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ARISC Experience the South Caucasus Fellowship

The American Research Institute of the South Caucasus (ARISC) invites students and instructors at U.S. degree-granting programs to apply to the Experience the South Caucasus Fellowship Program, taking place June 20 - July 20, 2022 in the countries of Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia. The program will immerse Fellows in the vibrant cultures and deep histories of the South Caucasus. Experience the South Caucasus offers participants a unique opportunity to gain valuable skills, learn about a little studied, but



Hello Anthropologists,

Fall break is here, and we thought we'd touch base before the holiday rush begins, and take this opportunity to send some news your way.

Also, we wanted to take this opportunity and wish you a loving, graceful holiday with health, love, and laughter from the Anthropology family to you and yours!

Enjoy this holiday and we look forward to see you soon and wrap up this semester!

ARISC Experience the South Caucasus Fellowship (continued)

geopolitically significant part of the world, and visit cultural heritage sites – all through an exciting, experiential learning program. Experience the South Caucasus Fellows will:

- Gain valuable, unique work experience through engaging international projects, including part-time to full-time internships at non-governmental organizations (NGOs), research institutions, and non-profit organizations. Fellows will be able to indicate their preference for country and project. Training and supervision will be provided by each local institution.
- Learn about local arts, culture, music, history, and more, through weekly

lectures offered by community-based scholars.

- Enhance global competence through immersive cultural experiential learning and field trips to cultural sites and museums.
- Build communication and presentation skills in a final, two-day workshop in Tbilisi, Georgia, where fellows will share and reflect on their experiences. The workshop will be led by Dr. Elizabeth Fagan (Virginia Commonwealth University).

Fellows' transportation and lodging costs, as well as meals and incidentals (per diem), are covered in the program, within federal and ARISC travel guidelines and budgeting. COVID-19 protocols are listed [here](#).

Undergraduate Research Symposium 2022

The signature event of Undergraduate Research Week, the Undergraduate Research Symposium (URS) has been held on the University of Illinois (U of I) campus since 2008. The number of undergraduate students participating has grown from a few hundred in its inaugural year to well over 800 students (as of Spring 2019). Over the course of the day, students present their work in concurrent oral and poster presentations (including creative performances), the breadth and scope of which reflect not only the wide range of academic disciplines at the University of Illinois, but also speak to the caliber of our undergraduates. Our students are innovative and engaged, eager to learn from their advisors and mentors. Their projects also demonstrate the ongoing institutional commitment to supporting and expanding research opportunities at the U of I and beyond.

2022 Undergraduate Research Symposium

Date: April 28, 2022

Location: Illini Union Rooms A, B, C, & South Lounge

Application deadline: March 15, 2022 at 11:59pm

Learn more [here](#), and check other undergraduate research opportunities [here](#).

Work with ISAC

Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC), the state's financial aid/college planning agency, has full-time positions available that you with great benefits including tuition waivers for part-time grad school at Illinois public universities!

- ISAC hires new grads to work full-time as professionally trained college-going mentors to help the next generation of youth make their post-secondary plans happen.

- Recruiter Rene Martinez will be on campus to tell you all about it!

In the meantime, here's a [short video](#) about the impact you would have working as an ISACorps Community Worker.

The ISACorps offers an opportunity to learn, network and continue your education!

- Bachelor's degree required
- \$30,000 annual salary
- Health, vision, and life insurance, State Employees' Retirement System, and more.
- 5 weeks paid vacation (three weeks are predetermined)
- 12 paid sick days
- 12 paid holidays
- Tuition Waiver at select public Illinois universities

More information can be found [here](#).

New Certificate in Sustainability and Justice in Food and Environmental Systems

There is no Planet B. Empower your potential to be a catalyst for change by engaging in conversations that have global impacts. Deepen your knowledge in specific areas of investigation on this critical issue.

The College of ACES is accepting applications for the new undergraduate certificate in Sustainability & Justice in Food & Environmental Systems. Key features of this interdisciplinary certificate are:

- No requirements to apply to certificate
- 9 credit hours (2-3 semesters) to complete
- Coursework also satisfies 2-5 general education requirements
- One required course (ACE 255: Economics of Food and Environmental Justice) is offered in the Spring semester
- Students may customize their certificate in one of four specialization areas - policy and law, food production systems, resources and influence, and climate change and society

Apply for certificate [here](#).

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