

DEVELOPMENT OFFICE NEWSLETTER

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To celebrate the upcoming International Women's Day together in this issue we share the news and opportunities devoted to empowerment of women, gender inequality issues and special events worldwide along with the Development Office updates on Alumni Fundraising Drive and other activities. We have so many amazing women among faculty, staff, students and alumni who work and study hard to contribute to the development of the university and society. We are lucky and proud to have such inspiring individuals among us.

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Alumni Fundraising Drive Update

Since the launch of the Alumni Fundraising Drive we have received generous donations from our alumni around the world. The amount is \$16,000 today, and now we are closer to reaching the set up goal of \$21,000. It is an important milestone which demonstrates that we were not mistaken when we doubled the \$10,000 that was fundraised during the last alumni fundraising campaign. Please help us spread the word among alumni, who might not be in our reachout. We ask for your support in this noble cause, as the fundraised amount will be directed to cover scholarships for outstanding students at AUCA. It will allow them to walk in your footsteps and

become closer to reaching their goals.

Do you see your name on the [Leaderboard](#)? if not, make your gift! Join your fellow alums and be recognized.

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We now accept Donations via Patreon

Now you can make a subscription to support the Alumni Fundraising Campaign starting \$5 a month. Your support is invaluable, and means a lot for the students who will receive scholarships with the fundraised amount. Subscription will be deducted each month automatically. You can cancel it at any time. We believe that the Patreon page will help our alumni who live abroad to make a contribution without paying too high commissions for money transfers. If you want to make a tax deductible donation (U.S. citizens) please contact us for more details (alumni@auca.kg).

On the first day of our launch we already have our first Patrons. We would like to heartily thank Tima Moldogaziev, IR 2000, Avazbek Kamalov IBL 2017, and Marat Yusupov IBL 2003 for their support in our fundraising efforts!



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FATIMA KHALIL HUMAN RIGHTS SCHOLARSHIP DRIVE

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TO COMMEMORATE HER RICH
BUT ALL TOO BRIEF LIFE



Fatima Khalil

American University of Central Asia is honored to announce the start of the fundraising drive for a new scholarship fund in memory of Fatima Khalil to commemorate her rich but fairly brief life.

Fatima graduated in 2019 with a double major in Human rights (LAS HR) and Anthropology. She was a very enthusiastic student and a fierce advocate for human and women's rights. Fatima used to say: "We need respect, we need freedom that belongs to us!"

Upon graduation, she returned to Afghanistan, her homeland, where she worked with the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission. She was tragically killed in a car bomb blast in Kabul on June 27, 2020 on her way to work.

At AUCA we will continue our mission to support the liberal arts education of young people that we believe will build the future with the values that Fatima Khalil so cherished. In her memory and honor, we are seeking to raise an endowed scholarship fund that will support one extraordinarily motivated student majoring in human rights and committed to furthering women's rights who is also very actively engaged in his/her community to advance these causes.

We ask that you join us by contributing to the Fatima Khalil Human Rights Scholarship Fund. For more information, please contact AUCA Alumni Relations Office (alumni@auca.kg).

We are delighted to announce that the Open Society Foundation will match dollar for dollar up to \$100,000 raised by AUCA for the Fatima Khalil Scholarship.

Please help us by spreading the word, contributing, finding donors and remembering Fatima's short but inspiring life

#rememberFatima #KhalilScholarship

Donate to Khalil Scholarship

International Women's Day 2021: History, marches and celebrations

You might have seen International Women's Day mentioned in the media or heard friends talking about it.

But what is it for? When is it? Is it a celebration or a protest? Is there an equivalent International Men's Day? And what virtual events will take place this year?

For more than a century people around the world have been marking 8 March as a special day for women.

Read on to find out why.



World Economic Forum Report on Global Gender Gap

The World Economic Forum shares research and key findings about the gender gap worldwide.

"This year's report highlights the growing urgency for action. Without the equal inclusion of half of the world's talent, we will not be able to deliver on the promise of the Fourth Industrial Revolution for all of society, grow our economies for greater shared prosperity or achieve the UN Sustainable

Development Goals. At the present rate of change, it will take nearly a century to achieve parity, a timeline we simply cannot accept in today's globalized world, especially among younger generations who hold increasingly progressive views of gender equality." – says Klaus Schwab Founder and Executive Chairman, World Economic Forum

One of the key finding of the WEF 2020 report on Global Gender Gap states that: "At the current pace, gender gaps can potentially be closed in 54 years in Western Europe, 59 years in Latin America and the Caribbean (thanks to accelerated speed registered across some countries in the region this year), 71 and a half years in South Asia, 95 years in SubSaharan Africa, 107 years in Eastern Europe and Central Asia, 140 years in the Middle East and North Africa, 151 years in North America (reflecting lack of progress in the region this year), and 163 years in East Asia and the Pacific." Authors of the report say that some countries show positive results that affect the overall numbers, but progress around the world remains slow and uneven. They call policy makers and other stakeholders to keep adopting policies and practices to accelerate this process going forward.

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AUCA start cooperation with the East China University of Political Science and Law

ECUPL has become our new partner. Last week the Memorandum of Agreement was signed by the parties. We are excited to explore the ways of cooperation between our institutions.

Together with the Academic Affairs Office we are developing our relations with ECUPL. The IBL program will take the central role in upcoming projects. The main directions of the cooperation are: exploring opportunities for faculty/student/academic resources exchange, participation in Moot Shanghai competition, conducting collaborative research and other academic projects, etc. The priority activity for us would be organizing a summer school in AUCA with focus on Kyrgyz and Chinese business law. At the moment we are in the process of discussion of the cooperation action plan.



Alumni working in AUCA get together

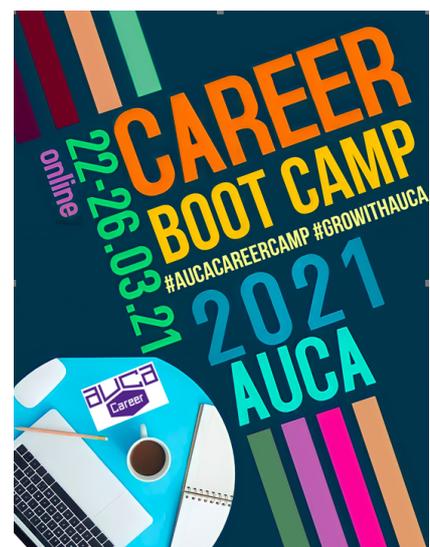


On February 26th we gathered the Alumni who work in AUCA. 16 people have participated and shared a special atmosphere with us. Current activities and future opportunities have been discussed and alumni enjoyed each other's company. We look for many more future gatherings with our graduates. If you have ideas on how we should do that, let us know! We greatly appreciate your engagement and contribution to alumni activities.

Career Boot Camp

AUCA Career Development Center was planning to conduct the Career Fair Week at the end of March 2021, but unfortunately, we have to postpone it until we are allowed to gather more people on campus.

However, we still have fantastic news for you. We are planning to conduct an online AUCA Career Boot Camp. If you would like to learn more about 1) how to get on Facebook and Netflix from our alumni working there 2) which skills are necessary to develop today to be demanded tomorrow 3) which professions are the most valued today and in the coming future 4) why the future is behind data analysis, join the online AUCA Career Boot Camp. We will also have a contest and a prize!



Dear students, save this date - March 22-26, 2021 for the AUCA Career Boot Camp. We will be holding it during the lunch breaks. Don't lose this opportunity to learn more to be demanded now and tomorrow.

Career Boot Camp Events



If you are still trying to find yourself, want to reveal your additional skills or potential, then this session on March 22, 2021 at 12:00 with Alina Makenova is for you. You will learn how to reflect your skills and potential in your resume as efficiently as possible.

Alina Makenova is the founder/director of Make Nova. Make Nova aims to become a reliable partner and help everyone find the perfect synergy. To find people, discover their talents and be a bridge between them and companies. This is what Make Nova was created for. The event will be held in *Russian*.

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AUCA enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with Coca Cola

A memorandum of understanding was signed between AUCA (Dr. Andrew C. Kuchins, President) and Coca-Cola Bishkek Bottlers CJSC (Mr. Mutlu Ocak, General Manager) on February 17, 2021. As part of the MoU AUCA students will have the opportunity to be accepted for an internship at Coca-Cola



Our Alum Edil Ajibaev will teach you the Art of Pitching

The market is full of ideas, proposals and university graduates. Only a person with the bestselling skills is able to promote himself/herself and his/her idea to become successful. However, many people lack these skills today. If you want to learn how to sell your skills, ideas and time better, then find out what is the art of pitching with Edil Ajibaev in his session on March 23, 2021 at 12:00.

Edil Ajibaev is the CEO and Founder of the UK-based company picVpic.com. picVpic is a search engine technology company which operates 48 domains and mobile applications.

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Kyrgyzstan in obedience to their internal selection procedures and policies.

During the meeting Mr. Mutlu Ocak offered to take a couple of students under the mentorship of the company, conduct guest lectures by their specialists and also announced that company representatives are ready to join the development of some AUCA business courses. Dr. Bermet Tursunkulova and Ms. Nurzat Aidaraliev, @cocacola_kyrgyzstan HR Manager, discussed the possibility of cooperation in various areas, which could benefit the AUCA community and Coca-Cola Kyrgyzstan.

The establishment of this partnership and opportunities became possible due to the efforts of the AUCA Career Development Center.

OSUN: Using Visual Storytelling for Civic Engagement and Social Justice

Over three weeks, Stepan and fellow filmmaker Sean Steinberg trained students in Annandale, Berlin, Palestine, and Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan), to use inexpensive tools, such as smartphones, to create “digital case studies” of the research and civic engagement projects they undertook for OSUN network courses such as “Human Rights Advocacy” and “Global Citizenship.”

Living with a Disability in Bishkek, created by students Ulukbek Batyrgaliev and Shigofa Jamal at American University of Central Asia and co-winner of the video festival’s social impact award, tells the compelling stories of people facing accessibility challenges in Kyrgyzstan’s capital city.

[Read more >](#)



Watch "Living with a Disability in Bishkek"

EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS



SheEO Virtual Summit

On March 8-9, 2021, SheEO hosts a Virtual Summit, a gathering for women working on The World's To-Do List. Hear from cutting-edge thinkers, innovators, and women working on the World's To-Do List on what's next for the economy, education, food security, housing, and more. Participate in main stage content and breakout workshops on Indigenous wisdom, social justice, and the latest in behavioral neuroscience.

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TECH(K)NOW Day

The conference will showcase women in tech (cis, trans, non-binary) and their craft, through a variety of talks (example - coding, testing, web, mobile, games, enterprise systems, frontend, backend, devops, cloud, IoT, accessibility, cybersecurity, infosec, AI, machine learning, deep learning, data science, robotics, AR, VR, MR, blockchain, innovation, opensource, UX/UI/Design, product management, project management, etc) as well as career, personal development, startups, business, strategy, and inspirational talks.

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#ChooseToChallenge

Indeed is a proud supporter of International Women's Day 2021. Taking place on March 8th, this year's campaign theme is #ChooseToChallenge

A challenging world is an alert world and from challenge comes change. So let's all choose to challenge ourselves. We must ask ourselves how we will help forge a gender-equal world? By celebrating women's achievement. Raising awareness against bias. Taking action for equality. The panel will cover topics such as The impact of covid and women in the workplace, breaking the glass ceiling, economic gender gap

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UNDP organizes a Hackathon for community development

UNDP in Kyrgyzstan is organizing a Develop Your Community -

#РазвивайСвоеСообщество hackathon for cumulation of ideas and technological solutions targeted at community development. If you have ideas on how technology can help unite people for joint planning, resource deployment and project implementation, directed at community development you should participate in the hackathon.

Visit UNDP online seminars on "Increasing Civic Engagement in Community Development" that will take place on March 10 and 11th, 2021 to learn about the ways to generate and implement ideas.

The successful projects will receive funding. You can apply as a team or individually.

Hackathon dates: March 13-14, 2021

Deadline for registration for hackathon: March 11, 2021

Prize fund: 250,000 KGS



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Online Startup Weekend Kyrgyzstan 2021

Techstars Startup Weekend is a global initiative aimed at development of entrepreneurial potential. Startup Weekend is a non-stop marathon where the participants will be able to develop business-plan and create a basic prototype of their business idea. They will meet mentors, investors, business founders and sponsors, who can help with further implementation of projects.

Event date: March 12-14, 2021

Deadline: March 12, 2021

Funding: 18 000 USD

OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Internship at B12

B12 is looking for seniors who would do a summer internship that might lead to a full time hire. Internship is paid: \$500/month. B12 is a safe place for human beings. B12 particularly encourages you to apply if you identify as a woman, are a person of color or other underrepresented minority, or are a member of the LGBTQIA community.

B12's engineering team views software as a craft, but improving the world as the reason to practice it. Their engineers are responsible for prioritizing, conceptualizing, co-designing, building, testing, and engaging users for any concept they are building out. They're generalists in encouraging each other to experience the full stack, but they're also aware of each other's preferences in the stack. They mentor and teach where they can, both inside and outside of the company.



Learn and grow with B12 engineering team with a paid full-time full-stack internship. B12 aspires to close the gender and representation gap in technology and inspire women and other underrepresented minorities to excel in technology careers. They offer a collaborative environment and opportunities for mentorship and professional development.

Deadline: May 1, 2021

New Internship opportunities with Active Media LLC

A memorandum of understanding was signed between AUCA (Dr. Bermet Tursunkulova, Director of Development) and Active Media LLC (Elzar Satybaldiev, General Manager) on February

10, 2021. As part of the MoU, AUCA students have the opportunity to undergo an internship at Active Media. The Active Media belongs to TSUM and is a responsible structure that carries out its marketing activities. TSUM is the oldest and one of the biggest shopping centers in Kyrgyzstan. It has been functioning since 1974. The internship will allow students to learn how to develop efficient marketing strategies to run a business and attract customers for over 47 years.



The establishment of this partnership became possible due to the efforts of the AUCA Career Development Center.

Don't miss this opportunity for an internship! If you are interested, please send your CV and Cover Letter to the Active Media LLC: pr@tsum.kg

[Wonder Women Mentorship](#)

WWM is a well-thought-out and accessible platform, where women-leaders of Central Asia from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan are willing to share their expertise with those who strive for development and personal growth. A Call for Participation in 3-month tuition free mentorship program is open for women worldwide aged 18 to 45.

Deadline: March 7, 2021

[Attend Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition event in Italy!](#)

You can now apply for a fully-funded ticket to attend the Youth4Climate: Driving Ambition event in Milan, Italy! Convened by the Government of Italy and building on the success of the 2019 UN Youth Climate Summit, the event will take place from 28 to 30 September and provide young delegates an unprecedented opportunity to put forward ideas and concrete proposals on some of the most pressing issues on the climate agenda. The first two days will be dedicated to working groups, while the last day will feature a discussion between young delegates and the Ministers attending pre-COP 26.

Please direct any questions to youthenvoy@un.org.

Deadline: March 31, 2021

[UNDP: Call for Proposals under the project "Stakeholder Engagement for Uranium Legacy Remediation in Central Asia. Phase II"](#)

Call for Proposals for Low-Value Grant Projects is launched under the project "Stakeholder Engagement for Uranium Legacy Remediation in Central Asia. Phase II" (hereinafter referred as the Project), funded by the European Union.

The Strategic Master Plan for reclamation of uranium legacy sites prioritized the sites Mailuu-Suu, Min-Kush, Kadji-Sai, Orlovka, Ak-Tuz, Sumsar and Shekaftar as a pilot which are negatively affected due to their location near radioactive tailings.

Applicants should send the set of documents via e-mail grants@env.undp.kg with a subject line "UT-Project-2020 "Grants Proposals" by

Deadline: 18:00 PM March 29, 2021

UNESCO: Silk Roads Youth Research Grant

As part of the Silk Roads and MOST Programme's ongoing work to better understand the rich history and shared legacy and spirit of the Silk Roads, UNESCO, with the support of the National Commission of the People's Republic of China for UNESCO, has launched the 'Silk Roads Youth Research Grant' within the framework of the Social and Human Sciences Sector. This new initiative, which aims to mobilize young researchers for further study of the Silk Roads shared heritage, will award 12 research grants to young women and men under 35 years of age.

Deadline: 18 April, 2021

Funding: 10 000 USD

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