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NINA ABRAHAMSBURG



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergrad degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? I chose the program mostly because of its international orientation. As I am going to complete the undergraduate program focused on international business, I am highly motivated to deepen my knowledge about the topic even more. Each of the three years of studies were more and more intriguing and engaging, especially the last, third year, which absorbed me fully with the cases and examples from real business world. IMB offers similar but even better learning experience, including actual company visits, attending conferences and other interactions with real and successful businesses. Moreover, as I am keen on getting to know new people as well as travelling, I believe that IMB complements my interests and goals.

Five words that describe you best: Optimistic, organized, committed, curious, advantageous.

Strengths: I am self-motivated, organized and flexible; therefore, I enjoy working in teams. I am also aware of the program intensity and consequently the strong work ethic that is required for completing the programme.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is completing my undergraduate program, despite my health problems during first and second year. Spending a lot of time in the hospital meant a lot of missed lectures, practices and seminars, which are all quite necessary for successfully passing all the courses. Fortunately, my health improved with time, and I managed to pass all the required exams, though with a slightly lower average grade. In any case, special thanks go to many of my classmates, who have been willing to help even during the most stressful times. This is also one of the reasons why I am so attached to the school and motivated to apply to the IBM Programme.

LAURA BREČKO



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? I am excited about the best of both worlds that this program has to offer me. I prefer to study in Slovenia due to personal reasons, while still gaining that international experience that I am longing for. IMB offers me the ability to satisfy my wish to study among highly ambitious and driven equals, who motivate me to perform my best and be an outstanding team player as I realize that only together one can go far. Another reason for selection of IMB Masters is that it is not as specific as some other courses offered by the School of Economics and business Ljubljana. I am an “I want to know it all” kind of person. Not only that I want to obtain an advanced global perspective on finance, but I also want to expand my knowledge in accounting, business strategies and marketing. In today’s ever-changing world, I think it is better to be a generalist rather than a specialist. Let it be switching job posts more frequently or leading your own company. IMB has it all. It will give me the necessary foundations that are attractive to global brands as well as boost my employability to progress to a strategic level in the future. For all this reasons, I want the SEB LU to be my ally.

Five words that describe you best: Optimist, ambitious, leader, extrovert, perfectionist.

Strengths: One of my key strengths is my optimism, which translates into me being enthusiastic and motivated about task at hand. Consequently, such a positive attitude enables me to work effectively with clients or to be a supporting part of a team on school group projects. In fact, during my work customers often request to schedule an in-person visit on the days that I am at work. In addition to being a highly effective communicator, I am very self-disciplined and have great time management and organizational skills. I never miss the deadline, for instance, and working on group projects I always set internal deadlines before the actual one and do regular check-ups on how other team members are progressing with their work

My proudest achievement: My proudest professional achievement is completing the last year of my bachelor’s degree in a foreign language with the GPA of approximately 9.5 while also working two jobs. Such a strong focus on my goals has taught me how to prioritize my time and build exceptional work habits that can bring me a huge advantage in life. I am really excited to perfect those competencies on a graduate level.

META ČESNIK



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, English and German language

Why this specialisation?

After graduating from the Faculty of Arts and getting a degree in English and German studies, I decided to upgrade my knowledge of languages. I started to research business and economics programmes to find the one that was perfect for me.

Sharing our perspective, experience and knowledge from our academic field will bring diversity to the debates, and I like that IMB recognizes and respects this. The curriculum covers general topics that are important for success in the business world but also offers modules that present specific subjects in detail. I like that there are many group projects and that the students can learn with practice. I appreciate that companies take the time to come to class and share their experience and knowledge in person. I liked that former students talked about their classmates as their second family. I look forward to forming a close-knit group with my classmates, work together and help each other get through this intensive and demanding programme.

Five words that describe you best: Reliable, loyal, ambitious, dependable and hardworking.

Strengths: I consider myself organized, responsible and hardworking. Everything I do, I do with complete dedication and maximum effort because I take pride in my work and want to show my best side in everything I do. I am a fast learner, and I am eager to learn new skills. I like to help people and work well in a team environment.

My proudest achievement: This application is my proudest achievement. I am proud of myself for being brave enough to step out of my comfort zone and apply to the IMB Programme, a programme that I know will challenge me, but on the other hand, provide me with the knowledge I need to accomplish my dreams.

Even though I have a degree, my ambition has pushed me to search for more. I want to upgrade my knowledge of languages with a degree in business. The knowledge I acquire during this programme will open new doors for me.

NINA DOBNIK



Age: 24

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Social Work, Social work with youth

Why this specialisation? I choose IMB program because I am eager to work in an enriching and challenging environment which enables me to learn and grow personally and professionally. I want to challenge my boundaries, expand my horizons, and get the opportunity to gain new knowledge, work in teams, express my creativity and analytical skills. I like the intensity of the courses because I generally like a dynamic and challenging environment where I can improve and grow. I also get bored if I am not challenged enough. That's why I want to be part of the program that challenges me on daily basis. As a person, I am someone who works very well under pressure, and I need the pressure to thrive. In my previous experience, I always worked well during deadlines because it helps me to be more efficient.

Moreover, I find the international environment at IMB very stimulating, as you are surrounded by ambitious individuals such as yourself. I am someone who thrives best in multicultural surroundings. As I am a very people-oriented person I like how IMB offers an opportunity for students with different cultural backgrounds to work together with one another. Teamwork for me represents a huge value-added. In my opinion, people can gain so much more while having the opportunity to work in diverse teams.

Five words that describe you best: Hard-working, ambitious, organized, ethical, and reliable.

Strengths: I have a degree in social work. While studying social work I developed an ability to critically analyze, co-create solutions and innovative approaches to solving people's problems. I'm an empathetic person who is very good at relating to people and understanding their needs. I am skilled in public speaking, sustainability, teamwork, and marketing. As a person, I am very precise, resilient, creative, resourceful, and dedicated. I am a very hardworking person, so I would say one of my strongest assets is also my work ethic.

The direction of my studies and scouting both indicate that I am good at teamwork and very comfortable working with others on many different projects and assignments. On all the projects from the past that I oversaw, I worked well to inspire diverse

My proudest achievement: I would say the proudest achievement for me this year would be going to the Erasmus Exchange in the middle of the pandemic when a lot of countries, like Slovenia, were on a full lockdown, and traveling was a little more complicated than usual. But I am a motivated individual with an entrepreneurial spirit – particularly interested in social entrepreneurship. That's why I decided to make the best out of this year, regardless of the pandemic.

SVETLANA FUKS



Age: 29

Country: Azerbaijan

Undergraduate degree: Baku Slavic University, International Relations

Why this specialisation? I would like to become a qualified specialist who not only creates product but is also involved in every phase of its development, as well as builds international brand. When researching Master programmes, I found out IMB at the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana, get familiar with study program and I have realized that it provides great combination of theoretical and practical knowledge.

Five words that describe you best: Responsible, hard-working, friendly, ambitious, good-natured person

Strengths: I am open to new knowledge and practices; I do not hesitate to ask and admit that I do not know something.

My proudest achievement:

I always wanted to paint, but all around the teachers at school, my parents convinced me that creativity is not my strength and despite this, I still found the strength to resist all the beliefs and took art classes. As it turned out, I have a talent and I can feel the tones, shadows and color transitions. My teacher is proud of me and calls me one of the most talented students. I am proud that I found the strength, believed in myself and gave myself a chance.

In 2016, I worked as the director of the tele sales department at a reseller company of the country's leading mobile operator. In just 6 months, my team has achieved the best results among all other resellers. The name of my company and my name were known by the head office of the competitors, and they offered our company to sign a contract with them and sell their product.

I have already left telecommunications field for 3 years, but I still receive job offers in the tele sales department.

MIHA GALE



Age: 21

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Logistics

Why this specialisation? I love that the program is in English, that's one of the factors I choose it. I also like that it is international. I choose it because it is going to be a bit more of a challenge, than any other master's program.

I decided on it because my good friend that just finished it recommended it to me.

Five words that describe you best: Organized, perfectionist, fun, active, kind.

Strengths: I would say that my core strengths are being organized, having a sense of people and always finishing what I started.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is living abroad in France, Nice for half a year (I did an exchange in my second year of studies).

TIMOTEJ GIACOMELLI



Age: 23

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mathematics and Physics
Financial mathematics

Why this specialisation? The reason I decided to apply to the IMB program is that I do not see myself in the field of mathematics and later as an analyst as much as I want to proceed to learn more about business. Because I have a great foundation of analytical thinking and am by nature a dominant and leadership type I got interested in management. Not only do I see a challenge and a great opportunity to enroll in a program that is conducting in English, but I am also looking forward to working with some of the biggest companies in Slovenia. I got a very good opinion from one of the former students, which is how I found out about this program.

Five words that describe you best: Communicative, energetic, intelligent, motivated, reliable.

Strengths: I am a very organized, punctual, reliable, and ambitious person. I am passionate about what I do and am eager to learn new things as I enjoy challenges and am very persistent. While training professional sport and studying I have learned to work hard and not to give up, be thorough and work as part of the team as well as on my own.

On our faculty, I gained the ability to think analytically, thoroughly, and seeing the bigger picture. This enables me to understand the core of the problem and eliminating useless information, which helps me break down the problem into smaller ones that are solved more easily.

Because I was growing up in a family of five children, I also learned how to effectively stand up for myself and how to negotiate.

My proudest achievement: This will be without a doubt getting my bachelor's in financial mathematics as I have never been a high achiever in school and expectations for my education were not very high. A proud moment was also when I got into the junior skiing national team for the first time.

ENIJA GULIČ NOSAN



Age: 21

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

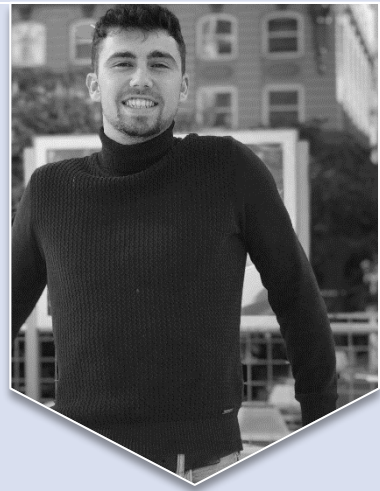
Why this specialisation? In Novartis, where I currently work, we have a standard practice that all employees are encouraged to constantly give ideas and suggestions how to improve business processes to perform better, faster and cheaper and thus facilitate their work. By attending IMB, I am sure that I will learn many best practices of the top performing companies that will help me to grow in my present job and in my future managerial career. I have heard a lot about IMB throughout my studies at School of Economics and Business. IMB always had a great reputation and is known for its excellence.

Five words that describe you best: Energetic, communicative, trustworthy, reliable, disciplined

Strengths: I am communicative, flexible, responsible, eager to learn, ambitious. I am a good team player as well as leading qualities.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is becoming a part of Novartis team as a part of my student job

CISKO HEINEKE



Age: 24

Country: Ophemert, The Netherlands

Undergraduate degree: Avans University of Applied Sciences, Business Innovation

Why this specialisation? I found the program online while browsing at best-masters.com. After recently obtaining my Bachelor of Arts in Business Innovation in The Netherlands, and years of work experience in a management position, I am now seeking to leverage my knowledge and competence by taking the next step into academic development. For this reason, I was excited to find that the program's study curriculum aligns with my interest and development objectives. I aim to use my abilities to address global problems and adjust long-term relations among cultures and continents.

Five words that describe you best: Adaptive, motivated, determined, unwavering, social.

Strengths: I have demonstrated strong leadership skills during academic project work as well as in my professional role. Much of my experience is in international collaborative work, due to the fact that it took place in three different continents and my study was largely practically oriented, including many projects within a team environment. Meeting deadlines has been a consistent part of my educational and working life and I have learned how to communicate with people in situations which require tact. My academic skills have given me the ability to communicate effectively on paper and to be able to carry out assignments independently. My professional career has given me the experience and ability to deal with aversions and developing excellent communication and negotiation skills. I am confident that I possess the necessary experience, qualification and motivation to be a worthwhile contribution to the program.

My proudest achievement: Since the age of eighteen, I have been working for a sales company alongside my studies, where I was quickly promoted to supervisor and was eventually appointed as sales manager within two years. It is here where I developed my affinity and interest with management and my tendency towards improvement. As a manager of an employee base of more than 50 employees, I have learned many lessons through trial and error resulting in my development as a full-fledged manager. Being in that position at such a young age is my proudest professional achievement so far.

ELMA HILIĆ



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Banking and Financial Management

Why this specialisation? I especially like the curriculum and the fact that learning is based on case studies.

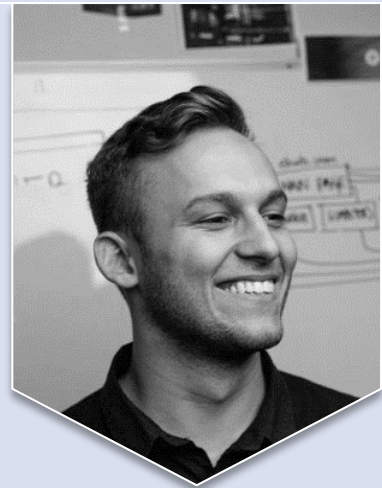
At the faculty (SEB).

Five words that describe you best: Proactive, organized, trustworthy, precise and social.

Strengths: Flexibility, being openminded, self-criticism.

My proudest achievement: Being myself, being a good friend and sister.

ROK HRIBAR



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering

Research & Development

Why this specialisation? I would like to learn the business side of a company.

Five words that describe you best: Ambitious, knowledge hungry, practical, quick learner, Resourcefull.

Strengths: R&D, Know-How, Software & Hardware Engineering, Lots of Empathy

My proudest achievement: 1st Place Internationally in Physics Group Project in Istanbul

EMINA HUSIĆ



Age: 21

Country: Bosnia and Herzegovina

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business

International Business

Why this specialisation? I have decided to apply to IMB Programme for many reasons, one of them being is that I really like the curriculum, that it is very comprehensive at the beginning, then we get to choose out specialization, and I really like Marketing specialization. I really like the hands-on approach, since I believe that the best way to learn is by doing that and going through it personally and going through it with a team makes it even more exciting. Mentorship programme, a lot of international guest lecturers, and very close relationships with alumni, professors, and businesspeople is very appealing to me as well. Also, the whole idea of everyone, including students, to be a part of a “big family” makes me feel like everyone truly belongs and has a purpose there.

Five words that describe you best: It is kind of challenging to describe myself in five words only, but I would choose ambitious, brave, creative, outgoing, and perfectionist (slightly stubborn sometimes) to describe myself.

Strengths: My strengths come from different places and experiences from my life. I think I am a smart and fast-learning person, with a lot of motivation and courage to make a difference in the world. Everything I do, I will do perfectly by paying attention to every little detail. I think I am a creative person, who I am expressing through different arts and crafts, but also through creating different digital products. I think I am very brave person, who is not afraid to take the necessary steps towards reaching a bigger goal, of simply towards my general happiness. I like to communicate, collaborate and work with other people, which makes me a very good team member. I speak a lot of languages (more precisely 7 languages), which help me express myself better, because that is very important to me and to everyone I have ever collaborated with. I have strong opinions, but I would always listen to the other side and objectively assess the situation at hand.

My proudest achievement: I like to believe that I have many notable accomplishments from different aspects of my life, but as the biggest achievement I would single out is me relocating my entire life, primarily for the purpose of education, at the age of 18. After I graduated from High school, I decided to come to Ljubljana and to study at School of Economics and Business. And in the course of two weeks, I have packed my entire life and moved from Sarajevo, away from my whole family, my friends, and left the city that I love. Regardless of everything I think that this big and sudden change has forced me to learn very fast how to appropriately take care of myself, fight for myself, and simply to live by myself.

KAJA IGLIČ



Age: 23

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business

International Business

Why this specialisation? The first time I heard more about the program I knew it is a perfect fit for me. To start, I see the IMB master program as a source of broad and qualitative network, diverse network of students, professors, and employers. Furthermore, the unique program offers an appropriate balance between theory and practice. Last but not least, the program fits in perfectly with my career aims, as it overall provides an international experience.

Five words that describe you best: Ambitious, honest, organized, enthusiastic, creative.

Strengths: I see myself as an independent person, that is capable of fast learning and adapting to the multicultural environment. I am results-oriented with the ability to fast problem-solving and efficient organizational skills. I am capable to work under pressure, coordinate multiple projects simultaneously.

My proudest achievement: I believe graduating top in class in Audencia Business School in Nantes with the best bachelor thesis is my greatest achievement. I am proud that I went to a foreign country without fear and took the opportunity to compete with students from a high-ranking business school. This experience gave me a healthy boost of competitiveness and confidence, as I proved to myself that my abilities are comparable to world standards. In addition, through this experience, I have learned to be independent, responsible, and adaptable in multi-cultural environment.

JOVANA IVKOVIĆ



Age: 29

Country: Serbia

Undergraduate degree: University Singidunum, Faculty of Tourism and Hospitality Management

Why this specialisation? Personal and academic development are main reasons. I am interested in learning about business in general and creating space for future career growth.

Five words that describe you best: Good soul and a work in progress.

Strengths: Perseverance and fortitude are parts of my character that are generally speaking always perceived as strengths. Besides those I believe that being self-aware and being acquainted with personal weaknesses and shortcomings are also strengths worth mentioning.

My proudest achievement: Enrolling in University again after a long break, and unsuccessful first attempt. Applying myself to learning and graduating a year sooner.

ANGELA JORDANOSKA



Age: 23

Country: North Macedonia

Undergraduate degree: Faculty of Law "Iustinianus Primus" UKIM

Political Science

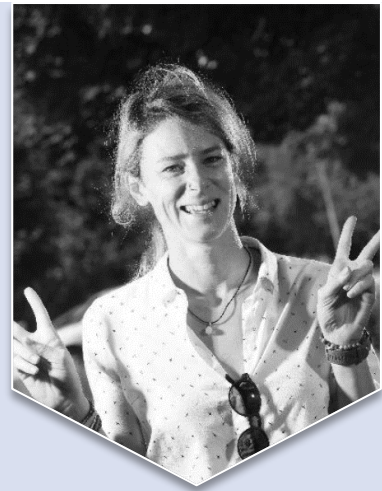
Why this specialisation? I chose the IMB Programme because of my great ambition and my competitive and entrepreneur spirit. I want to upgrade my knowledge in different area where I think I can be my best. I believe I possess strong analytical, management and organizational skills that can be upgraded and used for a great accomplishment. I love challenges and would love to be in a competitive environment which will boost my dynamic response to challenges and where I can gain a great preparation for the business world. I want to choose this master because of its eminent program that offers real life projects and case studies to be part from. It presents a unique chance for me to study in highly professional environment and learn from great experts and professionals.

Five words that describe you best: Born-initiator, leader, independent, courageous, clever.

Strengths: My strengths are my great analytical skills, my great persistence - I am a person that doesn't take 'no' for an answer, my ambitious and decisive character, my leadership and adaptable skills. I am creative in finding solutions and solving problems, fast thinker and I'm capable of in-time managing multiple tasks and duties.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is winning 1st place in an international competition organized by Oracle Foundation, at the age of 14. I was part of a 4-member team that won the 1st place in the category of projects, with our own-realized project on Saving Energy granted the 1st place award which consisted of a trip to the Oracle Education Foundation headquarter in San Francisco where we were invited to present our project in front of eminent academics and professors.

URŠA KRAGELJ



Age: 33

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Arts, Translation

Why this specialisation? I wanted to swap my traditional Translation studies and find a programme which would allow me to work in sports organisations, international enterprises and give me a broader education on business management and marketing. After thoroughly inspecting the IMB Programme, I found out it has an outstanding reputation, which, in addition to numerous recommendations and an impressive curriculum, has undoubtedly convinced me to put it as my first choice.

Five words that describe you best: Honest, hard-working, meticulous, affable and creative.

Strengths: I tend to be very meticulous and make decisions based on carefully assessed information. I am hardworking, persistent and used to a highly competitive environment. I am also used to public speaking and feel comfortable in front of a camera. I can be a good team player but have no trouble taking over and leading a group either. I can be fairly creative and enjoy all kinds of challenges.

My proudest achievement: I have been competing in Canoe Slalom for the majority of my adult life and I was lucky enough to win multiple medals at European and World Championships. My best sporting achievements include a junior World Championship title, an Overall World Cup victory and multiple medals at European and World Championships. In addition to that, I represented Slovenia at the 2016 Olympic games in Rio de Janeiro, finishing the Olympic experience as the 9th fastest boat in the competition.

NICOLO' LAVARONI



Age: 22

Country: Italy

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? While doing my bachelor in SEBLU, I've always been interested in participating to the IMB program. I've attended many meetings since my first year of university and many factors played a role in my decision like the quality of the program, the fact that it's aligned to what my plans for the future are, the short distance between my hometown in Italy and Ljubljana, the beauty of Ljubljana and my friends who are there.

Five words that describe you best: Optimistic, creative, quick, open, humble.

Strengths: I am very resilient; I am able to adapt to any situation in a short amount of time. People say I am smart, since after reading/doing something I am immediately able to learn it and apply it in a context. Curiosity and eagerness to learn are my favorite strength, as I explained in my motto. I am also very open, and I don't have problems making friends in a whole new environment.

My proudest achievement: Being able to pay the tuition fee without asking for money to my parents.

JERNEJ MEŠKO



Age: 24

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Primorska, Faculty of Tourism Studies

Why this specialisation? During my undergraduate period, I studied tourism. I was exposed to many different opportunities, innovative and modern practices. This helped me to gain insight into many different fields, not just tourism. I discovered my interest in entrepreneurship, management and business, but I found sports marketing the most appealing.

Although I have learned a lot and have already gained some practical experience in mentioned areas, I am always striving to improve. In the future, I see myself working abroad, in a competitive and demanding environment, or even starting my own business. I find it very appealing that the master's Programme (IMB) offers so many different international options, connections and examples of good practices. I am eager to expand my social circle and fill it with other ambitious colleagues and professionals.

Five words that describe you best: Honest, respectful, energetic, extroverted and passionate.

Strengths: Working in different environments (tourism, sports...) has helped me acquire a variety of different skills in different areas. These include management, leadership, organization, business, marketing, communication, sales and hospitality skills. I was involved in many aspects of customer service and satisfaction. In addition, working with foreign staff provided me with examples of good practices on how to think more rationally and thus act more patiently, efficiently and calmly when faced with stressful challenges.

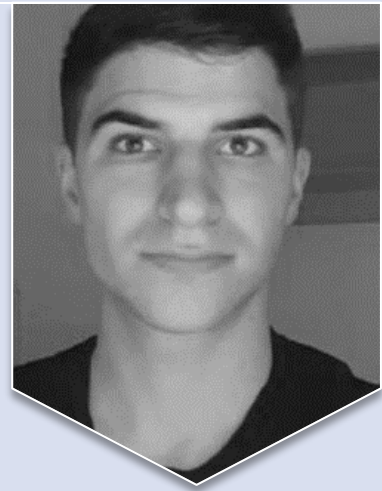
My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is the research I did for my bachelor's thesis. I was researching about brand personality and consumer perception related to sport tourism brands. My main topics in my thesis were tourism, sports and marketing.

I measured personality of the Istria Cycling Marathon brand using Aaker brand personality scale (1997). My target group were the cyclists of the marathon.

This was very interesting for me because the brand has not only a sporting value, but also a great tourism potential. The majority of the participants in the previous events were families with younger children and recreational cyclists.

Even though my thesis is not finished yet, I am getting closer and closer to the end. Currently, I am in the last stage, preparing final version in order to submit it to the thesis committee.

MIHA MURN



Age: 24

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business,
Money and finance track

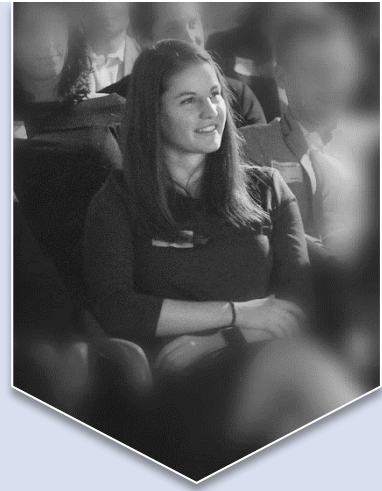
Why this specialisation? I am choosing the IMB Programme because I would like to obtain theoretical knowledge combined with practice. I am convinced that the combination of both will prepare me well for the future challenges in the world of business and finances, where I would like to work after having finished university. Since high school, I have also always wished to work in an international environment and I believe that the programme's curriculum is designed in a way that it offers a great combination of disciplines and knowledges from the field of the functioning of companies and organisations (subjects such as HRM, Business and Environment, Organization and Management etc.) as well as more technical knowledge from the field of financial management, which is my field of interest (subjects such as Banking management, Mergers & Acquisitions and Investments).

Five words that describe you best: Knowledgeable, amusing, ambitious, helpful, hard-working.

Strengths: I believe I have strong analytical mind and I have acquired rigorous analytical abilities during my undergraduate studies that are supported with broad theoretical knowledge which I've gained through reading books and my extracurricular activities. I also think my presentation and public speaking skills are on quite high level.

My proudest achievement: Publishing 2 scientific papers and winning the best debater award in Top20 macroeconomic course.

EVA NOVAK



Age: 23

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Gea College, Entrepreneurship

Why this specialisation? Firstly, in my experience I have seen that the practical orientated education pushes my limits and makes me more versatile. And secondly, people and the environment around you will always define a part of you. That is why it's really important for me to be surrounded with people who challenge me, who has high goals and expectations and are devoted to teamwork. That's how each can grow on professional and individual level.

Five words that describe you best: Devoted, honest, visionary, hard-working, trustworthy.

Strengths: Versatile, lifelong learner, understanding, focus, thinking out of the box, commitment, deeply curious.

My proudest achievement: When I turned 18, I stepped out of my comfort zone. That was, so far, the biggest achievement which gave me the courage to grow on personal and professional level. As a consequence, I am just finishing my first big project - total transformation of online shop with high quality products which are on our market for more than 20 years. This is one step forward for the company to grow. Being part of that at my 22s is a great achievement.

NIKA PODPEŠKAR



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? When I started to attend the classes at SEB LU, I saw the signs for IMB and was always curious what it is. It wasn't until a few days later that I found out what a great renown the program has and how high it ranks. After that I started asking the students that have already completed the program, about their satisfaction with this master's program, and not a single bad thing came up. As a person, who has worked on numerous projects and loves to work with similarly hardworking people, it was therefore a no-brainer to choose a program that would enable me to continue to work in an international environment not on fictional, but real-life scenarios and equip me with the right qualifications to enter the labour market.

Five words that describe you best: An ambitious, curious, positive, hardworking team player with a growth mindset.

Strengths: Completing my bachelor's degree in an international class (both in Slovenia and Denmark), as well as organizing events for the foreign markets, has had an enormous impact not only on my interpersonal and communication skills, but also the ability to quickly adapt to the presented situation and listen people around me from different cultures especially carefully, gaining the strength in understanding their positions and points of view. I will not lie, sometimes all of us classmates did not agree 100%, but through the cultural and respectful debate, we always managed to come to an agreement and a compromise, suitable for all. I have learned that one-size-fits all absolute solutions are very rare and that respect, widely open ears, and willingness to sometimes take a step back from your position to be taught some new things are always a step in the right direction.

My proudest achievement: Very successfully organized the largest Slovenian student marketing conference Fanfara in the middle of COVID-19 pandemic after more than one year of preparations.

And also, a few months ago, my team and I won the first prize at the Kadrovski šprint hackathon – in less than 24 hours, we managed to come up with the most innovative solution to the Lidl's employment problem, and I am proud to say that some of the suggested practices have already been implemented in their everyday operations.

ANDREW POTTRUFF



Age: 34

Country: Canada

Undergraduate degree: The University of Western Ontario, Music

Why this specialisation? I first learned about the IMB program from two of your alumni. I met them socially while I was visiting family in Ljubljana, and they spoke glowingly of their experience and the level of education they received while studying at IMB. Moreover, both of these alumni went on to great international success in their chosen fields of finance and management. After speaking with them comprehensively about the IMB, I knew that a program such as yours would be a great fit for me should I ever choose to pursue a career outside the arts. When I decided to pivot away from being a professional musician, I knew I had to apply for the IMB.

Specifically, I appreciate the diverse curriculum covered throughout the three semesters of your IMB. It seems like students are truly exposed to the full range of integral business practices. Specialisation can be important in the working world but being prepared for many facets of business greatly appeals to me. I'm also excited by the three projects offered through the IMB lab, as well as the Portoroz business conference. These kinds of hands-on, real-world learning and net working opportunities are exactly the kinds of educational environments that I thrive in.

Five words that describe you best: Inquisitive, creative, empathetic, passionate, driven.

Strengths: Excellent communicator: In my opinion, one of the most important skills in both ones professional and personal life is communication skills. Whether it be communicating with your romantic partner, your family, your business colleagues, or your business clients, the ability to disseminate the most pertinent and salient information as clearly, efficiently, and intelligibly as possible is vital to positive interactions. Not only am I strong at oral communication, I'm also a strong written communicator. I pride myself on being a clear speaker, an excellent writer, and a great listener. Often, when people think about communication skills, they're often referring to their own ability to express themselves. This is only half the requirements of being a good communicator. Equally important to good communication skills is the ability to listen carefully and generously when someone is communicating to you. I am also excellent at this part of the equation.

My proudest achievement: For the past few years, I've worked as a classical music teacher, instructing students in voice, music theory, and composition. During this time, I've guided over 100 children and adults through the joys of musical discovery and artistic expression. When I was younger, I never pictured myself as a potential teacher. I had many diverse interests, but being an educator was not one of them; however, watching children and adults find personal fulfilment and meaning through musical expression has been a profoundly rewarding experience.

ŽAN RAVNOHRIB



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Biotechnical Faculty, Wood Science and Technology

Why this specialisation? I want to take our woodworking company to a higher level and be successful personally and business-wise. I have gained a lot of knowledge of our craft from working in our shop since I was little what I am missing is how to market your products and how to manage your finances and spend and invest your money wisely. I also would like to meet new interesting and driven people with similar goals since I believe that people that you are surrounded with have a great impact on your future. I would also like to improve my language skills. What I am most excited about is listening to great professors that this program has to offer and working in small teams with other students on practical problems.

Five words that describe you best: Hardworking, kind, driven, optimistic, motivated.

Strengths: I am motivated, hardworking and I have long-term goals that I will try to fulfil no matter what.

My proudest achievement: My diploma, that contains future plans of building a new woodworking factory for our company.

SARA RAŽMAN



Age: 22

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? I am very ambitious and hardworking and am always seeking for new challenges on all the fields in my life. I believe by being a part of this program I will develop professionally and personally; utilise the professional skills developed through past work and study experience and gain an incredible amount of new knowledge I will hopefully be able to utilise in the future career. The reason for choosing the IMB Programme is also that I believe I still have a lot of room for improvement and by being a part of this program this room can be fulfilled in a really efficient way. Furthermore, I have the ability to actively collaborate with other members of the team, push the team to work harder and mitigate team problems through my calm and personable demeanour and the amount of teamwork at IMB will help me to develop those skills even more, which is something I strive towards to.

Five words that describe you best: I am thorough, hardworking, positive, ambitious and responsible.

Strengths: I am very self-confident, great in public-speaking, reliable team member and dedicated team leader. I am a quick learner and have a great knowledge of foreign languages. I am hardworking and professional person, that shows up earlier than asked and always finishes the projects before the due dates. Another strength of mine is also my international exposure, from the two years of studying in an international class.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement would be becoming a part of Slovenian Business Club (SBC) and daily interacting with important Slovenian businesspeople.

MAHDI SAADI



Age: 26

Country: Israel

Undergraduate degree: BARENBOIM-SAID AKADEMIE, Music - Cello

Why this specialisation? The reason for choosing the IMB Programme is the chance to further develop my knowledge of finance and business-related subjects along with the chance to work on real-life projects. Additionally, I have visited Slovenia every now and then in the past couple of years and got to admire the nature and enjoy the food, which made my decision of moving to Ljubljana much easier.

Five words that describe you best: I would describe myself as a motivated, reliable, determined as well as self-confident and hard-working person.

Strengths: My strengths are critical and strategical thinking, the ability to learn fast, and the motivation to always improve.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement was besides touring the US several times, a concert for former French president F. Hollande at Élysée Palace in Paris.

ERA SADIKAJ



Age: 22

Country: Kosovo

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? I'm completing my bachelor's degree at SEB LU and since the first year of my enrollment, the IMB posters around the campus have caught my attention. Later on, I've started following and reading more about the programme on the website as well as social media, such as Facebook.

Moreover, I was curious to know more about the experiences and opinions of former students, so I decided to get in touch with them and ask them about a few things I was interested in. I was really impressed by constant positive and excellent comments I was getting about the programme. I've realised that the programme provides students with real life projects which I'm genuinely interested in since it will help me prepare better for my future career.

Furthermore, I'm a person who likes challenges and possesses the ability to work under pressure. So, teamwork can be quite challenging sometimes, however I'm aware of its great importance in this programme as well as my future career. I'm very open-minded and always striving to learn more and accept new ideas, cultures, beliefs, etc. Consequently, to complete my master's degree and prepare best for my future, an international programme like IMB, is the best choice I could ever make.

Most importantly, I'm aware that the programme is a very intensive one and this is one of the main reasons I chose to apply for it. Because I'm very ambitious and I always strive to accomplish my plans through hard work and a lot of dedication.

Five words that describe you best: Open-minded, hard working, flexible, responsible and confident.

Strengths: I would say that I possess a very positive attitude which helps in creating a positive environment in my personal as well as professional life. I have always been self-motivated and a big achiever. I'm also a quick learner who enjoys challenges and different tasks at the same time, since I work better under pressure.

My proudest achievement: Being selected among the top 5 % of students at SEB LU

MOJCA STANIČ



Age: 23

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

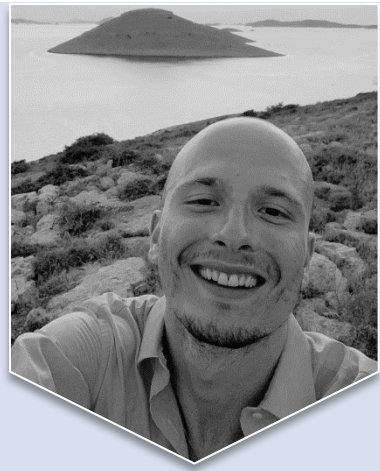
Why this specialisation? Firstly, the whole thought of me studying at one of the top masters program was the motive. Moreover, the activities, projects and interactions that are made on IMB program amazed me significantly. I love working on current topics, with different companies and I like attaining knowledge from very well-educated professors that come from all around the world.

Five words that describe you best: Communicative, adaptive, positive, precise, hardworking.

Strengths: I am very communicative, meaning I can easily connect to people, even with those I haven't met before. I am adaptive and flexible, for that reason I like working in group projects where different ideas come together. I am precise and I have attention for details, meaning I like to be strict in important assignments. I am creative that is why I put more effort into assignments that encourage creativity. I am very positive, and a lot of people say that you won't see me in a bad mood, because I am always smiling. I am hardworking and disciplined that is why I don't like to finish the assignments an hour before the deadline. I am also well-organized, that is why I am able to cope with different projects and assignments at once.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement would be connected to me practicing twirling - the achieved silver medal in the European Twirling Championship (group category) in Barcelona 2014. Also, I am proud to admit that one of my greatest achievements was to become very disciplined and organized during my studies at SEB Ljubljana.

FILIP ŠTEMBERGER



Age: 24

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, Banking and financial management

Why this specialisation?

- group projects ,
- english language,
- intensive program / from friends

Five words that describe you best: Outgoing, communicative, sport-orientated, bold, sleep loving

Strengths: I attended several summer schools in Oxford, Brighton which were in English and some which were in Berlin and those were in German, I also spent one year on Wirtschaftsuniversitet in Vienna where my lectures and exams were in German. My strengths are a lot of knowledge in general and also I speak a couple of foreign languages.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is getting accepted to bachelor studies on Wirtschaftsuniversitet in Vienna, and finishing a couple of exams there, and getting accepted in junior national squad for basketball in 9th grade in elementary school.

TEJA ŠTERPIN



Age: 21

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? I chose the programme, because I heard only positive things about it. I like to work with hard-working and ambitious people, because I feel very good when I get the opportunity to grow and evolve daily. I believe, IMB Programme can help me do that. One of my friends attended it a few years ago and she was extremely satisfied with it.

Five words that describe you best: Creative, focused, kind, hard-working and organized.

Strengths: One of my main strengths is the ability to communicate with different people. I don't have any problems with inter-cultural communication and consequently teamwork in very diverse teams. I like to meet new people and I am always prepared to adapt to the team I am working in. I am also a fast learner and a critical thinker; therefore, I am able to solve problems even 'outside the box'. I am never afraid to go outside my comfort zone and I usually feel very good when I do.

My proudest achievement: One of my proudest achievements is when we won a first prize in the international singing competition in Serbia with my choir (Pevski zbor Zarja).

TAMARA TEŠOVIĆ



Age: 23

Country: Montenegro

Undergraduate degree: University of Donja Gorica, Faculty of Information Systems and Technology, Systems and Technology

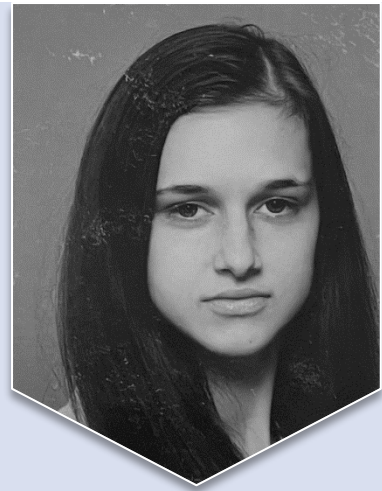
Why this specialisation? During my undergraduate studies, I have discovered my preference for the subjects of economics and business, thanks to the many business classes I had in the curriculum. As much as I love my job and enjoy programming, I would prefer to be in the room where business decisions are made instead of just writing code. This led me to search for master's programs in business, and my achievements so far gave me the confidence to aim for the best ones. Of course, I searched on the internet first and discovered IMB. I chose it for two reasons, besides the stellar reputation, of course – one is the concept of studies itself and the amount of teamwork involved; I would love nothing more than to work in a team of people who are there because of their skills and ambition, who would genuinely care about the projects as much as I would and have the support of such expert lecturers. The other is the challenging experience that is studying at IMB – I truly thrive under pressure and everything I have read about IMB and heard on Open day promises a challenge I would be excited to undertake and honored to complete. I know that the program that requires me to work extremely hard is the program that will give me what I am looking for – knowledge and skills to become the professional I want to be.

Five words that describe you best: Tactician, versatile, reliable, ambitious, resourceful.

Strengths: People consider me a problem-solver, the person they go to with tasks no one else knows how to resolve. I do not claim to know the answers half the time, but I know how to research and improvise, I am resourceful and will do everything I can to find a way. I am told by colleagues they feel more at ease when I am on their team, because they know they can rely on me. Moreover, I tend to be the one who stays calm and rational in a crisis, which helps avert it. All of this has always made me a valuable addition to teams I worked with. I am content working alone as well but feel more fulfilled being part of a group and contributing to the cause.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is getting selected for the Global UGRAD program. This prestigious exchange program is funded by the U.S. State Department and aims to bring outstanding students with demonstrated leadership potential from over 60 countries to the U.S. universities. It is hard to get selected, especially since they choose only one student per semester from a country as small as Montenegro. Being selected among hundreds of applicants is the product of all the achievements I have accomplished over the years, both in and out of class.

ANA TOPOLŠEK



Age: 23

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, School of Economics and Business, International Business

Why this specialisation? IMB is for ambitious people, and I definitely am one of them. I am positive that IMB Programme will open many doors to me as I will gain theoretical and predominantly highly valued practical knowledge other programmes don't offer (at least not to the desired extent). I believe IMB Programme will give me the opportunity to have the best possible career I can have in the future. It will be a challenge, but it will prepare me for the "real" business world. Nevertheless, I would be lying if I said it wasn't just a little bit because of the "prestige" as well.

Five words that describe you best: Self-disciplined, ambitious, persistent, reliable, competitive.

Strengths: Hardworking, ambitious, multilingual, able to work under pressure, multitasking, with great time management skills, self-disciplined, team-player, with great attention to detail, persistent, eager to constantly progress/improve, quick learner, reliable, trustworthy.

My proudest achievement: It is hard to pick only one ... But the last time I was really proud of myself was in 2020 when I got a motorcycle license on my first try.

ŽIGA TRONTELJ



Age: 24

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: University of Ljubljana, Faculty of Computer and Information Science, Computer and Information Sciences

Why this specialisation? Since I graduated in computer science, I wanted to get a masters degree from a business field, because I believe that my knowledge is more powerful if I join it with some other field of expertise. Also, in the last year I have been working for a start-up where I was able to get exposure to all areas of the business. During that experience I discovered many things about myself and one of those things was that I like to see the bigger picture, which I think the IMB Programme is all about. I found out about IMB from a friend who was an IMB student some generations ago.

Five words that describe you best: Transparent, ambitious, open-minded, problem solver.

Strengths: From the feedback that I got from people that worked with me or were my managers I would say that I am a transparent person with good communication skills that is a good team player with strong interpersonal skills, results oriented and always ready to help other people.

My proudest achievement: The most recent one that I would like to point out is getting hired as a software engineer at Uniplaces (one of the fastest growing start-ups in mid-long term accommodation) after my internship during the pandemic.

NICOLE VICENTIC



Age: 25

Country: Canada

Undergraduate degree: McMaster University, Technology

Why this specialisation? After attending the IMB open house it confirmed why I am applying to the IMB program, intimacy of the class size, real-life projects and the alumni community. After completing my bachelor's degree with the same class size and students through all 4.5 years, I realized that I wanted to apply to a program that had the same idea. I believe it is important to get to know your classmates and create friendships whether it is due to education purposes or external purposes. I believe this allows professors and lectures to focus more on the intimate group when presenting and assisting with additional help or broadening their knowledge. Furthermore, the real-life projects are very important to me because it facilitates my leadership skills and future collaboration opportunities. By having real-life projects in the program, it allows you to experience the field that you make like or dislike and other potential opportunities to explore. It is a great opportunity for an insight into your future

Five words that describe you best: In five words, I would describe myself as: resilient, confident, strong, considerate, and determined. With resilience, I found myself highly motivated in regards to setting goals and aspirations. I ensure I detect and attract positive and motivational asp

Strengths: Communication is one of my key strengths, as I am able to build trust, prevent or resolve issues, provide clarity and direction, and continuously form new relationships. With this, direction is a key strength of mine as it allows me to reduce time, resolve misunderstandings, and enables genuine interactions with individuals. With the current role I have expanded a 280-person contact list by 40% in >2 years by visiting 7 sustainability conferences to connect and create relationships with 3+ F500 organizations by sending relevant information leading to facilitated growth. I have created relationships through these opportunities which has allowed me to learn and educate myself more about the role I am in today. Through the strength of direction, leadership continues to be a growing strength of mine as motivation is present within workplace or organizational settings. Leadership creates good performance within these environments along with good guidance, harmonization, and enthusiasm. I work with three program leads and my boss, who have over twenty years of industry experience. I have shown that I am able to bring my fresh ideas to the table and take the lead with a full support system.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement was living in Italy for three months. I had an opportunity through an agency I found on McMaster University, to teach English in Italy. It was my first time going to explore a country alone, without my family or friends – and I was very excited! While being in Italy, I have discovered the importance of balancing your life with work and putting your happiness and wellbeing in first place. This is where my love for food, history, art and architecture sparked. I had an opportunity to make a change within their community by teaching English, as well as build my own character. Italy has taught me the importance of compassion. Being surrounded by people who love food has taught me the importance of bringing people together, it is a vehicle for sharing culture and passion. I stayed with a family at the time and realized how much food has a social impact in their culture. Food is tied to tradition and memories, and many people do not realize the importance of bringing everyone together. I realized during my time alone, that I will always bring that idea and work it into my life.

IZA VRTAČNIK



Age: 23

Country: Slovenia

Undergraduate degree: Faculty of Entrepreneurship, Gea College, Entrepreneurship

Why this specialisation? I have always wanted to study abroad. I was attracted to the multicultural environment and studying in a foreign language. One of the primary criteria, which was important for my master's degree, was to study at a university that is ranked highly on the Financial Times. I also value that the program is based on real-life projects and includes lectures from international professors. The additional benefits are the intensiveness and the length of the program.

while I was searching at SEB LU's website, I found the IMB program. I have read all the testimonials and examined the curriculum. After that, I have contacted the member of alumni and talked to her about her experience and satisfaction. Due to the positive impression, which was gathered from different sources, I have decided to apply for the program.

Five words that describe you best: Ambitious, dedicated, hardworking, analytical, goal-oriented.

Strengths: My strongest skill is my dedication. I can mark myself as a hardworking and ambitious person. I will finish the project and deliver above-average results. I love challenges and competitions. I enjoy working on demanding projects even though that sometimes the tasks make me feel a bit overwhelmed, I always finish my work and deliver it on time. The last but not least, I know how important is to be polite. During my work at Deloitte, I had to communicate with my superiors and clients daily. Business communication skills are crucial in professional and personal life. If you want to work well, you have to get along with people and create a comfortable environment.

My proudest achievement: My proudest achievement is my start-up project Home Help. That connects the elderly and youngsters and helps the elderly with their daily tasks. With the idea, I have applied at the competition in Bulgaria, organized by Foundation »Ustvarjalnik«, where it has received European Social Innovation Award. The project also got the award for the Most promising idea – (received by Chamber of Crafts and Small Enterprises Domžale). It was shortlisted in the pitch start-up competition of the Toronto Business School – Ryerson University and at the competition »Falling Walls«, Ljubljana NLB Clip. Last year I have concluded a cooperation agreement with the second-largest insurance company in Slovenia