



The Paramaz Avedisian Building

AUA Launches Urgent Matching Gift Drive to Complete Avedisian Building

YEREVAN - Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, the American University of Armenia (AUA) announced its launch of a matching gift drive in order to raise \$2.5 million in the next two months to complete the construction and furnishing of its newest facility, the Paramaz Avedisian Building. Contributions must be made before June 1 to qualify for the matching gift.

"Our trustees have already contributed the lion's share of the funding—\$11 million of the \$13 million raised to date. That's a tremendous accomplishment, and we are so very close to success," stated Dr. Haroutune Armenian, President of the AUA. "We need an additional \$2.5 million. This is a great deal of money for our nascent fundraising efforts and it will take many gifts both large and small for us to meet this goal. The building is progressing very nicely—we have a wonderful structure but we must now fund the inside—the classrooms, faculty offices, lecture halls—where information can be conveyed and turned into knowledge, into scientific and social breakthroughs for the region and beyond."

This new state-of-the-art building adds 100,000 square feet to the existing facilities at AUA including classrooms, seminar rooms, laboratories and research areas. Adjacent to its main campus building located on Marshal Bagramian Street, the Paramaz Avedisian Building will enable AUA to expand its academic programs, research activities and enrollment capacity.

Since receiving U.S. accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, the University has been working to accommodate a growing student body and is successfully recruiting more students from the Caucasus region and the greater Middle East.

"AUA has been graduating top notch students for the last 15 years and is taking an instrumental role in the economic, social, and political development of the country and region," added Lucig Danielian, Vice President of AUA. "With this

matching gift drive, we are seeking community wide support from the Diaspora where every contribution counts, and however large or small, will be matched."

AUA is an affiliate of the University of California and provides graduate education in Business and Management, Industrial Engineering and Systems Management, Computer and Information Science, Political Science and International Affairs, Health Sciences, Law, English, and Environmental Science and Conservation.

Checks are payable to the American University of Armenia Corporation, Paramaz Avedisian Building Fund, and can be sent to 300 Lakeside Drive, 5th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612. For more information on naming opportunities in the Paramaz Avedisian Building, please contact the Oakland office at (510) 987-9452 or Pasadena office at (626) 768-7946.