

[Applications open for American Councils Summer Programs in Russia, Eastern Europe, Eurasia, and East Asia](#)

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Dear Colleagues,

American Councils Study Abroad is accepting [applications](#) for our Summer 2019 programs! We are excited to offer the following programs for the Summer 2019 term:

Intensive language programs:

[Advanced Russian Language & Area Studies Program \(RLASP\)](#)

RLASP offers participants the unique opportunity to study Russian language and area studies in Moscow, St. Petersburg, Vladimir or Almaty, Kazakhstan while pursuing volunteer opportunities, internships, and cultural interests in an overseas immersion setting. (Language prerequisite: two semesters of Russian)

**American Councils is pleased to offer [special funding](#) provided by the U.S. Department of Education (Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad) for advanced students of Russian participating in the American Councils Advanced Russian Language and Area Studies in Moscow.*

[Business Russian Language and Internship Program \(BRLI\)](#)

Combining intensive business language classes and an internship in Moscow, St. Petersburg, or Almaty, BRLI prepares Russian language students for a career in the international job market.

(Language prerequisite: four semesters of Russian or higher)

[Russian Heritage Speakers Program](#)

The Russian Heritage Speakers Program is individually-customized to address the specific needs of students who grew up speaking Russian and wish to strengthen their language skills. (Language prerequisite: heritage speaker of Russian)

[Eurasian Regional Language Program \(ERLP\)](#)

The American Councils Eurasian Regional Language Program provides graduate students, advanced undergraduates, working professionals, and scholars intensive individualized instruction in the languages of Eurasia. Participants may choose from a wide range of regional languages, including: Armenian, Azeri, Bashkir, Buryat, Chechen, Dari, Farsi, Georgian, Kazakh, Kyrgyz, Pashto, Romanian, Tajiki, Tatar, Turkish, Ukrainian, Uzbek, and Yakut. (Language prerequisite: two semesters of the target language or a related language)

**American Councils is pleased to offer [special funding](#) provided by the U.S. Department of Education (Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad) for advanced students of Persian participating in the American Councils Eurasian Regional Language Program in Dushanbe,*

Tajikistan.

[Balkan Language Initiative \(BLI\)](#)

The American Councils Balkan Language Initiative provides graduate students, advanced undergraduates, working professionals, and scholars intensive individualized instruction in the languages of the Balkans. Participants may choose to study one of 5 regional languages including: Albanian, Bosnian, Bulgarian, Macedonian, and Serbian. (Language prerequisite: two semesters of the target language or a related language)

[Regional Studies programs \(courses taught in English\)](#)

[Peace & Security in the South Caucasus program](#)

While rich in natural resources, scenic beauty, and vibrant cultures, the South Caucasus continues to be hampered by age-old conflicts and political instability. Based in Ilia State University in Tbilisi, Georgia, this five-week summer program explores cultural identity and nationalism, development strategies, the emergence of new political systems and parties, and ongoing efforts to foster peace throughout the region. No foreign language experience is required.

[Politics & Public Diplomacy in Contemporary Russia program](#)

This five-week summer program is designed to give participants new insights into the historical and cultural trends that shape today's Russia. Through readings and intensive coursework in the form of lectures, seminars, and discussions conducted with faculty of Moscow International University, program participants gain a fuller understanding of the complex factors underlying politics and public diplomacy in Putin's Russia. The program explores regional developments and conflict, economic and political reforms, the role of mass media, and new cultural phenomena. No foreign language is experience required.

[Overseas internships:](#)

[Overseas Professional & Intercultural Training \(OPIT\) program](#)

Through OPIT's eight-week, English-language internships, students gain the substantive overseas professional experience and intercultural communication skills demanded by today's global market. Participants can choose a placement in a variety of fields, including democracy-building, human rights, business, innovation, STEM, education, gender issues, journalism, public health, environmental protection, and social services in one of 19 countries throughout Eastern Europe and Eurasia. No foreign language experience is required.

Students admitted to American Councils programs are eligible to apply for [financial support](#) from a wide range of sources, including the U.S. Department of State ([Title VIII](#)), U.S. Department of Education, Boren, FLAS, Gilman, and the American Councils Study Abroad

Scholarship Fund.

ALL PROGRAMS OFFER...

- Comprehensive pre-departure orientation and on-site orientation in the host country;
- Expert faculty and small class sizes;
- Comprehensive health, accident, and evacuation insurance while overseas;
- Creative excursions that go beyond typical tourist destinations and offer students new insights into the host country life and culture;
- U.S. academic credit administered through Bryn Mawr College.

APPLICATIONS & QUESTIONS

Prospective applicants should view the [program website](#) for more information and to access the online application. The application deadline for our Summer 2019 programs is February 15, 2019. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions regarding the programs or the application process.

Best Wishes,

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