



Overseas Professional and Intercultural Training (OPIT) Program

Possible Internship Placements

The list below outlines possible internships and does not guarantee placement with a specific organization. The availability of placements changes from year to year and depends on our partners' capacities for hosting an intern at any given time.

Placements are not limited to the internships listed here. We also strongly encourage applicants to notify us if they are interested in an organization or institution not listed below. American Councils will reach out to potential placement organizations and explore new placements based on applicants' preferences.

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

	<p>American Councils Sarajevo Field Office – [Education Management]</p> <p>American Councils Bosnia and Herzegovina administers several programs including the Kennedy-Lugar Youth Exchange and Study (YES) program, Teaching Tolerance Through English (TTTE), and the Balkan Language Initiative. [link]</p>
	<p>Center for Civic Initiative – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]</p> <p>The Center for Civic Initiative encourages and promotes active participation of citizens in democratic processes and to strength the capacity of organizations and individuals to effectively solve problems in communities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. [link]</p>
	<p>Post-Conflict Research Center – [Social Services]</p> <p>The Post-Conflict Research Center is dedicated to restoring a culture of peace and preventing violent conflict in the Western Balkans by creating, implementing, and supporting unconventional and innovative approaches to peace education, post-conflict research, human rights, and transitional justice. [link]</p>
	<p>Women for Women International – [Gender & Women's Rights]</p> <p>Women for Women International was founded in 1993 by Zainab Salbi and Amjad Attallah in order to offer financial and emotional support to women displaced by the Bosnian War. From 1993 to 2015, Women for Women (Žene za žene in BCS) International served nearly 62,000 women in Bosnia and Herzegovina across 50 communities of various ethnicities. Today, Žene za žene International Association Sarajevo continues this work as an independent organization, and in affiliation with Women for Women International, helps women create economic opportunities and strengthen their civic engagement. [link]</p>



CEI NAHLA – Center for Education and Research Nahla [Gender & Women’s Rights]

The mission of the organization is to empower women through education and by creating an environment conducive to personal development and competent participation in social processes. CEI NAHLA uses a holistic approach to educate women, with a special focus on spirituality, acquiring knowledge and skills, personal and economic empowerment, physical and mental health. Currently they have over 40 developed trainings and various educational programs that are attended by over 6,000 women annually, most often aged 20-45. CEI Nahla runs three educational centers in Sarajevo, Bihac, and Tuzla and supports similar initiatives in other cities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. [\[link\]](#)



International Republican Institute – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

The International Republican Institute advances democracy and freedom. They link people with their governments, guide politicians to be responsive to citizens, and motivate people to engage in the political process. [\[link\]](#)



Institute for Youth Development KULT – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

The mission of the Institute for Youth Development KULT is to create and advocate legal and other strategic solutions, as well as to build and strengthen the capacities of associations and governmental authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the region, for a successful and sustainable youth policy. The KULT’s vision is to achieve an open society with empowered citizens who participate in all decision-making processes in public life. [\[link\]](#)



Human Rights Center of the University of Sarajevo – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

The Human Rights Center of the University of Sarajevo is an organizational unit of the university. Its mission is to contribute to the implementation of international human rights through distribution of information and by providing necessary documentation, lectures, expert advice, research and reporting as well as relevant materials regarding democracy and human rights. The Center is an interdisciplinary body and works in cooperation with other similar institutions, non-governmental organizations and national and international bodies that deal with human rights. [\[link\]](#)



TKO Izbor Plus – Training and Consulting Organization “Izbor Plus” -

[Democracy Building & Human Rights]

Izbor Plus is a non-profit organization established in Sarajevo in 2002 with the goal of strengthening the capacity of organizations/institutions through various trainings and consulting services. Areas of expertise include project planning and implementation, monitoring and evaluation, providing seminars and trainings to governmental and non-governmental bodies and individuals, all with an aim to strengthen democratic processes and accelerate integration into the European and world integration processes. [\[link\]](#)



Youth Initiative for Human Rights – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

A group of young people, who wanted to engage in democratization of their society and to strengthen the rule of law, as well as to face the past and establishing new, progressive contacts in post-conflict Bosnia and Herzegovina and the former Yugoslavia, established YiHR in 2003. An important field of action for YiHR is the development of program activities for young people in areas such as human rights, self-sustainability and development of partnerships with various organizations. Their aim is to also improve cooperation among young people from different ethnic groups in divided communities and cities throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina. YiHR is a regional organization active in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia. [\[link\]](#)



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SARAJEVO

Association for Democratic Initiatives (ADI) – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

Association for Democratic Initiatives is a non-governmental organization based in Sarajevo. Main fields of work for ADI include the improvement of rule of law, protection of human rights, and EU integrations in Bosnia and Herzegovina by fostering participatory and direct democracy practices and instigating partnerships between the civil society, governmental institutions and the private sector. ADI accomplishes its objectives by proposing policy solutions, implementing projects and advocacy campaigns, and organizing educational trainings. [\[link\]](#)