



GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Quick Facts

Location (city, state): Washington D.C.	Website: https://www.gwu.edu/
Undergraduate student enrollment: 10,800	Public/Private: Private
Graduate student enrollment: 14,400	Type of Institution: Private Research University

Institutional Description (limit 250 words):

The Central Asia Program (CAP) is proud to be a part of the esteemed Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) at George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs. As the #1 university-affiliated center for regional studies in the U.S., IERES serves as a dynamic hub for the exchange of ideas and the cultivation of enduring intellectual networks, both among Central Asians and between them and the U.S. policy, scholarly, and educational communities.

Affiliated with the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs, which is recognized as one of the world's leading schools for international affairs and the largest school of its kind in the United States, IERES is strategically located in the heart of Washington, D.C. Our mission is to educate the next generation of international leaders, conduct research that advances the understanding of critical global issues, and engage the policy community in the United States and abroad.

In line with the broader mission of George Washington University, the CAP is dedicated to providing a rigorous academic environment where scholars can engage in cutting-edge research, collaborate across disciplines, and address pressing issues facing Central Asia and the wider world. We are committed to promoting dialogue, fostering innovation, and contributing to positive social, economic, and political change in the region and beyond.

Partnership Information

Possible Academic Areas of Collaboration:

- **Joint Research Projects:** Collaborative research initiatives exploring topics relevant to Central Asia, such as regional politics, security studies, economic development, cultural studies, and environmental sustainability.
- **Academic Exchange Programs:** Facilitating student and faculty exchange programs to promote cross-cultural understanding, academic enrichment, and research collaboration.
- **Curriculum Development:** Collaborating on the development of interdisciplinary courses, workshops, and seminars that integrate perspectives from both institutions and address contemporary issues facing Central Asia.
- **Joint Conferences and Symposia:** Organizing academic conferences, symposia, and public lectures that bring together scholars, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss key issues and foster dialogue and

collaboration.

- **Capacity Building Initiatives:** Supporting capacity-building efforts within Kazakh universities through training programs, workshops, and technical assistance geared toward bolstering research, teaching, and institutional development. For example, organizing a series of workshops focused on research methodology, encompassing both quantitative and qualitative research methods. These workshops will equip researchers with essential tools and techniques for conducting rigorous and impactful research.
- **Publishing and Dissemination:** Collaborating on academic publications, journals, and research dissemination platforms to promote the work of young scientists on our CAP website. This platform will serve as a valuable showcase for their research, fostering greater visibility and recognition within the academic community.

Institutional Strengths:

The Central Asia Program at the Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies (IERES) at The George Washington University (GW) prioritizes the production of quality research publications that address the need of the private sector, emphasizing this as a key area of collaboration with other Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Kazakhstan. Our commitment to advancing knowledge and addressing real-world challenges is underscored by our extensive research output and collaborations with diverse partners.

At GW, we are deeply committed to conducting cutting-edge research and scholarship across various fields, resulting in a substantial volume of high-quality research publications produced annually by our faculty and students. In 2023 alone, GW scholars published over 3,700 journal articles, chapters, monographs, and more, with contributions appearing in prestigious journals such as Science, Nature, and the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. This wealth of research output demonstrates our institution's commitment to academic excellence and innovation.

Partnership Interests: *(e.g., faculty exchanges, student exchange, dual degrees, joint research, distance learning, etc.)*

Organize joint workshops, trainings, conferences; Faculty and student exchange; Joint research; distance learning.

Interest in Partnership: Why are you interested in partnering with a U.S./Kazakh institution? What do you hope to gain from such a partnership?

As the Central Asian Program at the George Washington University, we are eager to forge partnerships with Kazakh institutions to foster collaboration and exchange between our academic communities. By these partnerships, we aim to leverage our respective expertise and resources to address common challenges, promote academic excellence, and facilitate cross-cultural understanding. Our aim is to gain valuable insights into the socio-political, economic, and cultural landscape of Kazakhstan, as well as opportunities to engage with local scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. Through this partnership, we aspire to enrich our research, expand our academic networks, and contribute to mutual learning and growth. Ultimately, we believe that collaboration between our institutions will lead to innovative solutions, meaningful exchanges, and enduring impact in the field of Central Asian studies.

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