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AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF ARMENIA



President's Message



The American University of Armenia (AUA) has entered into a partnership with the people of Armenia to provide opportunities for education and research to the youth of Armenia and the surrounding region. Because we believe that the graduates of the institutions of higher learning in Armenia possess a strong undergraduate education, we decided to start with graduate degree programs by building on that solid base. In addition to the graduate degree program in fields and disciplines of importance to the country and the region, AUA provides opportunities for research applied to social, economic and political development, and continuing education.

Students working for their Master's degrees prepare themselves to become successful citizens and to make important contributions to the development of their country and the region. In addition, continuing education programs provide opportunities for training and advancement to working persons who cannot afford to become full time students at the university.

All of us at AUA hold high the vision for new challenges, new opportunities, and new horizons in Armenia, and the world beyond.

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The Mission of AUA

The Mission of AUA is to provide university education to students from Armenia and other regions of the world in accordance with the American system and standards of higher learning. Through teaching and research, AUA aims to prepare graduates who will play a constructive role in the social and economic development of Armenia, and other regions represented by the student body. The language of instruction at AUA is English because it enables international communication and makes it possible to establish and enhance economic and political relations within the region and the world.

The exchange between faculty and students is based on intellectual openness. Students are encouraged to formulate critically and creatively their own paths of understanding and pursue diversity in knowledge. As a public service to the community, AUA also provides a program in continuing education.



President David Gardner of the University of California, and President Mihran Agbabian of AUA signing the affiliation agreement. Back row L to R: The late S. Karamardian, L. Porter, W. Frazer, A. Der Kiureghian, K. Pister, T. Condos, and J. Behrsin.

History of the University

On December 7, 1988, an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale rolled through the then Soviet Republic of Armenia, killing more than 25,000 people and leaving 500,000 homeless. The human tragedy and economic devastation shocked the world and opened the Republic to the unprecedented humanitarian and technical assistance from all over.

The idea of the establishment of a university modeled on the American system of education was realized through the efforts of Dr. Mihran Agbabian of the University of Southern California, Dr. Armen Der Kiureghian of the University of California at Berkeley, the late Dr. Stepan Karamardian of the University of California at Riverside, and Mrs. Louise Manoogian Simone, president of the Armenian General Benevolent Union. From the very beginning, the government of Armenia, and specifically the then Minister of Higher Education and Sciences, Dr. Viliik Haroutunian, gave relentless logistical support and facilities. Two major institutions in the United States, the Armenian General Benevolent Union with its financial support, the University of California with its academic and administrative support, helped launch the university. AUA is an affiliate of the University of California.

On September 23, 1991, Armenia declared independence. On the same day, AUA began instruction with 101 graduate students in three departments. Enrollment in 1995 has reached 600 graduate students in six academic departments.



"The University of California is proud to be associated with AUA in bringing the American model of higher education to the former Soviet Republics."

WILLIAM FRAZER
Past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the AUAC
and Professor of Physics, UC Berkeley

Organization and Administration

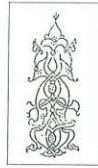
AUA is an independent, private non-profit Armenian institution. It is the joint undertaking of the Ministry of Higher Education and Sciences of the Republic of Armenia and the American University of Armenia Corporation (AUAC), a California Public Benefit Corporation organized exclusively for educational and charitable purposes under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(3).

AUA's Board of Directors consists of nine members. Four are appointed by the Ministry of Higher Education and Sciences and four are appointed by the Board of Trustees of AUAC. The ninth member is the President of AUA who is also the Chief Executive Officer. The Chairman of the Board of Trustees of AUAC is also the Chairman of the AUA Board of Directors.

University policies such as academic admissions, courses and curricula, development and finance are formulated with the assistance of the Deans and Program Directors, as well as with the input of various Board committees.

A Director of Administration, resident in Yerevan, oversees the daily activities of the university. Administrative staff, including the registrar, the administrator of the University Extension, and the head librarian, as well as administrative assistants, secretaries, technicians and other personnel constitute the staff of the university in Yerevan.

In Oakland where the headquarters of AUA Corporation are co-located with the University of California administrative offices, all executive functions are coordinated in the office of the president. A special assistant to the president, the office manager, a secretary, and part-time specialists in accounting and computer applications constitute the US staff.



"The American University of Armenia is an important event in our cultural and scientific life. What do we expect from this university? No matter how talented we may be we need a new way of thinking in our institutions, and this university in Armenia will give us the means to acquire this new way of thinking."

LEVON TER PETROSSIAN
President of the Republic of Armenia



Computer Applications instructor Dr. Igor Mkrtumyan and his class in the Computer Lab.

The Faculty

The faculty of AUA is composed largely of professors from major US institutions. A number of Armenian students are now enrolled in doctoral programs in the US in preparation for permanent faculty positions at AUA. Initially, visiting professors have served AUA by taking leaves of absence or sabbaticals from their universities. A core faculty serving AUA on a more extended basis is beginning to take its place in the academic program of the university. Deans of the various academic programs are responsible for recruitment of faculty.

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Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանը մեր հանրապետությունում գործող ուսումնական և գիտական լուրջ հաստատություններից է, որը մեր հայրենիքի համար ամենաճանր օրերին անգամ չի դադարեցրել իր գործունեությունը:

Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանի հիմնումը կարևոր իրադարձություն է մեր հանրապետության կյանքում:

Նրա ստեղծման ու կազմակերպման համար մեծ ջանքեր ներդրեց նշանավոր գիտնական, համալսարանի նախագահ, պրոֆեսոր Միհրան Աղբաբյանը:

Համալսարանը ոտքի կանգնեց և ամրացավ շնորհիվ Հայկական Բարեգործական Ընդհանուր Միության և նրա նախագահի՝ տիկին Լուիզ Մանուկյան-Սիմոնի քարոչական և նյութական հսկայական աջակցության:

Այսօր արդեն Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանը իր պատվավոր տեղն ունի Երևանի այլ բարձրագույն ուսումնական հաստատությունների շարքում:

Միրելի հայրենակիցներ, կարծում եմ դուք եւս աջակից կլինեք և կօժանդակեք Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանի ղեկավարությանը և դասախոսներին այս շնորհակալ գործը այսուհետև եւս հաջողությամբ շարունակելու համար:

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Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Նախագահ

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ՀԱՄԱԿԱՐԱՆԸ

Հայաստանի Հանրապետությունում հիմնադրված Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանը (ՀԱՀ) հովանավորվող բարձրագույն կրթության օջախ է, որտեղ կարող են սովորել ուսանողներ ամբողջ աշխարհից: Ուսուցման լեզուն անգլերենն է: Համալսարանի աշխատանքները կղեկավարի հովանավորողների կողմից նշանակված Տնօրենների Խորհուրդը: Կալիֆոռնիայի Համալսարանի նպատակն է իր ներկայացուցչությամբ ՀԱՀ-ում տնօրինել վարչական և ուսումնական ղեկավարումը, ՀԲԸՄ-ն և ԲԿԳ-ի Նախարարությունը՝ անհրաժեշտ դրամաձեռքները: Համալսարանի Խորհուրդը բաղկացած է ուսումնական, հետազոտական և պետական հաստատությունների ներկայացուցիչներից և հանդիսանում է Համալսարանի խորհրդատու ուսումնական հարցերում հաշիվ առնելով հանրապետության կարիքները: Սա Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանի Ընկերակցության (ՀԱՀԸ), որի հետ կապված է Կալիֆոռնիայի Համալսարանը, Հայկական Բարեգործական Ընդհանուր Միության (ՀԲԸՄ) և Հայաստանի Հանրապետության Բարձրագույն Կրթության և Գիտության Նախարարության համատեղ նախաձեռնությունն է: ՀԱՀ-ը հավասար հնարավորություններ է ընձեռնում բոլորին և խորակառություն չի դնում տարբեր ազգությունների, դավանանքների և սեռերի միջև:

ԱՌԱՔԵԼՈՒԹՅՈՒՆԸ

ՀԱՀ-ի առաքելությունն է տալ բարձրագույն կրթություն Հայաստանի Հանրապետության և այլ երկրների ուսանողներին, ամերիկյան կրթական համակարգով և մակարդակով: ՀԱՀ-ը իր շրջանավարտներին կտա այնպիսի գիտելիքներ և հմտություններ, որոնք կխթանեն Հայաստանի հասարակական և տնտեսական զարգացումը:

ՈՒՍՈՒՄՆԱԿԱՆ ԵՐԱԳԻՐԸ

Համալսարանը կպարունակի ճարտարագիտական և գործարար ղեկավարման քոլեջներ, ճարտարագիտության մագիստրոսի աստիճանը կշնորհվի երկրաչափի ճարտարագիտության և արդյունաբերական ճարտարագիտության բնագավառներում: Գործարար ղեկավարման մագիստրոսի աստիճանը կշնորհվի արդյունաբերական-ղեկավարման և ֆինանսների բնագավառներում: Համալսարանը նաև կպարունակի բաղաբաղական գիտության և հասարակական առուցալսողության ամպլիոններ:

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ՊԱՀԱՆՋՆԵՐԸ ԳԻՄՈՐԳՆԵՐԻ ՆԿԱՏԱՄԲԸ

Դիմորդները պետք է ունենան որոշակի բնագավառի բարձրագույն կրթություն, օրինակ՝ գործարար ղեկավարման աստիճանի համար մաթեմատիկայի, տնտեսագիտության կամ որևէ ճարտարագիտական մասնագիտության, սեյսմաբանության շինարարության ճարտարագիտության աստիճանի համար՝ որևէ ճարտարագիտական մասնագիտության, մաթեմատիկայի կամ մեխանիկայի: Դիմորդները պետք է լավ տիրապետեն անգլերեն լեզվին: Ուսանողները կընդունվեն իրենց նախնական համալսարանական գնահատականների և անգլերեն լեզվի քննական արդյունքների հիման վրա: Վերջնական ընդունելությունը տվյալ քոլեջ կկատարվի հիմնական պահանջվող գիտելիքների քննական արդյունքների հիման վրա:

ՖԻՆԱՆՍԱԿԱՆ ԱԶԱԿՑՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ

Ելնելով ուսման առաջադիմությունից և ֆինանսական կարիքներից՝ ուսանողները կարող են ստանալ երեք ձևի ֆինանսական աջակցություն: Անվճարական կրթություն, որ կշնորհվի ակնառու հաջողությունների հասած ուսանողներին: Աշխատանքային կրթություն, որ կշնորհվի շաբաթվա մեջ 12 ժամ աշխատող արժանավոր ուսանողներին: Նրանք նույնպես կազատվեն ուսման վարձից: Ուսման կրթություն կշնորհվի նաև լավ տվորող ուսանողներին: Նրանք նաև կազատվեն ուսման վարձից՝ լրիվ կամ մասամբ:

ԼՐԱՑՈՒՑԻՉ ՏԵՂԵԿՈՒԹՅՈՒՆՆԵՐ

Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանի, ընդունելության և այլ հարցերով տեղեկություններ ստանալու համար կարելի է դիմել Հայաստանում գործերի կառավարչության տնօրենին, Միացյալ Նահանգներում՝ Համալսարանի ընդհանուր գրասենյակ:

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Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանի ստեղծումը նշանակալից իրադարձություն հանդիսացավ Հայաստանի Հանրապետության կրթության և գիտության համակարգի համար: Այսօր մենք շնորհակալությամբ ենք նշում այն մեծ ավանդը, որը ներդրել են Կալիֆորնիայի Համալսարանը, Հայկական Բարեգործական Ընդհանուր Միությունը ՀԱՀ-ի ստեղծման, ամրապնդման և բարգավաճման գործում և հաշտնում մեր երախտագիտությունը տիկին Լուիզ Մանուկյան-Սիմոնին, պրոֆեսորներ Ջոն Ֆրեյզերին, Միհրան Աղբաբյանին, Արմեն Տեր-Կյուրեղյանին, Ստեփան Կարամարդյանին, հասարակական գործիչ Վարդգես Բարսամին և բոլոր այն պրոֆեսորներին և հովանավորներին, որոնց անձնական ջանքերի շնորհիվ գործում է համալսարանը:

Մեծ է Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանի դերը Հայաստանի Հանրապետության և Ամերիկայի Միացյալ Նահանգների միջև գիտական, կրթական և մշակութային համագործակցությունը ամրապնդելու և զարգացնելու հարցում:

Հայաստանի Հանրապետության բարձրագույն կրթության և գիտության նախարարության և անձամբ իմ անունից Հայաստանի Ամերիկյան Համալսարանին ցանկանում եմ լուրջ հաջողություններ կրթության, գիտության բնագավառներում, իսկ համալսարանի աշխատակազմին և ուսանողներին նոր հաջողություններ և ամենայն բարիք:

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LOUISE MANOOGIAN SIMONE
President, Armenian General Benevolent Union



Commencement 1993. Minister Dr. Vartkes Gnooni, Ms. Louise Manoogian Simone, and Dr. Mihran Agbabian. In the background distinguished Professor Bruce Bolt of UC Berkeley.



"The establishment of the American University of Armenia is a significant milestone for the Republic's educational and scientific system. We are deeply grateful for all the support and efforts contributed by the benefactors, the management of the University, its faculty, staff and all the volunteers whose valuable work makes its operations possible."

DR. VARTKES GNOONI
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"I can think of no better contribution to the future of Armenia than the institution which you and the entire Diaspora community are developing. A major first class university will bring light and knowledge to a country that has suffered under hundreds of years of oppression and denial. Please be assured of my personal support as well as a promise to continue to seek the solid support of the United States Government in attaining your goals."

BOB DOLE
U.S. Senator



Ambassador Harry Gilmore conferring with professors Michael Conrad and Robert Tembeckjian.



"When you walk in the doors of the American University of Armenia, you feel a sense of energy, of purpose. When you talk to the students, you learn they are not there just for themselves, they are there because they want to make Armenia a better place to live for future generations. To put it simply, AUA is a model of how the Armenian government, the American government, and the Armenian American community are all working together, preparing for the future, and looking together for solutions for Armenia's problems."

HARRY GILMORE
U.S. Ambassador to Armenia



College of Business and Management

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The College of Business and Management offers a two year full-time graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA). The MBA is a general degree to prepare future business entrepreneurs, managers of private enterprises, and government executives. With a strong international orientation, the MBA program is designed to help the future managers interact freely and effectively with the global competitive environment. The curriculum also takes into consideration the unique economic, social, and cultural needs and conditions of the region.

CENTER FOR BUSINESS RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT (CBRD)

CBRD was established in 1992 to help the economic development of Armenia in its transition to a market economy. It carries out organized research and development projects through teams of faculty, local experts, and graduate assistants. Representative projects are a regional economic and business forecasting system; studies in industrial development, privatization, and financial services; serving as a resource for local and foreign firms; and publication of scholarly reports.



The late Stepan Karamardian, Ph.D., the first Dean of the College of Business and Management and the Director of the Center for Business Research and Development.



Armen Der Kiureghian, Ph.D., is the Dean of the College of Engineering and the Director of the Engineering Research Center at AUA.



College of Engineering

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The College of Engineering offers the Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) degree program in **Earthquake Engineering and Industrial Engineering**. The tragic earthquake of 1988, which provided the impetus of establishing the university, demonstrated the need for an advanced level of learning in earthquake engineering. The **Earthquake Engineering** department, which is modeled after a similar program at the University of California at Berkeley, provides the essential knowledge from the fields of engineering seismology, structural and geotechnical engineering, and modern computer methods.

The **Industrial Engineering** department is designed to prepare graduates with a broad-based knowledge in industrial and operations management, design of human/machine systems; economics and decision sciences; reliability and quality assurance, and manufacturing.

ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER (ERC)

Established in June, 1992, ERC is administered by the College of Engineering. The Center's purpose is to conduct basic and applied research for the industrial and economic development of Armenia and the region. It brings together AUA faculty, local scientists and engineers, and graduate students to collaborate on projects that are generated internally or funded by external sponsors. Projects have ranged widely from analysis of earthquake response of high-rise structures to theoretical studies in mechanics, from studies in building code formulations to alternative energy sources. The Center has close ties with major institutions and laboratories in Armenia.



College of Letters and Sciences

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The College of Letters and Sciences was started in 1993 with the establishment of the **Karakashian Department of Political Science**. It offers a two year graduate program leading to the degree of Master of Arts in Political Science. The program is career oriented and gives the students the broader skills and analytical perspectives to function effectively in government service as future diplomats, administrators, policy analysts and researchers. The academic curriculum is designed to prepare students in two inter-related fields. Those enrolled in the Public Policy program are expected to enter public service as administrators upon graduation. Successful graduates of the second program, International Relations, are to enter careers in diplomatic service.

The program in **Environmental Sciences** provides support to the educational program of the university by offering courses in Environmental Awareness. Examples of the Environmental Awareness courses are the course in Environmental Risk Management offered to the Industrial Engineering students and the course on Living in the Environment offered to all the first year entering students in all the departments.

The program in **Economics** provides support to the educational program of the university by offering courses in Micro and Macroeconomics.

A **Certificate Program in Teaching English as a Foreign Language** is designed for prospective or practicing teachers of TEFL who will have responsibility for teaching, curriculum design, developing of instructional materials, and, in some cases, train teachers. The Certificate Program addresses the teaching of English at all levels of instruction in Armenian schools, universities and language institutes.

RESEARCH CENTERS

Center for Policy Analysis (CPA)

This Center, established in 1995, is administered by the department of Political Science. It emphasizes problems in local and regional administration, international law, media and communication, policy formulation, and social safety. Students work with faculty and local experts in defining the issues and in finding optimum directions for implementation. The purpose is to help strengthen the intellectual foundations of the democratic political culture.

Environmental Research and Management Center (ERMC)

This Center was established in 1992. It acts as a coordinator of research by bringing together scientists in various institutes and research centers of the Republic of Armenia with faculty and graduate students of AUA. Ongoing research projects address issues in air and water pollution, endangered species, solid waste, health and the environment.

Center for Economic Policy Research and Analysis (CEPRA)

This Center was established in the spring of 1994 as a joint program of AUA, the Ministry of Economy of Armenia and US Agency for International Development. The Center seeks to foster a close working relationship between Armenian and US specialists in such fields as economics, finance, money and banking, fiscal management and the private sector.



College of Health Sciences

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Beginning with the Spring quarter of 1995, a **Certificate Program in Public Health** is offered to health professionals providing them with background preparation for roles in the public health sector. Emphasis is on personal skills in basic public health sciences, including planning, evaluation, management, communication, epidemiology and leadership. The curriculum employs a modular framework. Three modules concentrate on core public health disciplines and on building quantitative and analytic skills.

CENTER FOR PUBLIC HEALTH STUDIES

In accordance with the policy of establishing research centers in conjunction with academic programs a **Center for Public Health Service** is under organization. This Center will address topics in demography, biostatistics, epidemiology, environmental health, and health service management.



Students working on a team project.

Intensive English Program

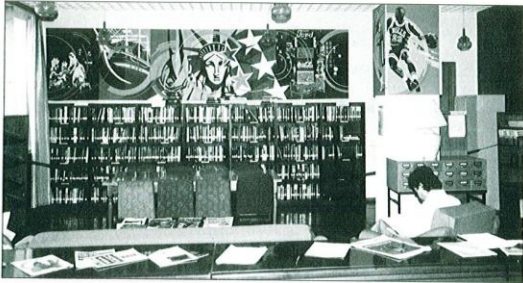
Since English is the medium of instruction at AUA, the University offers the **Intensive English Program (IEP)** to provide applicants with a six month (500 hour) English language course designed to raise their proficiency to the level required to carry out academic work in English. The courses are specially designed to prepare students in expository writing, oral communication skills, group discussions, and reading skills.



Instructor Mhaer Alahydoian with his English language class.

University Extension

The AUA's **Extension Program** serves as the University's interface with the community, including certain targeted sectors in government, academia, and the emerging private sector. The courses, seminars and symposia are not part of the university's degree program and are offered on a non-credit basis. The Extension courses are taught by experts from the academic and professional communities.



University Library

Since the establishment in 1991, AUA began building the Papazian Library, named after the donor of the library endowment. To date, this library has approximately 10,000 English language titles. The university aims to have a state of the art modern library, organized according to American standards to include automated systems, CD-ROM stations and an on-line access catalogue. The Papazian Library houses the Antranig Antreassian collection which comprises more than 3,000 volumes in Armenian and English, a gift of Mr. Antreassian of Los Angeles.



"I am pleased that the University of California welcomed the opportunity to assist in a project that will benefit the people of Armenia. International partnership efforts like yours strengthen ties of education, knowledge, and friendship. The American University of Armenia holds great promise. We will not rest until every Californian knows about the University and the important mission it has undertaken in Armenia."

PETE WILSON
Governor, State of California



Graduates during 1993 Commencement.



"AUA is one of USAID's most important development projects in Armenia. The University exemplifies the best traditions of American education as well as successful cooperation between American institutions, the American-Armenian community, and the government of Armenia. I will continue to support AUA to the greatest extent possible."

SUZANNE G. OLDS
Former Head of Mission USAID/Caucasus



"I wish the blessings of the Holy See of Echmiadzin to this institution and its leaders. I specially wish to commend the great Armenian General Benevolent Union and its dedicated president, Mrs. Louise Manoogian Simone. Praise be to God that the Statue of Liberty of America is now shining in Armenia. The evidence is this institution of higher learning, the American University of Armenia."

HIS HOLINESS THE LATE VAZKEN I
Catholikos of All Armenians



Graduating Class, 1994.



The future of this newly sovereign country lies in the ability and vision of the nation's leaders to prepare the children of Armenia for the future. Armenia's centuries old dream of a free and independent land is now a reality. And AUA will help ensure a free and prosperous Armenia. I am proud to associate myself with the AUA and I am happy to pledge my continued support, not only to the University as an institution, not only to the current students of AUA, but to future generations of students throughout Armenia."

PAUL SIMON
U.S. Senator

Students

Students admitted to the university have to satisfy general admission requirements for post graduate work leading to a Master's degree. They must (a) hold a degree from a 4 or 5 year program from a recognized institution of higher education, (b) have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 (letter grade B) or higher, (c) satisfy the English language proficiency requirement, and (d) take the standardized graduate examination applicable to the particular program which they will follow. After graduating from an Intensive English Program at AUA and satisfying the above requirements, applicants enter the degree program as full-time students.

AUA Alumni

The first Commencement of AUA was held in October, 1993. The graduates have since formed an Alumni Association. They stay in touch with the university which in turn keeps up its interest in the careers of its graduates. The following is a statistics of the careers of the graduates of the first two years:

	Graduates 1993	Graduates 1994
Private Companies	2	4
Government	4	2
Own private business	—	1
Work at AUA	6	3
International Organizations in Armenia	15	35
Araratian Diocese	—	1
Moscow	6	4
Tbilisi	2	1
Graduate studies in USA	14	5
Looking for employment	3	9
No information	—	2
TOTAL	52	67

It is noted that students continuing their studies in the USA are either working toward a Doctoral degree through AUA sponsorship or they have received US exchange scholarships for shorter periods of study. They are preparing themselves to become future faculty members and professionals to serve AUA and other institutions in Armenia.

**Friends of the
American University of Armenia**

Friends of AUA have the opportunity to participate in a variety of ways for promotion of the education and research program as well as the community service activities of the university. Private gifts may be made to the AGBU or to the AUA Corporation. These gifts may be unrestricted for the operation of the university or designated for special programs. An Endowment Fund has also been established to provide financial security to the university. Gifts are acknowledged by designating chairs, scholarships, facilities, such as the library or conference rooms, in the names of donors or persons in whose memory or honor the donations are made. AUA thanks many donors who have begun endowments or made generous donations for the operation of the university.

THE NEEDS

- Annual Sponsorship of a University Professor
- Sponsorship of a Visiting Professor
- Sponsorship of two to ten week Extension Courses or Seminars
- Scholarships for the expenses of educating a student or students
- Grants for research and development projects at AUA Centers
- Donations for buildings, sections of buildings, facilities, books, equipment
- Endowments for designated purposes for academic departments, chairs, scholarships, lectureships, laboratories.

FUNDING

The University budget is approved by the Board of Trustees of the AUA Corporation on an annual basis. Local expenditures in Yerevan are partially supported by a subvention from the Ministry of Higher Education and Sciences. The operational budget, including the salaries of American staff and faculty, are provided mainly by the Armenian General Benevolent Union, a sponsor of AUA, through donations from the Armenian community of the diaspora. Capital improvement funds have been provided by the US Agency for International Development office of American Schools and Hospitals Abroad. Grants have also been made by the Lincy Foundation and the Eurasia Foundation for special programs of the university. The university's Master Plan for academic programs is implemented on the basis of availability of funds.

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"Education is a companion which no misfortune can decrease, no crime destroy, no enemy alienate. It chastens vice, guides virtue, and gives grace and government to genius. Education may cost financial sacrifice and mental pain, but in both life and money values, it will repay every cost one hundred fold"

