrepreneurial community
- Receive expert consultation as you launch new educational initiatives
- Build a network of peers who share a common vision for the Romanian startup environment

SCHOLARSHIP FEATURES

Visa sponsorship, including required travel and health insurance and all visa fees

International airfare

Monthly stipend to cover rent, food, and personal expenses

Short-term travel within the U.S. to startup locations



KEY DATES

June 20, 2016

Application deadline

**June 29-30, 2016
in Bucharest**

Professor & university administrator interviews & presentations

July 8, 2016

Selection notification

Fall Semester 2016

Program dates

Application Process

Download the Professor and University application forms at www.rafonline.org/en/apply-for-the-raf-scholar-award

First, coordinate with your university's administrators to develop support for your application and for implementation of new educational options.

1. Ask them to complete the university application committing their support for your participation.
2. Next, complete your individual RAF Scholar Award Application.

Questions?

Applications, including all requested supporting documents, should be submitted via email attachment to RAFInfo@ciee.org. All communication and application materials must be submitted in English. We must receive both applications—yours and a supporting application from your university—by the deadline to consider your participation.

Selection Process

Finalist professors will be invited to an in-person interview.

An independent, international selection panel will choose the best combination of qualified professors representing universities committed to implementing their plans.

Six professors will be selected each year for three years. The program will be implemented in partnership with the Romanian-U.S. Fulbright Commission, beginning with the 2017 program year.

Selection Criteria

Educational background, current academic appointment, and teaching assignment.

Demonstrated interest and ability to participate fully and to implement entrepreneurship education upon return.

Willingness to advance educational innovation through the adoption of new courses or by integrating entrepreneurship within current curricula.

Demonstrated university support for participation and implementation upon return.

ABOUT RAF

The Romanian-American Foundation (RAF) is a philanthropic organization with a mission to promote conditions for a sustainable market economy and democratic society that provides access to opportunity for all segments of the Romanian population. Administered by a local team based in Bucharest and an international Board of Trustees, the Foundation contributes to fostering innovation, developing entrepreneurship, improving education, and promoting a strong civil society in Romania.

This RAF program is designed to facilitate entrepreneurship education across Romania's higher education system with the objective of equipping the emerging Romanian workforce with the skills, knowledge, and networks needed to launch or grow innovative businesses serving a tech-savvy market.

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ABOUT CIEE

The Romanian-American Foundation has selected CIEE to administer this program. CIEE: Council on International Educational Exchange is an American non-profit, non-governmental organization. Since 1947, CIEE has helped thousands of international and American students and professionals gain the knowledge and skills necessary to live and work in a globally interdependent and culturally diverse world by offering the most comprehensive, relevant, and valuable exchange programs available. In addition to its role as one of the largest J-1 visa sponsors designated by the U.S. Department of State, CIEE administers programming for the Baltic-American Freedom Foundation and the Hungarian-American Enterprise Scholarship Fund.

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