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Dear Professor Svetlik, PhD.,

The US Embassy and the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Slovenia invite you, as the rector of the University of Ljubljana, to join us, as the university has done in the past, in supporting our joint Summer Economics Institute (SEI) Student Internship program, now in its third year. The program is funded in part by a grant from the US Embassy Ljubljana and is supported by AmCham Slovenia member companies' participation in the program.

SEI is a highly-selective, month-long program giving 20 Slovenian non-business/economics 2nd year or higher undergraduate students (not master's or doctoral students) from Slovenian universities the opportunity to intern with AmCham Slovenia companies 4 days per week, as well as providing students with an understanding of basic economics, business and entrepreneurship through one day per week of coursework with a US Professor, as well as fields trips, site visits and invited speakers. SEI aims to give students an introduction to business and economics in the real world, as well as the tools to create new businesses – the foundation of entrepreneurship.

This program has been successful in encouraging students from non-business/economics fields to "find the business person inside themselves" and perhaps more importantly to find employment. We particularly encourage students from the natural sciences, engineering, mathematics, computer science/IT and medicine to apply. We would like to continue this success with SEI 2014, which will take place from June 30-July 28, 2014.

Therefore, we would again ask for your help in informing the various faculties and professors at the University of Ljubljana about this program and thank you in advance for your continued support. Together we can help give Slovenian students the tools they need to succeed in business, create new businesses and to improve the economy in Slovenia!

For more information about the program please contact AmCham Slovenia: Ms. Katarina Makovec, <u>katarina.makovec@amcham.si</u>, +386 40 766 999 and/or US Embassy Ljubljana: Ms. Charlotte Taft, <u>taftccw@state.gov</u>, +386 41 282 840.

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