

# American Chamber of Commerce Economic Fellowship Program

The American Chamber of Commerce is announcing the start of a 6-month economic fellowship program ( $1^{st}$  July  $2011-31^{st}$  January 2012 - excluding August). The aim of the fellowship is to develop the fellows in their understanding of the Georgian economy and business community. Fellows will do this by supporting American Chamber of Commerce Committees and writing for Investor.ge, AmCham's bi-monthly magazine about the Georgian economy and business community. The fellows will be provided with support and training to improve their writing and business analysis skills as well as a \$400 monthly stipend.

### What you will gain?

- A 6 month fellowship from one of the most respected business associations in Georgia, with a monthly stipend of \$400
- Ability to analyze the business-sector and research business issues
- Advanced English writing skills
- Project management and organizational experience
- An understanding of how public policy development occurs and how business works with the government

#### What you will be required to do?

- Write short articles for investor.ge
- Conduct small sector-analysis and help in the development of project proposals
- Support AmCham's committees with research, analysis and communication
- Work as close to full-time as possible. Effort will be made to be flexible to existing students, but applicants who are available full-time will be given preference

## **Requirements of Fellows**

- Fellows must be Georgian
- Fellows need to have completed an undergraduate degree and be involved in a masters degree (that is, applied for a program, currently enrolled in a program or completed a Masters Degree). This can be in any subject, though we particularly encourage economics, business and journalism students to apply.
- Fellows should be smart, dedicated, hard-working and open to criticism
- Good English language skills are essential
- Good numeracy skills. A good working knowledge of excel would be useful though not essential
- Preference will be given to fellows who come from outside Tbilisi

## The Application process

**Step 1:** Applications need to be sent to Bella Makaridze (b.makaridze@amcham.ge) by 12<sup>th</sup> June. Initial application should include:

- CV + Cover letter
- A sample of YOUR OWN written work, in English. Maximum 1000 words. The sample can be on any subject related to Georgian economy and society, but we suggest the following topics:



- What does Georgia need to do to grow in a particular sector (you can choose the sector)?
- o What is the biggest opportunity facing the Georgian economy at the current time?
- o What is the biggest hurdle to economic development in Georgia?

All applications and queries should include as their subject line:

"Fellowship in Economic Writing and Research".

Emails and applications with the wrong subject line will not be considered.

**Step 2:** First round selected applicants will be called in for testing. Tests will occur at the end of July in AmCham's offices, this will include an English language test, math and logic tests and several other practical research tasks.

#### **Queries:**

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