



## MOTIVATION LETTER

Dear Sir or Madam,

I'm writing you to apply for an exchange programme at Moscow Institute of Architecture for the autumn semester 2014/2015.

I'm currently finishing my first year of master studies at Umeå school of architecture in Sweden. I got my bachelor of architecture in Slovakia, at Academy of Fine Arts and Design in Bratislava. During my studies I spent a semester at École supérieure d'art et design in Saint-Étienne.

After an Erasmus in France and a year in Sweden, I would like another change of perspective and a study exchange in Russia could provide me a more eastern view over things.

With my Slovak origin, my relationship to Slavic culture is very close, and I would like to discover more of it.

In Umeå, I'm studying in the Laboratory of Immediate Architectural Intervention. We are mapping, researching the past and the future, striving to challenge the stereotypes, thinking a different, experimental way. I'm very curious about the different approaches to architecture in various countries, and I'm looking forward to explore the one at MAPXII.

During my prior studies I have found out that I would like to specialize in research of architecture in connection to the the phenomena of ever-growing cities, their development and infrastructure.

I consider this exchange programme a great opportunity of getting absorbed by the inspiring, creative, cosmopolite environment of Moscow, and moreover, using the opportunity to involve in the public space, lectures and activities of Strelka Institute.

My project from last semester was focused on shortage of student housing, and housing in general in some fast-developing cities in Europe. I'm keen on developing the project. Therefore, I would like to choose Architecture of Civil and public buildings, or District planning and town master plans as a study programme at MAPXII.

I would like to profit from my stay for further developing my skills in structural design and material use, as well as urban planning.

I'm very initiative in extracurricular activities, getting involved in what happens in the town, in the local life, and voluntary activities. I'm strongly interested in experiencing different lifestyles, cultures and mentalities, especially through learning foreign languages, which is my passion.

I'm sure the exchange would enrich me, personally and academically. An experience in MAPXII could be extremely exciting and valuable for both my studies and overall general development.

Thank you for considering my application, I look forward for your positive response,  
Yours faithfully,

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