

Internships for Afghan College Students



Project Title	Internships for Afghan College Students
Project Summary	The Cultural Affairs Section is seeking one virtual interns to support summer internship programming in Afghanistan for our Embassy Scholars Program at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA). We would like permission to advertise for the position.
Country	Afghanistan
Agency	Department of State
DoS Office	N/A
Post	KABUL
Section	PAS
Number of Interns	1

Project Description

The Virtual Student Foreign Service intern will develop a pilot summer internship program for Afghan college students currently receiving U.S. Embassy-funded scholarships to study abroad. These internships will be completed in Afghanistan in June/July 2017. The interns will be Afghan students completing their junior year of undergraduate studies at the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The internships will be provided by organizations where English is spoken and, ideally, opportunities are available within the students' preferred fields. The purpose of the program is to improve the job prospects of Afghans returning to Afghanistan with undergraduate degrees while building networking opportunities and an internship culture in Afghanistan.

Desired Skills Interests

Skill

Creativity

Organization

Program Management

Additional Information

Specific Duties:

- Assess Afghan students' pre-internship needs and skills to identify appropriate internships. Develop post-internship satisfaction assessment tool(s).
- Using Embassy contacts and the alumni network, recruit organizations to host the summer interns. All internship opportunities must be located in Afghanistan, with penetration into key cities beyond Kabul. Contact person(s) at each organization must be fluent in English as well as at least one language commonly spoken in Afghanistan.
- Develop a database of available internships in Afghanistan.
- Develop program materials for interns and organizations offering internships, including application process and internship expectations (roles, rights, and responsibilities).
- Intern will report to a Foreign Service Officer, but most communications will be with the Grant Officer Representative (GOR) for the AUCA scholarships. The intern will also have regular contact with the Afghan Student Coordinator and Afghan students at AUCA as well as the Organization for Afghan Alumni (OAA).

Qualifications:

- Undergraduate or graduate student
- Prior internship experience preferred
- Prior program management experience desirable
- Dari or Pashto fluency desirable, but not required
- Applicants must be creative, organized, and capable of developing or running projects with limited supervision.

Language Requirements

Language Speaking Proficiency	Reading Proficiency	Importance
Pashto	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have
Persian-Dari	Minimum professional proficiency	Nice to Have