

Overseas Professional and Intercultural Training (OPIT) Program

Possible Internship Placements

The list below outlines possible internships and does not guarantee placement with a specific organization. The availability of placements changes from year to year and depends on our partners' capacities for hosting an intern at any given time.

Placements are not limited to the internships listed here. We also strongly encourage applicants to notify us if they are interested in an organization or institution not listed below. American Councils will reach out to potential placement organizations and explore new placements based on applicants' preferences.

KYRGYZSTAN

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|  | <p>American Councils Bishkek Field Office - [Education Management]</p> <p>American Councils Bishkek administers several programs including the Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX) program, and the Open World program. We also support scholars from the United States interested in learning the Kyrgyz language or conducting research in Kyrgyzstan. [link]</p> |
|  | <p>Development Alternatives Inc. – [Democracy Building & Human Rights]</p> <p>The Kyrgyzstan Parliamentary Strengthening Program (KPSP) aims to strengthen the legislative, representative, oversight, and management capacity of the Kyrgyz Parliament as an independent and professional state body effectively implementing its constitutionally mandated legislative, representative and oversight functions. [link] Note: requires Russian</p> |
|  | <p>Kelechek Healthprom Public Foundation – [Public Health; Social Services]</p> <p>Kelechek Healthprom Public Foundation is a local charity in Kyrgyzstan that aims to empower vulnerable women, youth and children by sharing confidence, skills, knowledge and tools to change themselves and to help others. We believe that everyone has the ability and opportunity to make this world a better place. We're not just providers, we're also learners, and we believe that empowering people is the best way to achieve sustainable outcomes. [link]</p> |
|  | <p>Kyrgyz Concept – [Business & Innovation]</p> <p>Kyrgyz Concept has 20 years of experience promoting business, conference and cultural travel in Central Asia. Thanks to its expert, multi-lingual staff the company is able to guarantee high-quality services to its clients all over the world. With a large network of offices in Kyrgyzstan, Kyrgyz Concept offers logistical support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Every year, the company is represented at major Travel Trade Exhibitions in Germany and Japan. [link]</p> |



Sierra Group – [Business & Innovation]

The Sierra Group is an American-owned business that has multiple coffee shops throughout Bishkek. [\[link\]](#)



Tian Shan Policy Center - [Democracy Building & Human Rights; Ecology & Environmental Issues]

The Tian Shan Policy Center (TSPC) is an innovative nonprofit, public interest organization focused on research, analysis, and implementation of appropriate and effective public policy in the nations and communities of Central Asia. TSPC specializes in the critical fields of strategic development policy, human rights, and sustainable environment programs, and through its efforts strives to strengthen good governance as the bedrock for efforts to better the lives of the peoples of our emerging countries. [\[link\]](#) **Note: requires Russian**