



The Bakala  
Foundation

## 6<sup>th</sup> yearly installment of the Scholarship Program is open



### Are you talented and want to study abroad?

The Bakala Foundation is launching already sixth round of the popular SCHOLARSHIP program, which every year allows selected students to apply for world's most prestigious universities. The constantly increasing amount of applications stands as a proof that the Czech Republic has talented and motivated young people, who can compete with the best students from around the globe. And it is those talents who the program is dedicated to. The deadline for this year's applications is set for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Applications are accepted through electronic form, available at the foundation's website. Future Bakala Scholars will be picked through a two-round selection process.

Expert jury will first evaluate the received applications. The best applicants will then be invited for personal interview. Until now, a total of 87 students have been supported in their studies at top universities in a number of different countries. As a part of the online application, it is also necessary to compose an essay on a selected subject in English language.



### Out of the classroom education

This question and a number of others was answered during a panel discussion which took place during third annual meeting of our scholarship alumni, which took place on January 5th at the Grobe Villa in Prague. Panelists Tania le Moigne (director of Google Czech Republic), Miloš Čermák (editor-in-chief iHNed.cz), Jiří Růžička (director of the Jan Kepler Grammar School) and Tomáš Zahradník (founder of [www.prostredoskolaky.cz](http://www.prostredoskolaky.cz)) shared their experiences with both formal and informal education. During those regular meetings the alumni get a chance to meet up, mingle and exchange their experiences with their studies abroad. Besides the panel discussion,

participants could also attend a seminar on debate, organized by Students's Agora. As part of the meeting, new president and vice-president of the Bakala Alumni was elected. Alumni selected Nikita Poljakov, who will take over after Karolína Křelinová. We sincerely congratulate Nikola and would like to express our thanks to Karolína for her hard work and dedication.



### I finally understand quantum physics

On Thursday, December 18th, our alumni organized the very first installment of „edutainment“ program „Zvídavá nadílka“ (Curious Christmas). In Prague's Grobe Villa the alumni presented their respective fields of study to grammar school students from around Prague. The participating children thus had a chance to attend interactive workshops and learn something new, such as why the Eiffel Tower is still standing although Hitler wanted it torn down, or how do optical illusions work. Among the most popular lectures were seminars on diplomacy and space travel. They appreciated the opportunity to discuss the subjects with our alumni from many

different angles. In the feedback forms, we found several peculiar notes such as „I finally understand quantum physics“ or „I found out that subjects I always thought of as boring can really be interesting and vice versa“. Even teachers were content with the quality and variety of seminars. The event and all nine seminars were prepared by 18 Bakala Scholars. For many, this was the very first opportunity to assume the role of a teacher and interact with children in this manner.