



## Western NIS Enterprise Fund Awarded Six More Scholarships to Ukrainians to Study at Top U.S. Universities

**KYIV, June 26, 2018** – Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF) has awarded six talented Ukrainians with grants to study at top U.S. universities within SEED Grant program. The SEED Grant program was launched by WNISEF in 2015 and provides Ukrainians and Moldovans with scholarships covering up to 100% of tuition for MBA, MPA and LLM studies at top U.S. universities.

Among the 2018 recipients, three students will pursue MBA programs, two students will enroll in LL.M and one in MPA programs. They will attend the best universities in the U.S., including Harvard Business School, Berkeley Haas School of Business, Cornell Johnson Graduate School of Management, Cornell Law School, and Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

*“We are pleased to continue supporting young Ukrainian professionals striving for personal growth. Ukraine will benefit greatly from well-trained professional talent, ready to lead and provide financial and legal advice to growing companies and government. We believe that our SEED Grant scholars, whether they work in the private or public sector, will not only increase the pool of skilled professionals able to implement best global practices but also will become much-needed agents of change who will guide Ukraine to prosperity in the coming years.”* said **Jaroslawa Z. Johnson, President and CEO of the Western NIS Enterprise Fund.**

This is the fourth SEED Grant enrollment. In total WNISEF has provided 41 SEED grants since the launch of the program. Two cohorts of Ukrainians and Moldovans have already returned to their home countries and started to work in top private and public companies. All scholarship recipients are required to return to Ukraine and Moldova upon completion of their studies and work in their home countries for three years applying their knowledge and skills toward the countries’ economic development.

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**SEED Grant** is a Western NIS Enterprise Fund project that provides financial support to talented individuals from Ukraine and Moldova who are admitted to one of the top 50 MBA and select MPA and LLM programs in the U.S. and are committed to returning home and investing their skills in their country of origin.

**Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF)** is a \$150 million regional fund, a pioneer in Ukraine and Moldova with more than two decades of successful experience in investing in small and medium-sized companies. WNISEF was funded by the U.S. government via the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Since its inception, WNISEF’s cumulative investments total over \$172 million to 127 companies employing around 25 000 people and made it possible to unlock \$1.5 billion for companies in Ukraine and Moldova. In 2015 WNISEF has launched a \$35 million legacy program focused on export promotion, local economic development, impact investing and economic leadership. WNISEF is funding innovative, high-impact, reform focused programs and aims to support Ukraine and Moldova at this critical period by developing sound economic policy and leadership. Visit [www.wnisef.org](http://www.wnisef.org)

