

## Testimonial IPM Internship Scholarship Milena Selivanov

Support. Motivation. Gratitude. These are the three words that I would use to describe what being one of the IPM internship scholarship beneficiaries meant for me. When I wrote the application, I envisioned the scholarship as a compensation for the work that I was going to do as an intern, which would have otherwise been for free. It simply would have made it easier for me to face the challenges as a research intern at the Istituto Affari Internazionali in Rome. But as I worked the scholarship became more than a financial mean support for my day-to-day life in the Italian capital, a city that was not my hometown. In fact, the scholarship permitted me to fully immerse myself in the internship while still dedicating time to preparing for my thesis. This meant not only that I could keep up with the university workload but it also meant that could actively contribute to the institute's activities and research. The highlight of the internship was that I was able to conduct my very own research project! the IPM internship scholarship helped create time today to invest in tomorrow's opportunities. Realistically, my achievements would have been much harder to attain without the university's support. The very fact that the university of Bologna believes in its students' projects and work makes you feel that in face of any challenge you're not alone.

