

CEOx1DAY

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A student's chance
to walk in the shoes
of a top Chief Executive



About CEOx1Day Czech Republic

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CEOx1Day is designed to uncover some of the Czech's most promising future leaders and give them an opportunity to walk in the shoes of a senior executive.

The idea is simple: undergraduates apply to spend a day with a top Chief Executive to learn about the responsibility and complexities required to lead some of the leading Czech businesses and organizations.

At the same time, CEOs can better understand what drives the next generation of leaders.

Previous programs have provided students with an unprecedented chance to work with Chief Executives and leaders from some of the most prominent global businesses and organizations, resulting in accelerated careers start of many of them.

500+
CEOs have taken
part to date globally

12
countries worldwide

21,000+
applications globally

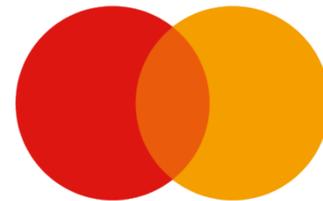


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In Good Company

The program provides students an unprecedented chance to work with Chief Executives and leaders from some of the most prominent businesses and organizations.

The first Czech companies that decided to welcome students into the boardroom are:



Your Participation

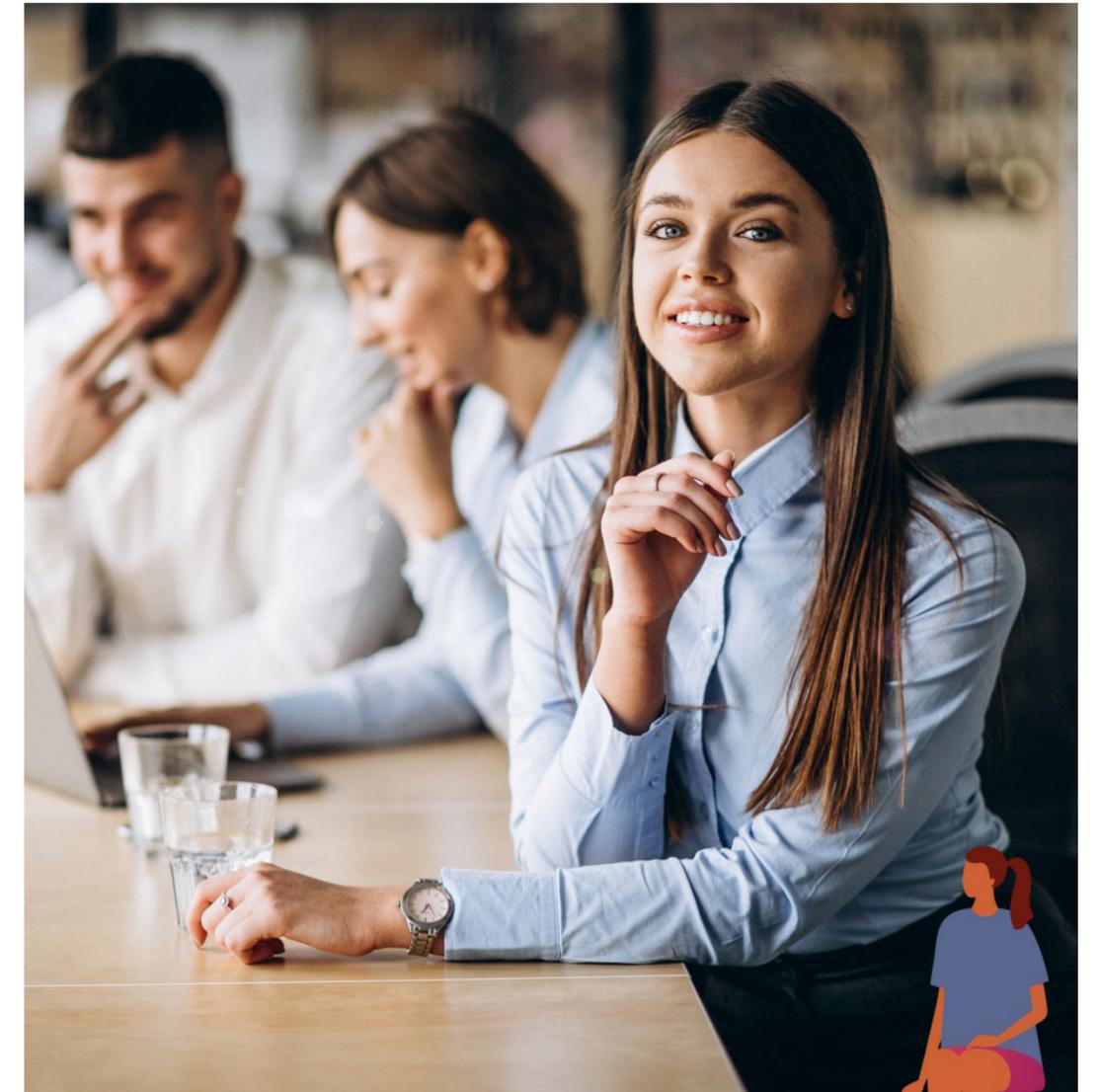
Direct Access to Executives: Finalists will have the opportunity to get a firsthand look at what a day in the life of a CEO is like.

Professional networking exposure: Finalists will have the opportunity to network with participating CEOs and CHROs from prestigious organizations, ambitious peers from top Czech schools, and Odgers executive search and leadership development experts.

Practical career management advice: Finalists will hear from current CEOs and CHROs about how they managed their careers, what challenges they overcame, and what they are looking for in high potential talent.

Deep insights into personal leadership skills: Semi-Finalists will have the opportunity to receive a personalized leadership assessment by Hogan Assessments, as well as a debrief with one of the consultants in Odgers. The debrief will provide feedback on leadership skills, including relationship-building, goal-setting, and strategic thinking, in addition to potential blind spots and areas of development.

Job search experience: The rigorous selection process provides valuable skills and experience for future job searches. For Semi-Finalists, this includes speed interviews with Odgers executives.

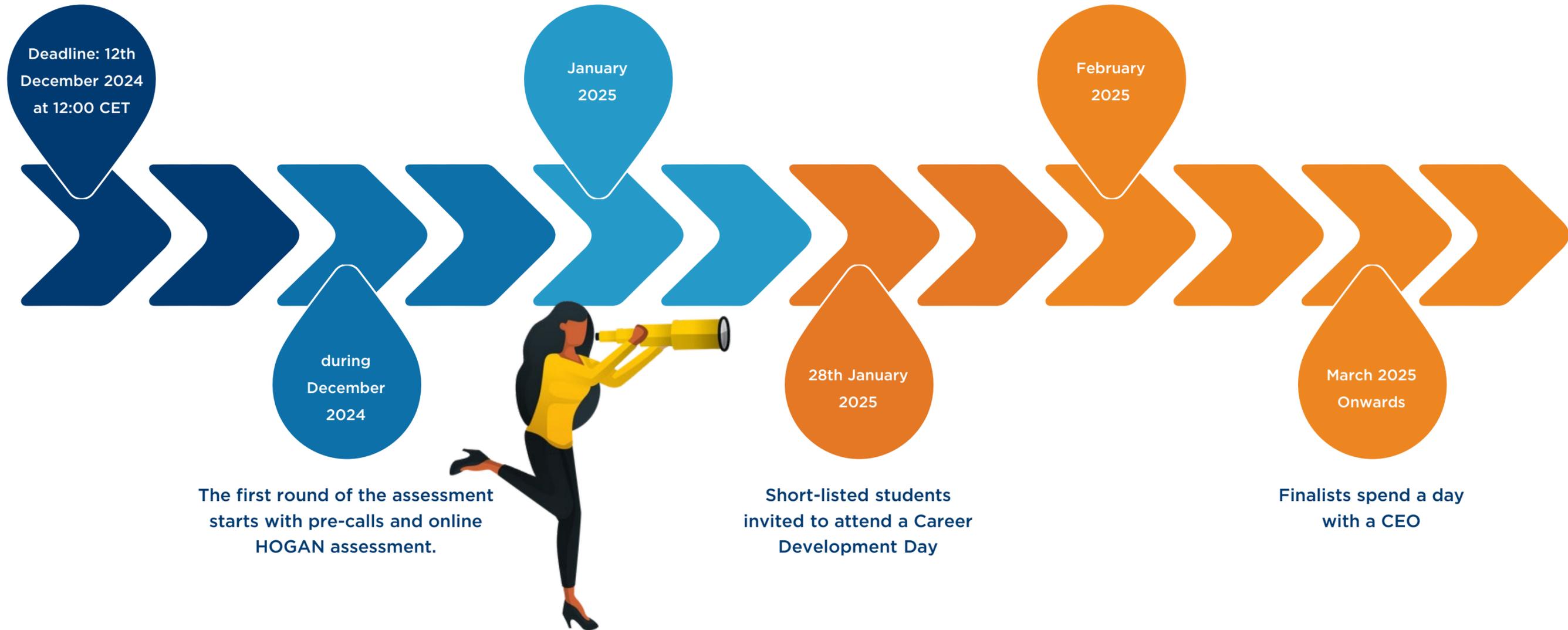


Timeline & Process

Programme promoted through the social media;
Students apply via website

Inform successful short-listed candidates

Finalists are informed of the CEO they will shadow



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Testimonials

What advice would you give to those applying for CEOX1DAY?

Embrace the process, think of who you are and what you want very broadly. Consider why this day may benefit you and articulate on how this links in with your personal brand and purpose. Don't be close-minded, some of the most interesting CEO's might not necessarily come from the business you would most like to spend the day with.

ALEXANDER WHEBLE

Trainee Chartered Accountant at Grant Thornton
(Shadowed the CEO of SEGRO, David Sleath)



What did you learn about leadership from participating in CEOX1DAY?

I learnt that leadership is there to support your own growth, as well as the growth of your peers and colleagues. Effective leadership facilitates a productive and amicable work environment where workers can thrive personally and professionally.

ESTIA RYAN

Equity Research Analyst at Barclays Investment Bank
(Shadowed the CEO of Odgers Berndtson UK & APAC, Kester Scrope)

Would you recommend CEOX1DAY?

Definitely, I became a lot more ambitious with the projects I worked on and disciplined with my academic activities. The programme gave me much needed self-confidence and validation that I was on the right track to growing into an individual capable of leading a successful organization.

FELIX OCHEFU

Business Consultant at Lloyds Banking Group
(Shadowed the CEO of ICAEW, Michael Izza)



When will the Day take place?

Candidates are chosen at the beginning of January 2025, and the Days will take place in March 2025 onwards. Please have a look at the timetable (page 5) in this document for more information on timings.

Eligibility

The programme is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students at universities and colleges, including the Czechs studying abroad.



Who will applicants be matched with?

Students have the chance to match with one of the 6 CEOs in the Czech Republic who are not only leading significant companies but are also eager to dedicate time to future leaders. Both applicants and CEOs tell us what they hope to get out of each other and the programme. Odgers consultants will match concrete CEOs and students. Both parties learn from discovering different perspectives.

What will happen on the Day?

The Day spent with the Chief Executive is tailored by the CEO according to the nature of that business and the interests of the applicant. All CEOs involved lead very different types of organizations and can, therefore, expose each student to different experiences. On the Day, students should learn about the CEO's role in the organization, learn about how the organization works, witness a typical day, and have a chance to ask the Chief Executive their questions.



How are students selected?

Students are first shortlisted after applying through the Odgers website and providing a short statement on their views about good leadership. Shortlisted candidates complete an online assessment, and those who are successful attend a half-day assessment in Prague, which includes interviews with Odgers consultants and a case study. During the process, students get real executive search experience.

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