Visa process

Information on the type of visa

As stated in the e-mail, getting the visa is a very demanding process. Just getting the appointment might take one month or longer and the embassy has two months to decide if you are granted the visa or not, so the time frame is quite limited. Therefore, **you need to apply for the appointment at the embassy immediately and you need to be properly prepared for it**. You should find all the information concerning the documents at the website of the Czech Ministry of the Interior or at the webpages of the Czech embassy in your country.

There are two types of visas that you can apply for. The long term visa or the long-term residence permit. It is up to you which one you choose but we would strongly recommend you apply for the long-term residence permit. You would have to apply for it anyway when you are here longer than a year, but the biggest advantage is that you are allowed to add documents even after you submit the request at the embassy (it is not possible with the long-term visa, so you lose the appointment if your documents are not in the correct form). The application fee is the same for both visa types. It is your right to submit some of the documents later based on the law called Act on the Residence of Foreign Nationals, §169i.

Please, read the description of the visa process carefully at <u>the official website</u> as all these things are mentioned there. You should know your rights and responsibilities properly.

The embassy appointment

Please, check before the appointment that you have all the necessary documents in the right format, properly translated and you meet all the requirements of the embassy (their incorrect form might delay the whole process and make it impossible for you to receive the visa in time). Use your first chance to submit your documents there.

You should also learn as much information as possible about the Czech Republic, Brno, the Masaryk University, our faculty, the study program you want to attend and the accommodation. It often happens that the admitted students are not ready for questions concerning the stay and study here and it becomes one of the main reasons why they are not granted the visa. Therefore, I summarized below some of the **questions** that the applicants were asked at the embassies in the past and which **you must be ready to answer.**

The documents that must be turned in with your visa application at the embassy (Acceptance Letter and Confirmation of Accommodation, both in Czech) will be send soon after the admission. It might take up to three weeks for them to arrive. If you want them earlier so you save some time and make sure that they arrive, you can order the express post to pick the originals at our office (DHL should provide this service, you will need to contact their local office) but you must let me know in advance so I can prepare them. Once you get your visa appointment, let me know immediately.

Questions asked during the appointment:

	Why do you want to study in the Czech Republic? What is your motivation? (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/admissions/masters-studies/why-fea)
	Why did you choose the Czech Republic and not a different country?
	Does your country offer the same study program? Why don't you study there then?
	Do you know someone in the Czech Republic?
	Do you know anything about the city of Brno? (https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/bachelors-and-masters-studies/10-reasons/city-with-astudent-soul)
	What other countries are close to the Czech Republic?
	How will you finance your education? Who is your sponsor?
	What is the nostrification/recognition of the previous education process? (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/admissions/verification-of-previous-education)
	Which university have you chosen? Why? (https://www.muni.cz/en/admissions/bachelors-and-masters-studies/10-reasons)
	What do you know about the university and the faculty?
	What program will you be studying and what are the job prospects? (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/admissions/masters-studies)
	What degree would you earn? You would earn Ing. degree, which is an equivalent of an engineering degree for economic field.
	How are your studies going to benefit you in your future? What is your motivation?
	When does the semester start? (https://is.muni.cz/predmety/obdobi?lang=en)
	What courses are offered there? (Applicants must know most of the courses they will be studying during their study program). Recommended plans of studies in each program can be found under Programs – Courses: https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/admissions/masters-studies https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/admissions/bachelor-studies
	What is the course structure?
П	How many courses/hours per week would you have to study?

What are some of your future instructors' names? You can google some of the courses (just search its code and you will find its description).
Are you required to write exams during the course and when? You can google some of the courses (just search its code and you will find its description).
What is the structure of the final/state exams? (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/students/masters-studies/graduation/final-state-exam).
Do you need to write a diploma thesis? What would be your topic/what would you like to focus on? (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/students/masters-studies/graduation/diploma-thesis)
How long does the diploma thesis need to be? It should have $60 - 80$ pages without attachments.
What is the duration of the program and the number of European Credit Transfer System you are required to be able to graduate? (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/students/masters-studies/graduation/final-state-exam)
Where are you going to live? We will issue you accommodation documents for a room at the Vinařská Hall of Residence, Koleje Vinařská, Blok A1, Vinařská 5, 60300 Brno (http://www.skm.muni.cz/kolej/vinarska?en).
What are your estimated monthly expenditures? Cost of living (https://www.econ.muni.cz/en/admissions/masters-studies/practical-information)
How long will you be staying in the Czech Republic?
Do you intend to live there after your studies?
What are your plans after graduation?

Visa and accommodation

As stated above, we will issue you all the necessary accommodation documents. They are issued for a room at *the Vinařská Hall of Residence, Koleje Vinařská, Blok A1, Vinařská 5, 60300 Brno* (http://www.skm.muni.cz/kolej/vinarska?en). It is right by our Faculty (which you should know because you might be asked about this during your visa interview).

Medical insurance for visa purposes

You might be required to submit a health travel insurance plan which complies with the Czech Republic visa requirements (http://www.mvcr.cz/mvcren/article/third-country-nationals-application-requirements-travel-medical-insurance-during-a-stay-longer-than-90-days.aspx).

Based on our long-term cooperation with the Eurovalley company, we would like to present you an online option of the insurance order under the link here: https://online.pvzp.cz/clfe/kzpce/#/individual-basic-info?partner=OSU&kod=MUNI202109

Be aware that the insurance options offered by the Eurovalley are based on deep market search, comparison of available offers and consideration of insurance companies background and policies. The insurance is fully compliant with the valid legislation governing foreigners' residence in the Czech Republic and is accepted by the Department of Migration and Asylum Policy of the Ministry of the Interior. Therefore, we would recommend you choose this one for your stay in Brno. The cost is approximately 20 000 CZK.

If you encounter any troubles, please contact **Mr. Fendrich (tf@eurovalley.cz)** who will help you with any issues you might face.

If you want to choose and order insurance on your own, look for medical insurance for foreigners with the words *Complex* or *Comprehensive* in its name as the others type do not meet the requirement of the Ministry of the Interior.