



IREX is an international nonprofit organization providing leadership and innovative programs to improve the quality of education, strengthen independent media, and foster pluralistic civil society development.

Founded in 1968, IREX has an annual portfolio of \$70 million and a staff of over 400 professionals worldwide. IREX and its partner IREX Europe deliver cross-cutting programs and consulting expertise in more than 100 countries.

IREX/Georgia currently administers the following programs in the field of Education:

**1) Global Undergraduate Exchange Program in Eurasia and Central Asia (Global UGRAD)**

The Global UGRAD Program is a program of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States Department of State, and administered by IREX. Formerly known as the Eurasian Undergraduate Exchange Program, the Global UGRAD Program provides opportunities for outstanding students to study at U.S. universities and colleges for one academic year at the undergraduate level. Over the past twelve years, more than 2,000 students from Eurasia and Central Asia have taken part in this program.

The program is open to students from all fields of study. Participants are chosen through a rigorous selection process which consists of the following stages: application forms, interviews and TOEFL testing. All fellows attend classes full-time for one year and are required to perform community service activities and secure professional internships at U.S. organizations. The program is fully funded and provides a variety of alumni networking and training opportunities for fellows upon their return to Georgia.

**2) University Administration Support Program (UASP)**

IREX designed and launched the UASP in 2001 as a means to support select universities in Eurasia who were implementing administrative and management reforms. With financial support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York the program has been implemented in Georgia since 2008, competitively awarding short-term fellowships for mid and senior-level university administrators to spend approximately eight weeks with counterparts at respected US public universities to work on specific university administration reform projects. The program is fully funded and provides institutional grant opportunities for the program alumni to implement specific management reform projects in their home universities.

Management reform topics include: Admissions Management; Academic Department Management; Human Resources Management; Campus Life/Student Services; University Governance/Trustees; Alumni Relations; Community Relations; Fundraising/Development; Research Management; Strategic Planning; University Financing; Corporate Relations; Government Relations; International Relations; Technology Transfer.

The list of universities participating in the program from Georgia: Akaki Tsereteli State University (Kutaisi), Gori State Teaching University (Gori), Iakob Gogebashvili State University (Telavi), Ilia State University (Tbilisi), Sokhumi State University (Tbilisi) and Tbilisi State University (Tbilisi).