



April 10th, 2019

The American Chamber of Commerce in Romania

RE: Your participation in the Grand Challenges Scholar Program Workshop, May 15-17, 2019

Dear Sir/Madame:

On behalf of the US National Academy of Engineering (NAE) and University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest (UPB), we are pleased to invite your members to participate in the International Grand Challenges Scholars Program (GCSP) Workshop, May 15–17, 2019, at University POLITEHNICA of Bucharest.

The GCSP is a combined curricular, cocurricular, and extracurricular program designed to prepare engineering graduates to address major challenges facing humanity in this century. Each participating institution creates its own realization of the program, which focuses on five competencies: independent research, multidisciplinary, multiculturalism, entrepreneurship, and social responsibility. At this point, 131 US universities have either operational GCSPs (58) or programs in development (73), and internationally, 61 universities have operational programs (12) or programs in preparation (49).

The Bucharest workshop, part of a major effort of the NAE to encourage the expansion of the GCSP network globally, is the first such event organized by NAE in Europe. The workshop will engage over 20 universities, regional industry and multi-national corporations interested in engineering education and workforce development. Rectors, deans, administrators, faculty, students, and employers from throughout the region will discuss the importance of preparing the next generation of engineers to meet the global challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This initiative aligns well with AmCham's Education objectives, and a strong partnership between the member companies and Romanian universities will warrant the success of the Grand Challenges Scholar Program in Romania.

Additional information about the GCSP, the workshop, and registration are available online at the [NAE GCSP website](#). If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Cleo Cabuz ([cleocabuz@gmail.com](mailto:cleocabuz@gmail.com)), Prorector Prof. George Darie ([George.darie@energy.pub.ro](mailto:George.darie@energy.pub.ro)), Sherri Hunter ([SHunter@nae.edu](mailto:SHunter@nae.edu)) or Virginia Vasile ([Virginia.Vasile@energ.pub.ro](mailto:Virginia.Vasile@energ.pub.ro)).

Yours sincerely,

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