



Bakala
Foundation

The Bakala Foundation
Annual Report
2021



“Wherever our Scholarship fellows choose to study, whether in Europe or further afield, we are ready to help them achieve their dreams. For them personally, studying abroad will be an amazing life experience. For the Czech Republic, they bring great hope, because educated young people are the key to a prosperous economy and a functioning civil society.”

Michaela and Zdeněk Bakala





Dear Friends and Supporters,

Another year has passed. We had pinned our hopes on this year marking a return to normalcy. We all wished to live free from pandemic paralysis and in greater security. However, the fight against COVID-19 remained at the forefront of 2021, and we had to accept that we would continue to face the pressure of constant and unpredictable challenges.

Our 12th annual Bakala Foundation Scholarship program saw some changes in response to recent events. Uncertainty and travel difficulties related to the pandemic, as well as increased tuition due to Brexit, shuffled the cards in terms of the attractiveness of studying at universities in the UK and the USA. Schools in these countries are now competing for talented students with other European universities that offer competitive degree programs in English. A number of this year's Scholarship applicants therefore gave priority to universities in continental Europe.

We were proud to learn that foreign universities have shown increased interest in talented Czech students. These students come back equipped with cutting-edge knowledge, unique life experiences, fresh perspectives, and international contacts. If the Czech Republic is to remain competitive on the global stage, these young experts will be crucial.

Throughout the year, our team at the Bakala Foundation continued to provide sound and reliable professional advice to students. We built on our experiences from 2020 and hosted online seminars and lectures at our Student Hub. In 2021, we were also extremely active in reaching out to students interested in secondary and higher education abroad through social media campaigns. New trends in the selection of universities led us to prepare a unique, online Study Abroad Guide, which allows students to quickly and clearly navigate study opportunities in 12 selected countries.

Following the extension of the national state of emergency in January, the Czech Republic again saw the general closure of schools in March. The transition to online learning in schools brought the topic of digitization into the public arena. In schools, this transition was often haphazard and resulted in unequal access to quality education. To this end, we approached Česko.Digital, a non-profit organization that brings together volunteer IT experts. We supported their Teach Online project, which helps schools, teachers, parents, and students make the most of remote learning through technology.

In many families, however, the pandemic has also hit in other ways, disrupting the mental well-being of adolescents. Many older children have been struggling with problems that even their closest family and friends do not understand. We were therefore happy to support Česko.Digital in the Safezóna project. Thanks to this project, children can find help

in time, and the taboos associated with children's mental health in Czech society are on their way to being eliminated.

In August, thanks to the relaxation of pandemic restrictions, the Foundation managed to realize another successful year of Journey: Journalism Bootcamp, our summer journalism school. Students and aspiring journalists, largely from new and threatened democracies, gathered in Prague for the sixth time to learn from international journalism experts.

Independent investigative journalism plays an indispensable role in democratic regimes, helping to expose corruption and monitor human rights. However, investigative journalism is currently facing enormous pressure. To continue to support this critical aspect of civil society, the Bakala Foundation has brought back its popular, two-month Achilles Data program for teams of journalists from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

We live in an era where most people get their 'news' via social media and it is very easy to spread fake news. Fake news abuses and manipulates us, influences our minds and behavior, and divides society. We consider the spread of misinformation to be one of the most pressing problems of our time. The best way to stem this dangerous tide is through media education. But prevention of fake news is not given enough attention in Czech schools, which is why we have decided to support media education in the long term. To this end, in November, we teamed up with People in Need to support the One World in Schools (Jeden svět na školách) media education program, which will offer audiovisual teaching materials and methodology for teachers.

We did all this and a lot more in the past year thanks to the Foundation's excellent team. We have a lot of respect for the effort they put into their work, without losing their sense of humor and willingness to overcome obstacles. We also want to thank our cooperating institutions, the foundations, all of our supporters and, of course, the members of the Board of Trustees and the Supervisory Board for their ongoing support.

I invite you to read more about our achievements on the following pages.



Michaela Bakala
Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees

Since 2010, we have supported a total of **183** scholars studying at **54** universities in **10** countries. To date, we have allocated over CZK **156 million** in funding.

The Bakala Foundation Scholarship enables talented Czech students to study at the best universities abroad.



Since 2020, we have helped **8** students attend high schools in the USA and in the UK.

Thanks to ASSIST & HMC high school scholarships, gifted Czech students are given the opportunity to study at selected high schools in the USA and the UK for up to two years.

Since 2015, **121** aspiring journalists from **14** countries have graduated from our unique journalism summer school.

Through the Journey: Journalism Bootcamp program, we support young journalists and independent journalism.

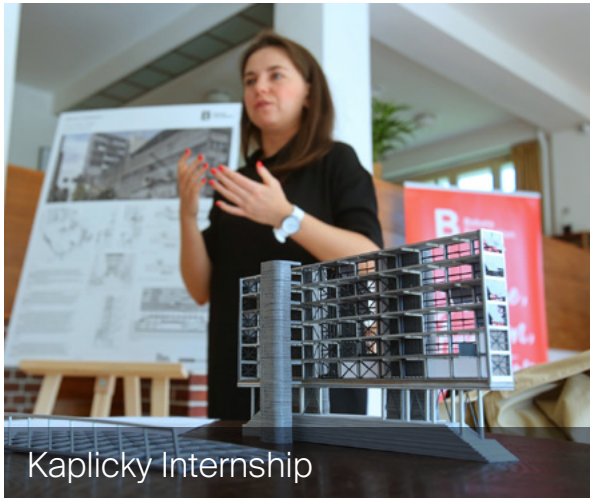


Since 2013, **107** students from the Czech Republic and Slovakia have completed our investigative journalism program.

The program, which combines training from recognized experts in the field and work on a real case, motivates aspiring journalists to pursue investigative journalism.



Achilles Data



Kaplicky Internship

Since 2015, **7** young architects have been awarded internships at **7** major London studios.

The Kaplicky Internship program is designed for aspiring architects and paves the way for the most talented of them to gain work experience at prestigious London architecture studios.

Since 2015, we have organized **111** workshops and lectures. In 2021, **190** students received consultation on studying abroad.

The Student Hub is a place for education, socializing, and inspiration. In addition to lectures and workshops, it offers a study space, library, and advice for those interested in studying abroad.

Student Hub

Since 2007, we have supported **85** individuals and organizations with grants totaling over **CZK 89 million**.

We support the development of education, culture, and health in the Czech Republic through endowments.

Grants

Scholarship



“The course and the university exceeded my expectations in every way. Every day there is something interesting going on, both in and out of the classroom. The quality of teaching is really outstanding. The longer I study here, the more grateful I am to the Bakala Foundation and everyone who made it possible for me to attend Cambridge.”

Alžběta Pechačová

Scholarship Fellow
Student of Natural Sciences at the
University of Cambridge

The Scholarship program is designed for talented students from the Czech Republic who want to get a bachelor’s or master’s degree from one of the world’s top universities. Since 2010, the Bakala Foundation has awarded scholarships to 183 students in various branches of natural sciences, social sciences, humanities, and engineering. Students have gone on to work in the non-profit, public, and private sectors in a variety of fields and industries in the Czech Republic and abroad. By the end of 2021, the total amount of financial aid provided to students amounted to more than CZK 156 million.

12 new Scholarship fellows headed to leading universities abroad

In 2021, 12 new Scholarship fellows headed to leading universities abroad. They were selected from the 193 Scholarship applications we received: 110 from women and 83 from men. Of these, 90 came from Prague and the Central Bohemian Region, and 103 from other parts of the Czech Republic. 125 students applied for undergraduate studies, 68 for graduate studies.

There is no doubt that Brexit affected international student mobility in 2021. We witnessed a decline in the number of applicants to UK universities, and a renewed interest in universities in the United States, together with an increased demand for study at universities in the Netherlands, Germany, France, and Switzerland.

A total of 22 applicants advanced to the second round of the selection process, through which the international selection committee selected 12 new Scholarship fellows. Of these 12, six are pursuing a bachelor’s degree, and six are pursuing a master’s degree.

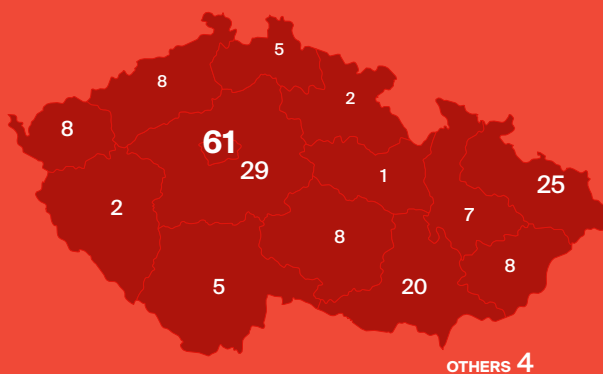
During the 2021/2022 academic year, the Foundation is financially supporting a total of 43 students.

Due to the ongoing pandemic situation, some alumni and Scholarship meetings were held online, including the Christmas party in December 2021. Loxbridge (organized meetings with fellows in London, Oxford and Cambridge) and the December Christmas Treat event did not take place due to pandemic restrictions. Two informal meetings for fellows were held over the summer, providing an opportunity to connect new fellows with alumni and to discuss the involvement of fellows in Foundation activities.



Zdeněk Bakala during a discussion with students at the closing ceremony of the 2021 Scholarship program in the gardens of Wratislav Palace.

2021 Scholarship Applicants



Average age **20**

bachelor's programs **125**

68 master's programs

The most sought-after universities

Great Britain

University of Oxford	18
University of Cambridge	14
University College London	12
University of the Arts London	5
Imperial College London	4
London School of Economics and Political Science	4

USA

Harvard University	7
New York University	5
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	4

The Netherlands

University of Groningen	4
University of Amsterdam	4
Leiden University	3
Delft University of Technology	2

Switzerland

ETH Zürich	5
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne	4
University of St. Gallen	3

France

Sorbonne Université	4
Sciences Po	2

Other countries

Germany	3
Austria	3
Belgium	2
Ireland	2
Hungary	2

Fields of study

Natural Sciences

30%



Technical Sciences

7%



Healthcare and Social Services

5%



Arts and Humanities

16%



Education

1%

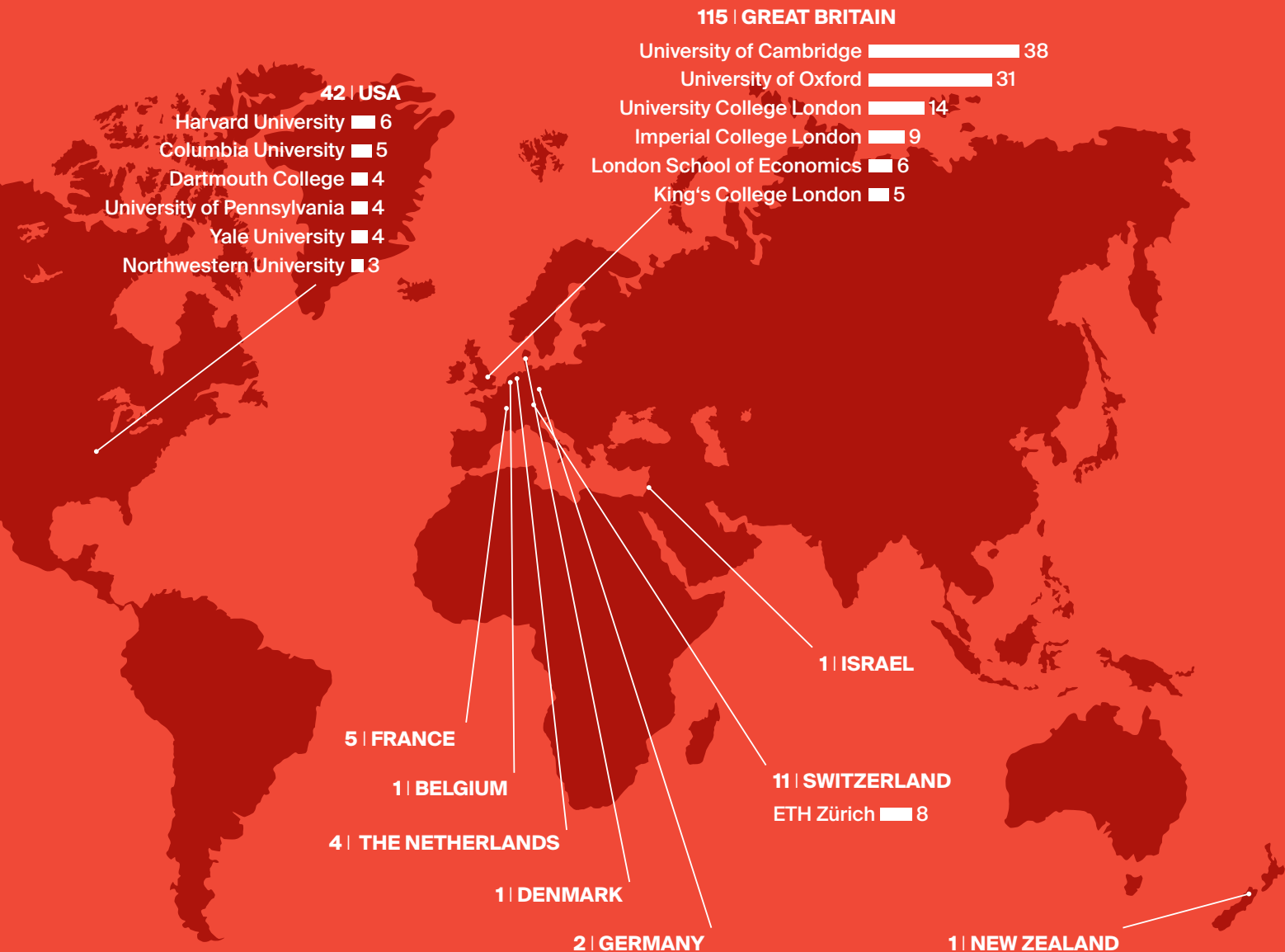


Social Sciences

41%



2010–2021 Scholarship



ASSIST & HMC



"I would definitely recommend studying with an ASSIST scholarship. After the first few months in the USA, I gained an incredible amount of experience and improved my English significantly. It's great that I always have somebody to turn to when I need help, whether it's ASSIST or the Bakala Foundation."

Štěpánka Povolná
ASSIST Scholarship Fellow
Tower Hill School, Delaware, USA

The ASSIST & HMC programs enable talented and motivated high school students to study at prestigious high schools in the USA and the UK. This program has a long tradition in the Czech Republic, where for 27 years, it was administered by the Open Society Fund, before the Bakala Foundation was chosen as its successor in 2020.

Through this program, first- and second-year high school students can apply for a one-year scholarship to study in the USA through ASSIST, or a two-year scholarship to study at a high school in the UK through HMC. Both scholarships cover tuition, accommodation, and food costs for the duration of the stay. Applicants can also apply for additional financial support in the form of an ASSIST-sponsored scholarship, which covers travel, personal expenses, and insurance. Both HMC and ASSIST offer the opportunity to apply for reduced tuition at selected schools in their network.

The Foundation also administers the Davis United World College Scholars Program intended for ninth grade students. As part of this program, scholarship recipients can study for two to three years at one of six prestigious private schools participating in this program, and receive a generous, annual financial contribution towards four years of further study at a university in the USA.

Interest in ASSIST & HMC high school scholarships continued to grow

In 2021, a total of five recipients went to the USA for a year on ASSIST scholarships. Two of them had their stay postponed from the previous year due to the pandemic. Four scholarship recipients headed to high schools in the UK where they will study for two years and then take their A-levels. The prestigious Davis Scholars scholarship was also awarded, with only five Czech applicants having been granted the scholarship in the program's history so far.

The selection process for the new round of ASSIST & HMC scholarships opened in September, with a December 1st application deadline. A total of 131 applicants from throughout the Czech Republic applied, with a total of 80 candidates meeting all of the admission requirements. Based on the results of the language test, 55 applicants proceeded to interviews. 20 of these applicants indicated the HMC scholarship as their preference, 28 were interested in the ASSIST scholarship, and seven hoped to receive the Davis Scholars scholarship. The results of the selection process were announced in March 2022.



Thanks to the ASSIST scholarship, Ondřej Szkandera, a high school student from Frýdek-Místek, was able to spend a year studying at the Christ School in North Carolina.

ASSIST & HMC – 2021 scholarship applicants

submitted
131
80 valid
applications

 **91**

 **39**

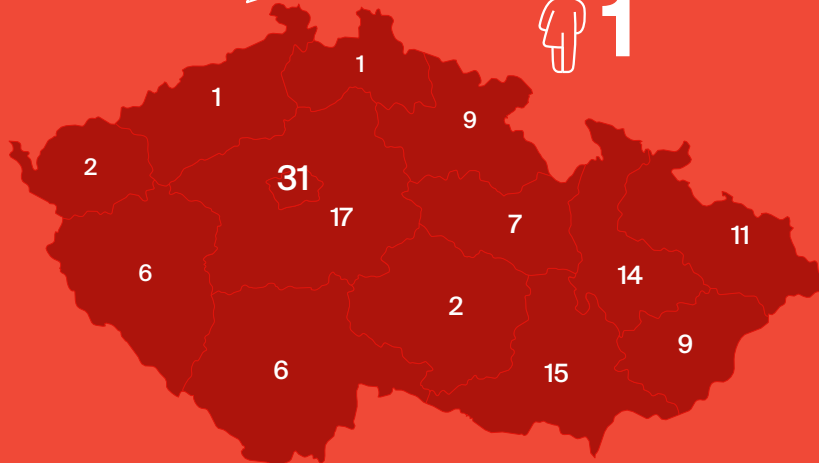
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9th grade of primary school* **14**

1st grade of secondary school* **67**

2nd grade of secondary school* **49**

3rd grade of secondary school* **1**



Number of applicants interviewed:

ASSIST	HMC	Davis
28	20	7
applicants	applicants	applicants

*or the equivalent of multi-year grammar schools

Journey: Journalism Bootcamp



“It’s amazing to learn journalism from such experienced, world-class journalists. The advantage is not only the intimate setting, where you can really ask anything, but also the opportunity to talk, for example, over breakfast with journalists I have long admired.

Participants from different parts of the world share how journalism works in their country, which is fascinating, especially in countries where press freedom is not a given.”

Pavlína Černá
Journey Participant
Czech Republic / USA

Journey: Journalism Bootcamp, one of the Foundation’s flagship programs, finally took place in 2021 after a hiatus caused by pandemic restrictions in 2020.

This 10-day summer program for students of journalism and related fields offers a unique opportunity to learn journalism from top professionals from national and international media outlets such as the New Yorker, CNN, Washington Post, Reuters, Bloomberg, and others.

Journey once again attracted international experts in journalism and aspiring journalists from various countries

A record 120 applicants applied for the sixth annual Journey Bootcamp in 2021, which took place from August 5th through August 15th at the historic Villa Grébovka in Prague. Most applications came from the UK, with the Czech Republic coming in second for the first time. The top 20 applicants were selected; however, when travel restrictions made it impossible for students from Britain and Ukraine to travel, their places were offered to other Czech students at the last minute. Applicants who were unable to travel to Prague due to the restrictions were guaranteed a place in 2022.

In terms of lecturers, we welcomed our “regulars”, including Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist Adam Entous, CNN reporter Evan Perez, and Jessica Bruder, journalist, author, and lecturer at the Columbia Journalism School, who gave the keynote lecture. New speakers included Louis Charbonneau, a human rights expert from Human Rights Watch, and Kenan Aliyev, editor-in-chief of RFE/RL’s Current Time platform.

In collaboration with Jessica Bruder, author of the book “Nomadland”, which was the basis for the Oscar-winning film of the same name, we hosted an event called “An Evening with Nomadland”. A screening of the film was followed by a discussion with Jessica at the Světozor Cinema. The evening was attended by both Journey participants and the general public.



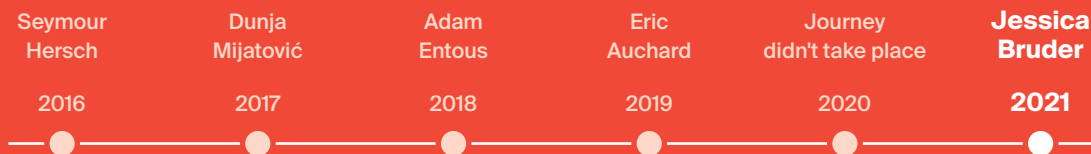
In 2021, 20 aspiring journalists from 8 countries participated in the Journey program.

2021 Journey fellows



Bulgaria	2
Czech Republic	7
Hungary	2
Poland	2
Romania	2
Slovakia	1
Serbia	2
USA	2

A look back at past years of the Journey program: Who accepted the role of keynote speaker?



Achilles Data



“The Achilles Data program gives students the opportunity to try out real investigative work to see if this is the type of journalism they want to do. Finding out that it’s not the field they want to pursue in the future is certainly important. And if they fall in love with it like we did, they will undoubtedly have an easier start.”

Pavla Holcová
Founder and Director
investigace.cz

The Achilles Data course in investigative journalism was organized by the Bakala Foundation and its predecessor, Zaostřeno, between 2013 and 2016. Due to growing demand and a marked absence of and need for this type of learning in the regional context, we renewed the program to offer Czech and Slovak students the opportunity to get acquainted with the tools, current trends, and methods of investigative journalism. The project partners were the Czech Centre for Investigative Journalism (investigace.cz) and the Slovak Stop Corruption Foundation (Nadácia Zastavme korupciu). The US Embassies in Prague and Bratislava provided financial support for the program.

The Achilles Data program has been relaunched after a five-year hiatus

The Achilles Data program was open to teams of three to five students studying journalism and related fields. In total, we received 80 applications. The expert committee selected 25 students to participate in the program, forming seven teams; four from the Czech Republic and three from Slovakia.

The program began with three days of practical training in mid-October at the Foundation’s Student Hub. The students attended a series of lectures and workshops on topics such as working with sources or open data, the art of asking questions and storytelling, legal tips, and more. We welcomed speakers including Pavla Holcová, Jindřich Šídlo, Josef Šlerka, and other Czech experts, as well as top foreign investigators such as Miranda Patručić and Stevan Dojčinović from the Organized Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP).

During the practical portion of the program, the student teams had to work on a real investigative case of their choice under the tutelage of an experienced mentor. This year’s mentors were: Markéta Dobiášová (Reflex), David Klimeš (Aktuálně.cz), Jana Ustohalová (Deník N), Michal Šverdík (Olomoucká drbna), Lukáš Diko (Ján Kuciak Investigative Centre), Zuzana Petková (Stop Corruption Foundation), and a team of journalists from Aktuality.sk led by Laura Kellöová.

The closing ceremony and announcement of the best investigative project took place in March 2022.



The Achilles Data 2021 program was attended by 25 students of journalism and related fields from the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

2021 Achilles Data – Applicants



Czech Republic		Slovakia		Others	
54 applicants		25 applicants		1 applicants	
Charles University, Prague	32	Constantine the Philosopher University, Nitra	13	University of Buckingham, United Kingdom	1
Masaryk University, Brno	10	Comenius University, Bratislava	7		
Palacký University, Olomouc	5	Pan-European University, Bratislava	5		
School of Journalism, Prague	5				
Ostrava University, Ostrava	1				
Metropolitan University, Prague	1				

Kaplicky Internship



"I was impressed by the high level of the presented projects, it was really not easy to choose the best one. Valerie convinced us with her presentation, which showed, among other things, a meticulous attention to detail, as well as a broader understanding of and passion for the topic. What I personally like about her project is that it addresses themes that are also key for us at AL_A, such as sustainability, local context, and social issues."

Alice Dietsch
Director
Amanda Leveté Architects
(AL_A)

In 2021, Vojtěch Rudorfer, winner of the sixth Kaplicky Internship, completed his internship at David Chipperfield Architects. As the firm operated in home office mode for most of the year due to the pandemic, Vojtěch completed his three-month internship online.

In May 2021, we announced the seventh edition of this architectural competition, which is held in collaboration with the Kaplicky Centre Foundation and the Design Museum in London. The expert committee selected six finalists who had the opportunity to present their projects at the final selection on September 23, 2021.

Five of the finalists were women and one was a man. The Faculty of Architecture of the Czech Technical University in Prague was the most heavily represented, with five finalists, and one finalist was a student of UMPRUM (Academy of Arts, Architecture, and Design).

For the first time, the presentation of the projects and the evening ceremony took place at the Winternitz Villa in Prague.

The expert jury assessing the final presentations included well-known names from the international and domestic architectural scene: Deyan Sudjic from the Design Museum in London, Alice Dietsch, director of AL_A, Michal Kohout from the Czech Technical University, Zdeněk Lukeš, architectural historian, and Regina Loukotová, rector of ARCHIP College.

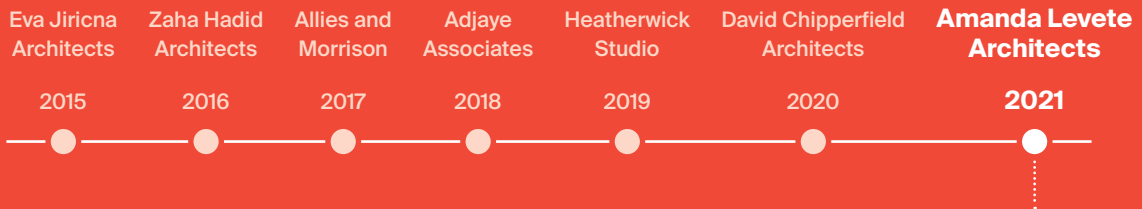
The winner was awarded an internship at Amanda Leveté's AL_A studio in London

The jury was most impressed by the project of Valerie Heyworth, a recent graduate of the Faculty of Architecture of the Czech Technical University. She designed the Czech House in Taiwan, consisting of a cultural center and a consulate. "I wanted to somehow bring the diversity of the Czech landscape to Taiwan. Taipei, although surrounded by mountains, is a very flat city. Most of the year, it either rains a lot or it is too hot to be in the sun. Protection from the weather is such an essential part of the design," said the winner, who will be rewarded with a three-month internship at Amanda Leveté's London studio, AL_A. Valerie will join the ranks of Kaplicky Internship alumni, who have interned at the studios of Eva Jiříčková, Zaha Hadid Architects, Allies and Morrison, Adjaye Associates, Heatherwick Studio, and David Chipperfield Architects.



The winner of the 2021 Kaplický Internship is Valerie Heyworth, a graduate of the Faculty of Architecture at the Czech Technical University. Valerie is pictured here with the Foundation's director, Václav Pecha, and jury members Deyan Sudjic and Alice Dietsch.

Previous internship placements:



Valerie Heyworth's winning project:
Czech House in Taiwan

Student Hub



“It was very encouraging to see that the lectures, including the Compass series, which I participated in as a speaker, continued uninterrupted during the pandemic, and that the interest of the participants in this program did not wane. I think it’s a great opportunity to learn firsthand what daily life is like at foreign universities, and I’m glad I had the chance to encourage students to follow in our footsteps.”

Jan Preiss
Scholarship Fellow
Student of Classics,
University of Oxford

The Student Hub co-study area was closed during the first half of 2021 due to the pandemic. Following the relaxation of restrictions, the Student Hub was reopened in the summer. The number of registered members increased significantly with the start of the new academic year. In 2021, the registered student base grew by 196 to a total of 260, and seven to twelve students visited the Hub each day.

Despite COVID-19 restrictions, the Student Hub program was varied throughout 2021

For the first six months of the year, all lectures were held online. Scholarship fellows Linda Jarkovská, David Popelka, and Adam Křivka shared their experiences studying abroad during the pandemic. We prepared the “Compass” program, a series of eight discussions with Scholarship fellows, the aim of which was to give those interested in studying abroad a helping hand and guidance with choosing a field of study, country of study, or university. Each discussion focused on one field of study, and how that field might look at different universities and in various countries. The entire Compass series involved 20 Scholarship fellows.

After the summer break, we opened the Student Hub program in style, with a concert by Scholarship alumnus Ronald Prokeš, who studied acting at New York University. With the opening of the new Scholarship program classes, we devoted the fall primarily to informational lectures about ASSIST & HMC high school scholarships with Karolina Jiřelová, the Scholarship program with Katarína Svitková, and essay writing workshops with Ondřej Černý.

The Student Hub was also the venue for important Foundation events such as the Scholarship final interviews and introductory workshop, and the three-day Achilles Data training.

In the first half of 2021, the library was accessible to students in the form of a check-out window. After the relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions, it resumed normal operations.

The Christmas Treat event was not held in 2021 due to strict pandemic restrictions.



The Student Hub was popular with students in 2021.

2021 Student Hub Program

Lectures and workshops

22



Lecturers

38



Registered members

260



Participants

350+



Writing about COVID-19 – Training for Czech and foreign journalists

Thanks to a grant the Bakala Foundation received from the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, we were able to build on our previous projects focused on disinformation and organize a summer program for journalists from the Czech Republic, Poland, Turkey, Montenegro, and Bosnia.

Over the course of seven days, participants had the opportunity to learn more about the political, economic, and social context of China's activities related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The online course was organized in cooperation with Sinopsis, a Czech think tank. The participating journalists and experts from Sinopsis, as well as other leading Sinologists and experts in related fields from the Czech Republic and abroad, discussed topics including the activities of the Chinese Communist Party, Chinese foreign investment, and media strategy in foreign countries.



In 2021, the Foundation supported third-party projects of general interest in the fields of education and independent journalism, such as the activities of the volunteer organization Česko.Digital. (Václav Pecha with Eva Pavlíková, Executive Director, Česko.Digital at the contract signing.)

Endowment Contributions and Donations

Endowment contributions awarded

Česko.Digital	CZK 4,000,000
People in Need	CZK 1,000,000
Sifty 52	CZK 200,000
Benjamin Rutledge.	CZK 103,955
Opona.	CZK 50,000
Anna Gončarova	CZK 9,489

In 2021, the Bakala Foundation allocated endowment contributions totaling **CZK 5,363,444**.

In view of school closures, the Foundation, with the support of the Swiss Association To the Point, decided to support the volunteer organization Česko.Digital. This organization has been working to overcome the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing massive support for digitalization. The Foundation funded the development and operation of Česko.Digital, focusing on two of their projects: the Teach Online project, which focuses on distance education, and the Safezóna project, which aims to prevent mental health problems among older primary school pupils.

Children and adolescents are a group for whom navigating the digital world is a natural part of life, but the amount of information available poses major challenges and risks for this group of users. To help support this group, the Foundation provided funding to People in Need's One World in Schools educational program. The project will create educational materials for media education, with attractive videos for children and complete methodological packages for teachers. This project is also designed for older primary school pupils.

The Foundation also continues to support its Scholarship fellows after they have completed their studies. One example is the grant given to Sifty, an organization founded by Scholarship fellow Nina Formánek Jaganjacová. The grant assisted Nina with the publication of her book, Příběhy o rakovině (Stories of Cancer), which raises awareness about the disease in a clear and sensitive way.

In addition, the Foundation supported Benjamin Rutledge's studies with small grants, funded a benefit concert for Svatlana Tsikhanouskaya organized by Opona, and donated a Chromebook to student Anna Gončarová.

Endowment donations received

Fondation Zdenek et Michaela Bakala	CZK 12,600,000
To the Point Association.	CZK 5,180,000
Embassy of the United States of America in the Czech Republic	CZK 607,812.91
Embassy of the United States of America in Turkey	CZK 224,360.26

In 2021, the Foundation accepted donations with a total value of **CZK 18,612,173.17**.

Management of the Foundation

Despite the ongoing restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Foundation did not have to make significant adjustments in 2021. Following the relaxation of strict restrictions in the winter and spring, the Foundation gradually returned to normal operations and project implementation.

The Bakala family provides stable support to the Foundation through the Swiss foundation Fondation Zdenek et Michaela Bakala. Due to the savings from 2020 carried forward to 2021, the Foundation reduced its 2021 funding request from the original CZK 13.4 million to CZK 12.6 million.

The Foundation was successful in obtaining additional funding in 2021. The U.S. Embassies in Prague and Ankara supported the Foundation's journalism projects. The Swiss association To the Point donated funds to the Foundation to support educational and other activities.

The implementation of some 2021 projects was delayed slightly due to pandemic measures. The Foundation carried forward the funds for these projects, which are being completed in the first quarter of 2022.

The financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities of the Bakala Foundation as of December 31, 2021, and of the expenses and income of the Foundation for the year that ended December 31, 2021, in accordance with legislation and internal regulations, the budget, and the business plan of the Foundation.



The Foundation financially supported the creation of the unique book entitled *Příběhy o rakovině* (Stories of Cancer), authored by Nina Formánek Jaganjacová and illustrated by Anna Niklová, both Scholarship fellows.



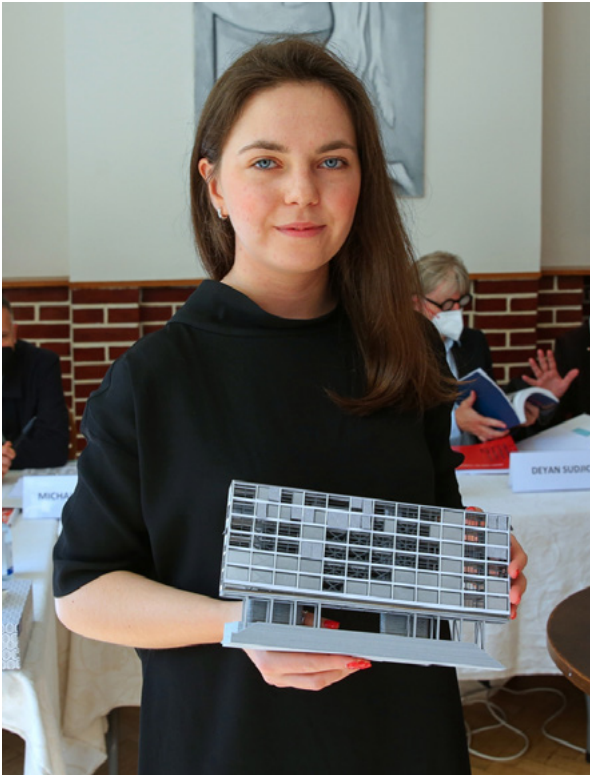


Journey: Journalism Bootcamp



Achilles Data





Kaplicky Internship

Courage,
freedom,
education

Financial Statements 2021

BALANCE SHEET

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			at the first day	balance at the last day
A.	Fixed assets	A.I.+...+A.IV.	+968	+585
A. I.	Intangible assets	A.I.1+...+A.I.x	+186	+186
A. I. 1.	Research and development	účet 012		
	2. Software	účet 013		
	3. Valuable rights (patents, copyrights, trademarks and brands)	účet 014		
	4. Low-value intangible fixed assets	účet 018		
	5. Other intangibles	účet 019	+186	+186
	6. Intangible assets under construction	účet 041		
	7. Advances for intangible assets	účet 051		
A. II.	Tangible fixed assets	A.II.1+...+A.II.x	+955	+955
A. II. 1.	Land	účet 031		
	2. Artworks and collections	účet 032		
	3. Buildings and structures	účet 021		
	4. Machinery, equipment, vehicles, fixtures and fittings	účet 022	+690	+955
	5. Orchards and vineyards	účet 025		
	6. Livestock (herd and draught animals)	účet 026		
	7. Low-value fixed assets	účet 028		
	8. Other tangible fixed assets	účet 029		
	9. Tangible fixed assets under construction	účet 042	+265	
	10. Advances for tangible fixed assets	účet 052		
A. III.	Financial assets	A.III.1+...+A.III.x		
A. III. 1.	Investments in subsidiaries	účet 061		
	2. Investments in associates	účet 062		
	3. Bonds, debentures and similar securities held until maturity	účet 063		
	4. Loans to organisations teams	účet 066		
	5. Other long-term loans	účet 067		
	6. Other financial assets	účet 069		
A. IV.	Accumulated depreciations of long term property total	A.IV.1+...+A.IV.x	-273	-556
A. IV. 1.	Depreciations to immaterial results of sciene survey	účet 072		
	2. Accumulated depreciations of software	účet 073		
	3. Accumulated depreciations of valuable rights	účet 074		
	4. Accumulated depreciations of long - term immaterial property	účet 078		
	5. Accumulated depreciations of other long - term property	účet 079	-112	-127
	6. Accumulated depreciations of buildings	účet 081		
	7. Accumulated depreciations of movable assets and sets of movable assets	účet 082	-161	-429
	8. Accumulated depreciations of cultivated areas	účet 085		
	9. Accumulated depreciations of livestock	účet 086		
	10. Accumulated depreciations of small long - term property	účet 088		
	11. Accumulated depreciations of other long term property	účet 089		
B.	Short-term property total	B.I.+...+B.IV.	+7,686	+8,505
B. I.	Inventory	B.I.1+...+B.I.x		
B. I. 1.	Materials in store	účet 112		
	2. Materials in transit	účet 119		

Ident.	ASSETS	line	Accounting period	
			at the first day	balance at the last day
3.	Work-in-progress	účet 121	044	
4.	Semi-finished products	účet 122	045	
5.	Finished products	účet 123	046	
6.	Livestock (herd and draught animals)	účet 124	047	
7.	Merchandise in store	účet 132	048	
8.	Merchandise in transit	účet 139	049	
9.	Advance payments for inventory	účet 314	050	
B. II.	Receivables total	B.II.1+...+B.II.x	051	+239
B. II. 1.	Customers	účet 311	052	
2.	Bills of exchange to be collected	účet 312	053	
3.	Receivables for discounted securities	účet 313	054	
4.	Advance payments made	účet 314 - f. 51	055	+237
5.	Other receivables	účet 315	056	
6.	Receivables from employees	účet 335	057	
7.	Receivables from social security and health insurance institutions	účet 336	058	
8.	Income taxes	účet 341	059	
9.	Other direct taxes	účet 342	060	
10.	Value added tax	účet 343	061	
11.	Other taxes and fees	účet 345	062	
12.	Subsidies receivable from state budget	účet 346	063	
13.	Subsidies receivable from self-governing local area's budgets	účet 348	064	
14.	Receivables from participants in an association	účet 358	065	
15.	Receivables from fixed-term financial transactions	účet 373	066	
16.	Receivables from issued bonds	účet 375	067	
17.	Sundry receivables	účet 378	068	+135
18.	Estimated receivables	účet 388	069	+2
19.	Depreciations to receivables	účet 391	070	
B. III.	Short-term financial assets total	B.III.1+...+B.III.x	071	+7,425
B. III. 1.	Cash on hand	účet 211	072	+29
2.	Stamps and vouchers	účet 213	073	
3.	Bank accounts	účet 221	074	+7,396
4.	Shares and similar securities for trading	účet 251	075	
5.	Bonds, debentures and similar securities for trading	účet 253	076	
6.	Other bonds, debentures and securities	účet 256	077	
7.	Cash in transit	účet 261	078	
B. IV.	Other assets total	B.IV.1+...+B.IV.x	079	+22
B. IV. 1.	Deferred expenses	účet 381	080	+22
2.	Accrued revenue	účet 385	081	
	TOTAL ASSETS	A+B.	082	+8,554
				+9,090

Ident.	LIABILITIES	line	Accounting period		
			at the first day	balance at the last day	
A.	Own resources	A.I.+...+A.II.	001	+7,706	+8,197
A. I.	Equity	A.I.1+...+A.I.x	002	+7,670	+8,161
A. I. 1.	Own equity	účet 901	003	+2,000	+2,000
	2. Funds	účet 911	004	+5,670	+6,161
	3. Gains or losses from revaluation of assets and liabilities	účet 921	005		
A. II.	Profit or loss	A.II.1+...+A.II.x	006	+36	+36
A. II. 1.	Profit and loss account	účet +/-963	007	XXXXXXXXXXXX	+0
	2. Profit or loss to be approved	účet +/-931	008	+36	XXXXXXXXXXXX
	3. Retained earnings, accumulated losses from previous years	účet +/-932	009		+36
B.	Not-own capital total	B.I.+...+B.IV.	010	+848	+893
B. I.	Reserves Total	B.I.1+...+B.I.x	011		
B. I. 1.	Reserves	účet 941	012		
B. II.	Long - term payables total	B.II.1+...+B.II.x	013		
B. II. 1.	Long-term bank loans	účet 951	014		
	2. Own bonds issued	účet 953	015		
	3. Payables of lease	účet 954	016		
	4. Long-term advances received	účet 955	017		
	5. Long-term bills of exchange to be paid	účet 958	018		
	6. Estimated payables	účet 389	019		
	7. Other long-term payables	účet 959	020		
B. III.	Short-term payables	B.III.1+...+B.III.x	021	+848	+893
B. III. 1.	Suppliers	účet 321	022	+47	+78
	2. Bills of exchange to be paid	účet 322	023		
	3. Advance payments received	účet 324	024		
	4. Other payables	účet 325	025	+2	+1
	5. Employees	účet 331	026	+344	+368
	6. Other payables to employees	účet 333	027		
	7. Payables to social security and health insurance	účet 336	028	+202	+199
	8. Income taxes	účet 341	029		
	9. Other direct taxes	účet 342	030	+68	+50
	10. Value added tax	účet 343	031		
	11. Other taxes and fees	účet 345	032		
	12. Payables to state budget	účet 346	033		
	13. Payables to self-government local area's budgets	účet 348	034		
	14. Payables for unpaid subscribed shares and participations	účet 367	035		
	15. Payables to participants in association	účet 368	036		
	16. Payables to fixed-term financial transactions	účet 373	037		
	17. Sundry payables	účet 379	038		
	18. Short-term bank loans	účet 231	039		
	19. Credits for discounted securities	účet 232	040		
	20. Short-term bonds issued	účet 241	041		
	21. Own bonds issued	účet 255	042		
	22. Estimated payables	účet 389	043	+185	+197
	23. Other short-term financial assistance	účet 249	044		
B. IV.	Other liabilities	B.IV.1+...+B.IV.x	045		
B. IV. 1.	Accrued expenses	účet 383	046		
	2. Deferred revenue	účet 384	047		
	LIABILITIES	A.+B.	048	+8,554	+9,090

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PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT by 504/2002 Sb. amended in

Business name

Nadace The Bakala Foundation

Registered office

Tržiště 366/13

Praha 1 - Malá Strana

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From **1.1.2021** To: **31.12.2021**


in thousands CZK

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Ident.	PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT	line	Accounting period		
			Main	Business	Total
A.	Expenses	A.I.+...+A.VIII.	001	+12,828	+12,828
A. I.	Consumed spendings total	A.I.1+...+A.I.x	002	+5,386	+5,386
A. I. 1.	Consumed materials, energy consumption, consumption of other non-inventory items	účtv 501, 502, 503	003	+417	+417
	2. Merchandise sold	účet 504	004		
	3. Repairs and maintenance	účet 511	005	+7	+7
	4. Travelling expenses	účet 512	006	+5	+5
	5. Representation expenses	účet 513	007	+941	+941
	6. Other services	účet 518	008	+4,016	+4,016
A. II.	Change in work-in-progress and activation	A.II.1+...+A.II.x	009		
A. II. 7.	Change in work-in-progress	účtv 561, 562, 563, 564	010		
	8. Aktivation of material, goods and internal services	účet 571, 572	011		
	9. Aktivation of intangibles	účet 573, 574	012		
A. III.	Personal expenses total	A.III.1+...+A.III.x	013	+7,104	+7,104
A. III. 10.	Wages and salaries	účet 521	014	+5,383	+5,383
	11. Legal social insurance	účet 524	015	+1,721	+1,721
	12. Other social insurance	účet 525	016		
	13. Legal social security expenses	účet 527	017		
	14. Other social security expenses	účet 528	018		
A. IV.	Taxes total	A.IV.1+...+A.IV.x	019		
A. IV. 15.	Taxes total	účtv 531, 532, 538	020		
A. V.	Other expenses total	A.V.1+...+A.V.x	021	+56	+56
A. V. 16.	Contractual fines, interest on late payments, other fines and penalties	účtv 541, 542	022		
	17. Write-off of receivables	účet 543	023	+4	+4
	18. Interest expense	účet 544	024		
	19. Foreign exchange losses	účet 545	025	+4	+4
	20. Gifts	účet 546	026	+9	+9
	21. Shortages and damage	účet 548	027		
	22. Other expenses	účet 549	028	+39	+39
A. VI.	Depreciations, sold property, additions to reserves total	A.VI.1+...+A.VI.x	029	+282	+282
A. VI. 23.	Depreciation expenses of intangible and tangible fixed assets	účet 551	030	+282	+282
	24. Net book value of intangible and tangible fixed assets sold	účet 552	031		
	25. Shares and ownership interests sold	účet 553	032		
	26. Materials sold	účet 554	033		
	27. Additions to reserves and provisions	účtv 556, 559	034		
A. VII.	Membership fees total	A.VII.1+...+A.VII.x	035		
A. VII. 28.	Membership fees and operating contributions paid to branch	účet 581, 582	036		
A. VIII.	Income tax	A.VIII.1+...+A.VIII.x	037		
A. VIII. 28.	Income tax	účet 591	038		
	Expenses Total		039	+12,828	+12,828
B.	Revenues		040	+12,828	+12,828
B. I.	Operating subsidies	B.I.1+...+B.I.x	041		
B. I. 1.	Operating subsidies	účet 691	042		
B. II.	Accepted contributions total	B.II.1+...+B.II.x	043	+57	+57
B. II. 2.	Received operating contributions	účet 681	044		
	3. Received donations	účet 682	045	+57	+57
	4. Received membership fees	účet 684	046		
B. III.	Revenues from own efficient	účtv 601, 602, 603	047		

Ident.	PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT	line	Accounting period		
			Main	Business	Total
B. IV.	Other revenues total	B.IV.1+...+B.IV.x	048	+12,771	+12,771
B. IV. 5.	Contractual fines, interest on late payments and other fines and penalties	účet 641, 642	049		
6.	Revenue from written-off receivables	účet 643	050		
7.	Interest	účet 644	051	+3	+3
8.	Foreign exchange gains	účet 645	052		
9.	Accounting for funds	účet 648	053	+12,767	+12,767
10.	Other revenues	účet 649	054	+1	+1
B. V.	Revenues from sales of property	B.V.1+...+B.V.x	055		
B. V. 11.	Revenues from sales of intangible and tangible fixed assets	účet 652	056		
12.	Revenues from sale of shares and ownership interests	účet 653	057		
13.	Revenues from sales of materials	účet 654	058		
14.	Revenues from short-term financial assets	účet 655	059		
15.	Revenues from long-term financial assets	účet 657	060		
	Total revenues		061	+12,828	+12,828
C.	Profit (loss) before taxation (r. 63 - 33)	B. - A.I.1+...-A.VII.x + C. x.	062	+0	+0
D.	Profit (loss) after taxation	B. - A. + D. x.	063	+0	+0

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Notes to the Financial Statements **2021**

1/ Description and Principal Activities

ACCOUNTING ENTITY:	Nadace The Bakala Foundation (hereinafter referred to as the "Foundation")
COMP. ID NUMBER:	279 21 247
REGISTERED AT:	Register of Foundations kept by the Municipal Court in Prague, Section N, File No. 646
REGISTERED OFFICE:	Tržiště 366/13, Praha 1 – Malá Strana, 118 00
FOUNDER:	Zdeněk Bakala
DATE OF REGISTRATION:	July 24, 2007
STATUTORY BODY:	Board of Trustees

Members of the Board of Trustees as of December 31, 2021:

CHAIRPERSON:	Michaela Bakala
MEMBER:	Christopher Lehmann
MEMBER:	Lenka Černá

The Foundation is represented by the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees or a member of the Board of Trustees delegated by the Chairperson. A signature on behalf of the Foundation shall be added to the written or printed name of the Foundation.

Supervisory Board as of December 31, 2021:

CHAIRPERSON:	Zuzana Řezníčková
MEMBER:	Irma Comstocková
MEMBER:	Daniel Rosický

FOUNDATION'S EQUITY:	CZK 2,000 thousand (the Foundation's equity consists of a cash deposit – account no. 229774637/0300 at ČSOB)
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Mission of the Foundation:

Principal activities of the Foundation are as follows:

- a) Support of individuals in their studies both in the Czech Republic and abroad, and in the implementation of their academic or scientific work;
- b) support and development of projects in education, media, science, healthcare, philanthropy, sports, and ecology;
- c) support of cultural development and arts at all social levels; and
- d) support of a civil society and its development.

The Foundation did not engage in any other activities in the reporting period.

Changes made to the Register of Foundations:

There were no changes to the Register of Foundations in 2021.

2/ Essential Accounting Policies Used by the Foundation

a) Method of bookkeeping, accounting records, and place of their keeping

The Foundation's bookkeeping is governed by Act No. 563/1991 Coll. on Accounting, as amended, and by Regulation of the Ministry of Finance No. 504/2002 Coll., implementing certain provisions of the Accounting Act, and internal directives. The Foundation's bookkeeping is also governed by the special provisions of Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on Income Taxes, as amended, which regulate the reporting and taxation of the profit or loss of non-profit organizations.

The Foundation's accounting follows general accounting principles, in particular the historical cost valuation basis (unless otherwise stated below), the accrual accounting principle, prudence principle, and the going concern basis.

The financial statements of the company are prepared as at the balance sheet date of December 31, 2021 for the accounting period from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, the comparable period is the accounting period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

These financial statements are presented in thousands of Czech crowns (CZK), unless otherwise stated below.

The accounts are kept by VGD, an external accounting firm, in the BYZNYS B6 accounting software. Accounting documents are filed at the registered office of the above-mentioned accounting firm.

b) Intangible and tangible fixed assets

Intangible and tangible fixed assets are recorded at cost, which includes the acquisition cost and the costs associated with the acquisition. Tangible fixed assets and intangible fixed assets that are reported in the balance sheet are depreciated on a straight-line basis by type of asset over their estimated useful lives.

Fixed assets recorded in the accounting records in class 0 are depreciated by the Foundation in accordance with Act No. 586/1992 Coll., on Income Taxes, as amended. Other intangible fixed assets (websites) are depreciated on a straight-line basis over a period of 72 months.

c) Technical improvements are evaluated once a year at the date of the financial statements and depreciation starts from January 1 of the following year until the end of the lease term.

d) Foreign currency translations

The Foundation uses the daily exchange rate of the Czech National Bank (CNB) for the translations of transactions in foreign currencies. During the year the Foundation accounts only for realized foreign exchange gains and losses.

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the balance sheet date at the foreign exchange market rate published by the CNB. Unrealized foreign exchange gains and losses are recognized in the profit and loss statement.

e) Endowment contributions awarded and donations received

The Foundation accounts for funds received under donation agreements in the Funds account, from which the funds received are accounted for according to the nature of their use and the donor's request as follows:

- In a bank account in the case of contributions to individuals or legal entities that have been approved by the Board of Trustees;
- In the Profit and Loss statement to the credit of the "Accounting for funds" account up to the amount of expenses approved by the responsible Trustee that are related to the project activities or administration of the Foundation;

— In the Foundation's equity based on the donor's request and the Board's decision to increase the Foundation's equity.

The Foundation accounts for in-kind donations received under donation agreements in the appropriate fund account and according to the nature of the in-kind donation made to the relevant expense account.

3/ Intangible Fixed Assets

	Other intangible fixed assets	Total 2021	Total 2020
Acquisition price			
Balance at Jan 1	186	186	186
Additions	–	–	–
Disposals	–	–	–
Transfer	–	–	–
Balance at Dec 31	186	186	186
Accumulated amortisation			
Balance at Jan 1	112	112	97
Amortisation	15	15	15
Amortisation of disposals	–	–	–
Transfer	–	–	–
Balance at Dec 31	127	127	112
Net book value at Jan 1	74	74	89
Net book value at Dec 31	59	59	74

3/ Tangible Fixed Assets

	Acquisition of tangible fixed assets	Tangible movable assets and their sets	Total 2021	Total 2020
Acquisition price				
Balance at Jan 1	265	690	955	594
Additions	–	–	–	361
Disposals	–	–	–	–
Transfer	-265	265	–	–
Balance at Dec 31	–	955	955	955
Accumulated depreciation				
Balance at Jan 1	–	161	161	–
Depreciation	–	268	268	161
Depreciation of disposals	–	–	–	–
Transfer	–	–	–	–
Balance at Dec 31	–	429	429	161
Net book value at Jan 1	265	529	794	594
Net book value at Dec 31	–	526	526	794

5/ Current Financial Assets

Current financial assets include cash in hand of CZK 25 thousand (2020 – CZK 29 thousand) and cash in bank accounts. Funds in current accounts are deposited in Czech crowns. The balance in bank accounts at December 31, 2021 is CZK 8,093 thousand (2020 – CZK 7,396 thousand).

6/ Deferred Expenses

Deferred expenses total CZK 15 thousand (2020 – CZK 22 thousand) and represent mainly deferred costs for Internet domains, newspaper subscriptions, and insurance.

7/ Own Funds

	Equity	Funds	Profit/(loss) of prior years	Profit/(loss) of the current period	Total
Balance at Jan 1, 2021	2,000	5,670	35	–	7,705
Donations received	–	18,612	–	–	18,612
Endowments provided	–	-5,363	–	–	-5,363
Settlement of funds	–	-12,758	–	–	-12,758
Balance at Dec 31, 2021	2,000	6,161	35	–	8,196

The following table shows the structure of endowment donations received:

Donor	Donation in thousands CZK
Fondation Zdenek et Michaela Bakala (FZMB)	12,600
Association To the Point	5,180
Embassy of the United States of America in the Czech Republic	170
Embassy of the United States of America in Turkey	224
Embassy of the United States of America in the Czech Republic	438
Total	18,612

The following table shows the structure of endowment contributions awarded:

Recipient	Contribution in thousands CZK
Individuals in the Scholarship program (Scholarship)	–
Other individuals	112
Corporate bodies	5,251
Total	5,363

In 2021, the Foundation continued to develop its Scholarship program to the same extent as in previous years, the difference being that since mid-January 2013, all scholarships under the Scholarship program have been paid directly from the accounts of the “affiliated organization” Fondation Zdenek et Michaela Bakala (hereinafter referred to as “FZMB”) for practical reasons. This change is based on a cooperation agreement concluded between the Foundation and FZMB, the aim of which is to link the activities of the Swiss Foundation regarding the provision of scholarships supported by Zdeněk Bakala in the Czech Republic and Switzerland.

A detailed overview of the Foundation’s contributions is included in the annual report.

8/ Receivables and Payables

Receivables amount to CZK 372 thousand (2020 - CZK 239 thousand), none of the receivables are overdue.

Current liabilities amount to CZK 893 thousand (2020 - CZK 848 thousand), of which CZK 8 thousand (2020 - CZK 3 thousand) are overdue liabilities.

The Foundation does not record any liabilities that are not recognized in the balance sheet at the balance sheet date.

9/ Income Tax

The Foundation reported a zero tax liability for both 2021 and 2020.

10/ Administrative Expenses

The Foundation's administrative expenses for 2021 amount to CZK 2,441 thousand (2020 - CZK 2,744 thousand) with the following structure:

2021	Administrative expenses in CZK thousand
Purchases consumed and services purchased	459
Personnel expenses	1,904
Other expenses	46
Depreciations, assets sold, reserves and revaluations	32
Total	2,441

2020	Administrative expenses in CZK thousand
Purchases consumed and services purchased	572
Personnel expenses	2,118
Other expenses	31
Depreciations, assets sold, reserves and revaluations	23
Total	2,744

The audit fee amounts to CZK 27 thousand (2020 - CZK 27 thousand)

11/ Personnel Expenses

Average number of employees and personnel expenses for 2021 and 2020

2021	Average number of employees	Payroll costs	Social security and health insurance	Social costs
Employees	6	4,095	1,286	–
Managers	1	1,288	435	–
	7	5,383	1,721	–

2020	Average number of employees	Payroll costs	Social security and health insurance	Social costs
Employees	7	3,859	1,015	–
Managers	1	1,309	402	–
	8	5,168	1,417	–

12/ Remuneration and Loans to Members of Statutory and Supervisory Bodies

In 2021 and 2020, members of the Foundation's Board of Trustees and Supervisory Board received no remuneration for the performance of their office, and no loans or advances. During the reporting period, the members of the Board of Trustees, the Supervisory Board, and their family members were not involved in entities with which the Foundation has entered into business contracts or other contractual relationships, except for donation agreements for the benefit of the Foundation.

13/ Social Security and Health Insurance Payables

Social security and health insurance payables amount to CZK 199 thousand (2020 - CZK 202 thousand), of which social security payables amount to CZK 139 thousand (2020 - CZK 141 thousand), and health insurance payables amount to CZK 60 thousand (2020 - CZK 61 thousand). None of these payables are overdue and all have been settled before their due date.

14/ State - Tax Liabilities and Subsidies

Tax liabilities amount to CZK 50 thousand (2020 - CZK 68 thousand). None of these liabilities are overdue and all tax liabilities have been settled before their due date.

15/ Significant Post Balance Sheet Event

The ongoing military conflict in Ukraine and related sanctions against the Russian Federation may have an impact on the European and global economy. The entity has no significant direct exposure to Ukraine, Russia or Belarus. However, the impact on the overall economic situation may require revisions to certain assumptions and estimates. If supporters of our activities are fundamentally affected by the overall economic situation, this may result in a decrease in their financial contributions. At this stage, the Foundation's management is unable to reliably estimate the impact, as the situation changes from day to day. However, at the date of these financial statements, the Foundation continues to meet its obligations as they fall due and therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis.

On January 31, 2022, Ms. Lenka Černá's membership in the Board of Trustees ceased. On February 1, 2022, Iva Baranová became a member of the Board of Trustees. These changes were entered in the register on March 17, 2022.

In Prague on June 30, 2022

Signature:



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Michaela Bakala,
Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees

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Auditor's Report 2021

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Founder of Nadace The Bakala Foundation

Having its registered office at: Tržiště 366/13, Malá Strana, 118 00 Praha 1

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Nadace The Bakala Foundation (hereinafter also the "Foundation") prepared on the basis of accounting regulations applicable in the Czech Republic, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2021, the profit and loss account for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Nadace The Bakala Foundation as at 31 December 2021, and of its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with accounting regulations applicable in the Czech Republic.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with the Act on Auditors and Auditing Standards of the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic, which are International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), as amended by the related application guidelines. Our responsibilities under this law and regulation are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with the Act on Auditors and the Code of Ethics adopted by the Chamber of Auditors of the Czech Republic and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other Information in the Annual Report

In compliance with Section 2(b) of the Act on Auditors, the other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and auditor's report thereon. The Management Board is responsible for the other information.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information. In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. In addition, we assess whether the other information has been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable law or regulation, in particular, whether the other information complies with law or regulation in terms of formal requirements and procedure for preparing the other information in the context of materiality, i.e. whether any non-compliance with these requirements could influence judgments made on the basis of the other information.

Based on the procedures performed, to the extent we are able to assess it, we report that:

- The other information describing the facts that are also presented in the financial statements is, in all material respects, consistent with the financial statements; and
- The other information is prepared in compliance with applicable law or regulation.

In addition, our responsibility is to report, based on the knowledge and understanding of the Foundation obtained in the audit, on whether the other information contains any material misstatement of fact. Based on the procedures we have performed on the other information obtained, we have not identified any material misstatement of fact.

Responsibilities of the Foundation's Management Board and Supervisory Board for the Financial Statements

The Management Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting regulations applicable in the Czech Republic and for such internal control as the Management Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Management Board of the Foundation is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Supervisory Board is responsible for overseeing the Foundation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with the above law or regulation, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Foundation's Management Board.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the Management Board's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the Management Board and the Supervisory Board regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

In Prague on 30 June 2022

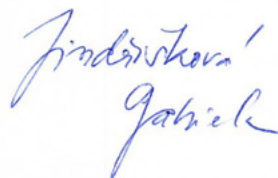
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