




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.

ARMENIA

	<p>American Councils Yerevan Field Office – [Education Management]</p> <p>The American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS office in Armenia was established in 1996. In this short period American Councils has implemented more than a dozen of programs in Armenia funded by the US Government providing over 1,200 high school and university students, educators, and faculty members with the opportunity to study, research and get professional training in the US schools. [link]</p>
	<p>ArmAs Estate and Golden Grape ArmAs, LLC – [Marketing & Communications]</p> <p>The development of the ArmAs Estate began in 2007, at which point the 180-hectare estate was comprised solely of rocks and uncultivated land. Today, the ArmAs Estate includes 110 hectares of planted vineyards, 40 hectares of orchards, a world class winery and distillery, boutique hotel and tasting room, as well as a children's playground with amusements for people of all ages. The company's main activities include wine and brandy production, along with export, marketing and promotional events advertising "The Renaissance of Armenian Wine" in various countries. [link]</p>
	<p>Boghossian Gardens Foundation – [Ecology & Environmental Issues]</p> <p>The Boghossian Gardens Foundation is the operator of Lovers' Park Yerevan realized by the Boghossian Foundation (Switzerland). The Foundation, with co-financing of the Municipality of Yerevan, is considered a successful public private partnership. The Head Office of the Foundation is responsible for the overall managements of the different departments with a team of around 40 people. [link]</p>

 <p>CENTRAL BANK OF ARMENIA</p>	<p>Central Bank Of Armenia – [Business & Innovation]</p> <p>The Central Bank of Armenia is an independent institution responsible for issuing all banknotes and coins in the country, overseeing and regulating the banking sector and keeping the government's currency reserves. The CBA is also the sole owner of the Armenian Mint. [link]</p>
	<p>Deem Communications – [Marketing & Communications]</p> <p>As a comprehensive creative agency Deem Communications practices innovative international communications stature by delivering quality marketing, advertising, media, PR, design and event management services for those who value time and money. Since its inception in 2006, Deem Communications has worked with a wide range of local and international organizations operating in the sphere of telecommunications, banking, tourism, arts and entertainment, as well as with governmental and not-for-profit organizations to enhance their corporate communication. Over the years, the Agency has presented world-famous artists and music bands to the Armenian public. [link]</p>
	<p>EA Energy Advisory – [Ecology & Environmental Issues]</p> <p>EA Energy Advisory was established in 2005 as an Armenian private company of energy consultants. We are an independent energy consulting company providing technical and economic consulting services for investment projects to public authorities (state, municipal), donor organizations (World Bank, Asia Development Bank, KfW) and private investors. EA Energy Advisory provides the following consulting services: design and engineering; construction supervision; environmental and social safeguards; and capacity building support. [link]</p>
	<p>Eli.fun – [Marketing & Communications / STEM]</p> <p>Eli.fun is the leading online platform of unique experiences and authentic local tours in Armenia with focus on rural and eco-tours, food experiences and soft adventure. Eli.fun is part of a bigger family of eli.am - creative gift shop with more than 30% of market share. The primary targets of Eli.fun are individual travelers planning their trips online and seeking amazing local experiences. The company plans to expand its operation into Georgia in 2018. [link]</p>
	<p>Eurasia Partnership Foundation – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]</p> <p>The Eurasia Partnership Foundation (EPF) was established in 2007 as an independent non-profit organization with offices in each of the South Caucasus countries with the main goal of promoting open, just and progressive societies in the region. EPF's mission is to mobilize public and private resources to help citizens promote effective solutions to social problems at the national and regional level. the foundation mobilizes citizens to address the challenges facing Armenia in democratic development, regional peace and security, and good governance. EPF's current programs in Armenia include youth engagement, cross-border cooperation, independent media, and the Caucasus research resource center. [link]</p>



EVN Wine Academy – [Marketing & Communications]

The wine industry in Armenia is rapidly developing with the emergence of modern wineries that produce internationally competitive wines. We implement quality assurance procedures, organize student-staff-alumni social events, involve exchange students, as well as strengthen our internship programs with cooperating partner wineries. EVN has established a student wine lab and a tasting room on the premises of the Armenian National Agrarian University. Our students are also involved with ICARE research activities to increase industry exposure. EVN intends to strengthen ties between academia and industry to ensure job placement for our graduates. [\[link\]](#)



Innovative Solutions & Technologies Center - [Marketing & Communications / STEM]

ISTC is a joint project by IBM, the Government of Armenia, Enterprise Incubator Foundation and USAID. The Government of Armenia, IBM and USAID are acting as resource partners and EIF is acting as an implementation partner. The main goal of the Center is to develop and strengthen the educational capabilities of Armenian higher educational institutions in IT/High-Tech, to enhance their research potential in educational context, as well as creating a favorable environment for formation of sustainable businesses. [\[link\]](#)








International Center for Agribusiness Research and Education (ICARE) – [Marketing & Communications]

The International Center for Agribusiness Research and Education (ICARE) Foundation is a non-governmental and non-commercial organization established in Yerevan, Armenia in 2005 by Texas A&M University. ICARE is an umbrella institution for the Agribusiness Teaching Center (ATC), the Agribusiness Research Center (ARC), and the EVN Wine Academy. The Agribusiness Teaching Center is the first and the flagship unit of ICARE. ATC provides agribusiness education to achieve sustainable entrepreneurial activities in the food and agriculture sector in Armenia and Georgia. It prepares agribusiness specialists at undergraduate and graduates levels, armed with broad economic, marketing, and managerial skills, up-to-date communication abilities, and excellent knowledge of English. These skills make ATC graduates competitive in the growing regional agribusiness sector. The curriculum is Western-structured, based on the undergraduate (Agricultural Economics) and graduate (Master of Agribusiness) curricula of Texas A&M University. Courses are taught in English by American and Armenian instructors. [\[link\]](#)



MER Soft LLC – [Marketing & Communications]

Mer Soft LLC is a software development company established in 2008. The company designs and develops business management systems with a mission to equip the business sector with software that simplifies their most tangled and time consuming processes, drives revenue, and mitigates risks. The company motivates entrepreneurs to use IT solutions in their business processes and offers full customization support. [\[link\]](#)

	<p>Nairian Cosmetics – [Marketing & Communications]</p> <p>Nairian creates high-class natural cosmetics with plants cultivated in Armenia, and inspires beauty with a commitment to health. Nairian was founded in 2012 by Ara and Anahit Markosian, an Armenian couple who had been living in the USA and working in the Silicon Valley for the past 20 years. The first Nairian lab was started in a small space in Yerevan. Today, the lab and fields are located in Aragyugh village, 40 minutes outside Yerevan. Products launched in Armenia on October 23, 2015 in Armenia, and have since extended to the USA, Russia and Japan. [link]</p>
	<p>Office of Public Defender – [Business & Innovation]</p> <p>The Office of Public Defender provides socially vulnerable classes of the Republic of Armenia with free legal aid in legal cases. The office has 53 public defenders, 50 of whom work full time. 27 public defenders works in Yerevan and 26 work in other regions throughout Armenia. [link]</p>
	<p>Picsart – [STEM]</p> <p>PicsArt is an app that makes it easy to go beyond the filter and take your photo editing to the next level. You can make amazing images, stickers, collages and drawings and share with friends. With 400 million+ installs and 90 million+ monthly active users, PicsArt spans the globe and is available in 20 languages. PicsArt is trying to build the largest social entertainment network and enable people to create, share, socialize, learn and be inspired. PicsArt is a Sequoia Capital-funded company. [link]</p>
	<p>SFL Pro – [Marketing & Communications]</p> <p>SFL is a leading Armenian software company. Founded in 2006, it has been offering off shoring and outsourcing solutions to a number of clients worldwide. The company has been working with such industry leaders as Greetz, the best E-Commerce platform in Benilux; Qlim, a revolutionary service for carwash; InecoBank many more. Company's extensive experience has also made way for the development of their own startup products. SFL operates a team of 65 talented technology specialists in Yerevan, Armenia with a global outreach. This internship offers a chance of gaining knowledge in various aspects of IT product development and gain an understanding about the company's overall operation through daily interactions with employees. [link]</p>
	<p>Solaron – [Ecology and Environmental Issues]</p> <p>The first and only manufacturer of solar panels in Armenia. Profpanel LLC (“Solaron” is a registered trademark) provides services to individuals and legal entities, as well as ready to cooperate with those companies who are engaged in the installation of solar panels. Moreover, the company intends to create dealer network in Armenia consisting of startup companies, specialized in the installation and connection of solar panels. [link]</p>



Start Up Armenia Foundation – [Marketing & Communications]

Startup Armenia Foundation was founded in March 2016 by a group of innovative young people, who previously authored and succeeded in several startups. The main purpose of Startup Armenia Foundation is the establishment of new educational and business platforms in Armenia, to support the development of Armenian Startup Eco-System and promotion of a cooperative workstyle. The foundation's current projects include the Sevan and Seaside Startup Summits, Coworking Space Armenia and Startup Armenia Times. The Foundation also supports youth activities in regional communities. [\[link\]](#)