

The AGBU Summer Internship Program seeks highly motivated participants of Armenian descent from all across the world

The AGBU Summer Internship Program offers unique career opportunities for Armenian university students and provides supplemental curriculum designed to enhance career development. The Program is strategically structured to include a range of workshops, networking events, and cultural activities, which, coupled with the top-rated internships themselves, prepare participants for the first steps outside academia.

Following the broader mission of the Armenian General Benevolent Union, the parent organization behind this successful Program, the summer structure is also geared toward furthering the young Armenian community by nurturing a network of students from around the world. Throughout their time together, interns form lifelong friendships and professional contacts, creating the basis for a global network of young Armenian professionals.

To be eligible for consideration for our programs, applicants must be:

- Enrolled in an accredited university
- A sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student
- Between the ages of 19 and 26
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 (B) or international equivalent
- For Paris Summer Internship Program, all applicants must have an advanced proficiency level in the French language

Applicants who are involved in the Armenian community are always appreciated (but not required).

Prospective candidates must submit all application materials by the prescribed deadline(s) in order to be considered for a place in the upcoming summer season.

Summer Experience

It is essential to begin a professional career with strong training and internship placements, but it is equally important to gain guidance and insights by mentors and career development specialists as early as possible to empower students in every capacity. The AGBU Summer Internship Program offers all this and more in three exciting cities.

After an orientation session upon arrival, interns will begin their journey – Discovering a new city with new friends. Spending a summer with 15-30 like-minded peers from all over the world is the best way to foster new friendships. To date, interns have hailed from across the US, Europe, South America, Canada, Armenia, the Middle East, and Australia. A ‘melting pot’ of young Armenians means a multicultural experience whether the summer is spent in Buenos Aires, London, Paris or Yerevan. These fellow interns undoubtedly become lifelong friends and eventually work contacts in a greater professional network.

A typical day for interns begins working in their field placement followed by one of the many supplemental events – lectures, workshops, presentations or social events. Afterwards, participants find ways to socialize as they dine together and uncover local nightlife. Weekends are filled with excursions, tours, and free time to discover their chosen city.

By the end of the Program, interns are left with honed work skills and a new list of friends and contacts. It is a truly a once-in-a-lifetime summer.

Placement Procedure

AGBU interns are placed at top institutions and start-up companies. The Program strives to consider the needs of participants and supervisors, and the Program Coordinators work diligently to establish a compatible placement.

Shortly upon acceptance and enrollment to the Program, AGBU staff will connect with participants by telephone to conduct a detailed interview and gain a comprehensive idea of the

interns' field of interest. The Program Coordinators will then begin to contact supervisors to solicit placement to find the best internship fit for each intern based on individual background, experience, and achievement. This process may take time and continued communication between Program Coordinators and interns. Participants should be readily available via telephone and email throughout this crucial period. Once a potential connection is made with a supervisor, a series of in-person or telephone interviews may follow to ensure a good fit for each intern.

While our staff works diligently to connect participants with internship opportunities, interns are also encouraged to seek their own placements with the guidance of Program Coordinators should they prefer to do so. In such cases, we expect the participant to be in constant communication with the Coordinator to secure placement in the most efficient way.

Important Dates

The application deadlines for the 2018 Summer Internship Programs are listed below. All applications and accompanying materials, including letters of recommendation and transcripts, must be postmarked by the application deadline.

2018 PROGRAM DATES

Buenos Aires: June 25 – August 4 (6 weeks)

BASIP 2018 Application Deadline: **April 30, 2018**

Arrival date: Sunday, June 24

First day of work: Monday, June 25

Last day of work: Friday, August 3

Departure day: Saturday, August 4

London: June 25 – August 5 (6 weeks)

LSIP 2018 Application Deadline: **February 15, 2018**

Arrival day: Monday, June 25

First day of work: Tuesday, June 26

Last day of work: Friday, August 3

Departure day: Saturday, August 4

Paris: July 1 – August 11 (6 weeks)

PSIP 2018 Application Deadline: **March 15, 2018**

Arrival day: Sunday, July 1

First day of work: Monday, July 2

Last day of work: Friday, August 10

Departure day: Saturday, August 11

Yerevan: June 17 – July 28 (6 weeks)

YSIP 2018 Application Deadline: **March 15, 2018**

Arrival day: Sunday, June 17

First day of work: Monday, June 18

Last day of work: Friday, July 27

Departure day: Saturday, July 28

Tuition

Each AGBU Summer Internship Program requires both an Application Fee and a Participation Fee.

Application fees are due upon submission of the application for review. Should the student choose to apply to more than one city for the upcoming summer, the application fee need not be resubmitted – this is a one-time, non-refundable payment.

Upon admission to the AGBU Summer Internship Program, participants will be billed for the appropriate city Participation Fee. Our program fees take into account the cost of housing accommodations and organized group activities throughout the summer. This does not include cost of transportation, meals or personal expenses.

Application Fee for all Summer Internship Program cities: \$50.00 USD

Non-refundable, one-time payment.

Buenos Aires Summer Internship Program Participation Fee: \$3,000 USD

Fee includes housing payments, planned excursions, networking events, social and cultural activities.

New York Summer Internship Program Participation Fee: \$4,000.00 USD

Fee includes placement process, housing costs, lectures, sponsored dinners, networking events, and certain organized group activities throughout the city.

Yerevan Summer Internship Program Participation Fee: \$2,000.00 USD

Fee includes housing costs, language and dance classes, lectures, sponsored dinners, networking events, sightseeing in Yerevan and trips to Etchmiadzin, Karabakh, Gyumri, Sevan, Dilijan, Garni and Geghard.

London Summer Internship Program Participation Fee: £2,735 GBP

Fee includes housing costs, lectures, sponsored dinners, networking events, and certain organized group activities throughout the city.

Paris Summer Internship Program Participation Fee: \$2,800 USD

Fee includes housing payment, lectures, sponsored dinners, networking events, and certain organized group activities throughout the city.

Financial Aid Available

The AGBU believes that all qualified young Armenians should be permitted to attend the Summer Internship Program, regardless of financial means. We proudly maintain a need-blind admissions process, so that our selection committees can look at the merit of each application, not the financial capacity of the applicant when making admissions decisions.

Additionally, we provide partial- and full-tuition financial aid awards to participants who demonstrate legitimate financial need. These awards cover the fees affiliated with accommodations and program activities.

After applicants are accepted to the program, the financial aid application is distributed to those who request it, and award decisions are made.

Note: AGBU does not provide stipends to cover participants' meal, transportation and living expenses.