

Saturday, February 23, 2019

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of Mr. Mikhail Prodanov, who has been selected by The Fund for American Studies to attend the 2019 American Institute on Political and Economic Systems in Prague, Czech Republic. The Institute is presented annually by The Fund for American Studies and Charles University in Prague.

I understand Mikhail has appealed to your organization seeking additional financial assistance so he can attend the Institute, and I kindly ask for your consideration on his behalf. Mikhail AIPES participation fee is 750.00 USD out of a total cost of more than \$3750 USD. Generous donors to the Institute contribute the remainder of the total cost of the Institute, which covers the costs of tuition, books, housing, special events and meal plan (breakfast and dinner). He is also responsible for his travel expenses to and from Prague, Czech Republic.

As a student of AIPES, Mikhail will be one of more than 100 students from 35+ nations in Europe, Central Asia, Middle East, North Africa, South America and the United States assembled to explore fundamental issues related to political philosophy, political economy, and conflict management. He was selected from a competitive pool of applicants that totals over 300 applications. Each student attending displays not only academic accomplishment, but leadership potential and involvement in their communities. In addition to the challenging curriculum, students also attend additional lectures and discussions involving well-known faculty and leading business and policy makers concerning the ongoing political, social, and economic transitions in the region. The goal for AIPES is that all of our students, including Mikhail, will return to their home countries to further educate the future generations about the true beliefs of an "open society" practicing freedom, liberty, and justice.

At the end of the Institute, all students are required to take four exams, one for each of our core subjects. Each exam can last 90 minutes in duration. Charles University will award Mikhail nine ECTS credits upon completion of the Institute and passing the examination.

If you have any questions about Mikhail's participation in the 2019 Institute, please feel free to contact me via email at mkwasiborski@tfas.org. Sincerely,

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