

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to apply for the Erasmus+ student exchange programme at the University of Helsinki in spring 2020.

I am currently in my third semester studying for a bachelor's degree in music education at Masaryk University. I actively participate in university life, being a member of the Academic Senate and the university choir. In my studies, I am particularly interested in Nordic folk music, the specifics of which I am going to investigate in my bachelor's dissertation.

I would like to study at the University of Helsinki as it is well-known for high-quality education and offers a range of specialized courses in Nordic folk music, which are taught by renowned experts in the field. Therefore, I believe that a semester there would be a unique opportunity for me to gain first-hand knowledge of the topic that I would like to pursue in my dissertation research. I also hope to gain insight into various other aspects of the culture and history of the country. In addition, I would improve my spoken and written English, which would enhance my chances of finding employment either in the Czech Republic or abroad.

I believe that I can quickly adapt to life in a different country because I am independent, open-minded and friendly. I have a good command of English, which would enable me to easily follow courses in English. I like to actively participate in seminar discussions and hope that by coming from Central Europe I could bring a different perspective on folk music.

I would be grateful if you could consider my application and allow me the chance to participate in the Erasmus+ programme, which would contribute to my professional and personal development.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

Petra Nováková