

## 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.

#### GEORGIA

	<p><b>American Councils Tbilisi Field Office</b> – [Education Programming]</p> <p>For almost two decades since the launch of its exchange programs in Georgia, American Councils for International Education has been reputed for conducting a fair competition and providing an opportunity to large numbers of individuals all over the country. Nowadays American Councils Georgia office administers a broad range of educational and exchange programs, as well as paper and internet-based tests. <a href="#">[link]</a></p>
	<p><b>Business Association Of Georgia</b> – [Business &amp; Law]</p> <p>Business Association of Georgia (BAG) is an independent, non-government, and non-profit organization founded in October of 2009. BAG's mission is to help businesses operating in Georgia create a better economic environment based on shared interests and joint cooperation. Today, it is one of the biggest associations of businesses in Georgia representing a wide variety of large and midsize business organizations. Current members employ more than sixty thousand local people in Georgia. <a href="#">[link]</a></p>
	<p><b>Caucasus Energy &amp; Infrastructure</b> – [Business &amp; Law]</p> <p>Caucasus Energy &amp; Infrastructure (CEI) is a joint stock company organized in compliance with the Georgian legislation. CEI holds a mandate to invest in Transcaucasian companies engaged in the production, transmission and distribution of gas and electricity. <a href="#">[link]</a></p>
	<p><b>Center for Development and Democracy (CCD)</b> – [Democracy Building &amp; Human Rights]</p> <p>Center of Development and Democracy (CDD) is a democratic, impartial, representative non-governmental organization in Georgia, established on February 26, 2008. Organizational principles are: Rule of law, Independence, Impartiality, Transparency, Objectivity, Accuracy, Cooperation and Professionalism.</p>



**Gabunia & Partners Law Firm** – [Business & Innovation]

The law Office “Gabunia and Partners” was established in 2005. It is composed of a highly-skilled team of young professionals, who are able to ensure quality legal service in any field of law. The bureau represents individuals and legal entities in any instance of the Courts of Ordinary Jurisdiction, including Arbitration and state institutions, as well as legal opinions, drafting contracts and participation in the negotiations [\[link\]](#)



**Goal-Oriented Research** – [Business & Innovation]

Goal-Oriented Research, informally known as GeoWel, conducts research mostly on economic development, business, and governance. They consult with think-tanks, NGOs and private companies on a variety of projects focused on local and international business. [\[link\]](#)



**Georgia's Reform Associates (GRASS)** – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

GRASS is a non-partisan, non-governmental policy watchdog and think tank, which conducts research and public policy analysis, and provides advice and project management in the fields of public policy and public administration reform. [\[link\]](#)



**Identoba** – [Social Services]

Identoba is a civil rights organization Tbilisi, Georgia, dedicated to advocating for the rights of the LGBT community in Georgia. [\[link\]](#)



**Institute For The Development Of Freedom Of Information** – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

The Institute for Development of Freedom of Information (IDFI) is a Georgian non-partisan, non-governmental, non-commercial legal entity committed to enhancing openness of the government and promoting an informed civil society through ensuring access to public information. IDFI was founded in 2009 by two academics, Levan Avalishvili and Giorgi Kldiashvili with the support of the National Security Archive (George Washington University, Washington, DC, [www.nsarchive.org](http://www.nsarchive.org)). The mission of IDFI is to promote openness and transparency of the government, establish an informed society and support development of democratic values through ensuring access to public information. [\[link\]](#)



**International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED)** – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]

ISFED is an independent non-profit non-governmental organization that carries out citizen monitoring on election and related political processes. Since its founding in 1995, it has monitored 18 elections. It has also implemented projects in civic education and self-government. [\[link\]](#)



**JumpStart Georgia** – [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics]

JumpStart Georgia is a non-governmental organization which uses open-source technologies to open up public data and draw attention to issues of social important. Notably, JumpStart Georgia led a community-driven project to map all streets and roadways in Georgia and submitted the data to Google Maps for inclusion. [\[link\]](#)



**National Democratic Institute** -[Democracy Building & Human Rights]

For the last three decades, NDI has worked with Georgia's parliament, political parties, and civil society to improve their responsiveness and accountability to the public, and enhance citizen engagement in decision-making processes. At both local and national levels, NDI partners with party factions and elected officials to consult with citizens, incorporate their feedback on policies and draft legislation, and improve cooperation with civil society. The Institute's public opinion research provides political and civic leaders regular information on citizens' concerns and priorities to encourage evidence-based policy discussions. NDI also supports efforts to strengthen women's political participation, representation and leadership in public institutions and in the policy-making process.



**TBSC Consulting** – [Business & Innovation]

TBSC Consulting, formed in 2003, is a boutique management consulting firm. They help organizations make better strategic and tactical decisions by performing the detailed analysis needed to support those decisions. Over the past ten years, TBSC has helped nearly 100 organizations to make better decisions including the largest Georgian banks, highly diversified Georgian companies, foreign investors, international financial institutions, the Government of Georgia, diplomatic missions, donors and non-governmental organizations. [\[link\]](#)



**Transparency International** -[Democracy Building & Human Rights]

Transparency International Georgia (TI Georgia) was established on 7 May 2000 as a local non-governmental organization committed to combating corruption in Georgia through the promotion of transparency and accountability. Their mission is to serve as the primary source of information on corruption reform in Georgia, to assist the Georgian government and the broader public in facilitating reform in sectors where corruption exists, to build and strengthen institutions and to promote good governance. In recent years, TI Georgia has become Georgia's leading advocacy-based think tank. [\[link\]](#)