



Infrastructures and Environment

To organize effective educational and research activities, it is imperative to provide all the conditions within the university so that students, lecturers and researchers can work and study effectively and motivated. In this regard, it is extremely important to improve both physical and digital infrastructures at YSU to meet the highest international standards, as well as to make the territory of the university the best environment for learning, research, creation and discovery.

- Renovation of laboratories and auditoriums
- Modernization of energy systems and improvement of energy efficiency
- Upgrade of the fire safety system
- Construction of a student center
- Furnishing and equipment of the STEM High School
- Reform and modernization of media platforms
- Development of a business incubator-accelerator
- Modernization of digital platforms
- Improvement of the library's reading rooms, book stacks, and replenishment of digital and paper stock

Membership

To become a friend of Yerevan State University, an annual membership fee of \$250 is required. Additionally, members may be assigned one of the following membership categories based on their level of engagement:

- Supporters
- Honorary Alumni
- Patrons
- Guardians
- Counsellors
- Presidents of YSU
- Godfathers of YSU
- Pillars of YSU

The foundation's board determines the assignment to these categories; the specific membership benefits are proposed and decided upon by the board as well.

Board of Friends of YSU Foundation



"FRIENDS OF
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UNIVERSITY"
FOUNDATION





About us

Friends of Yerevan State University Foundation is a non-profit initiative established by YSU alumni and friends to mobilize the resources of American-Armenians who believe in the pivotal role of Yerevan State University in Armenia's development.

We bring together American-Armenian professionals across diverse fields to support educational, research and infrastructural projects at YSU. Our efforts are dedicated to enhancing the teaching and research activities and promoting collaboration between YSU and US-based partner institutions. Additionally, we assist YSU in providing educational and research services to the Armenian Diaspora in the United States and beyond.

Mission

The mission of the Friends of YSU Foundation is to foster the advancement of Yerevan State University by uniting the financial and professional resources of American-Armenians who share the vision that YSU plays a pivotal role in nurturing the intellectual potential of Armenia.

Vision

Friends of YSU Foundation envisions YSU as a leading regional university that serves as the catalyst of the intellectual development of Armenia, cultivating progressive, motivated, knowledgeable, and effective professionals who play a key role in Armenia's development.



Goals and Objectives of For YSU

- Raising awareness among US-based educational, research and diaspora organizations on YSU and its activities.
- Support in networking and establishment of partnerships with US-based organizations.
- Fundraising and establishment of endowment fund for implementation of educational, research and infrastructural projects proposed by YSU.

Main Work Directions and Initiatives

Education

Ensuring the stable and systematic development of educational programs and processes is one of the pivotal functions of the university. Therefore, to enhance educational programs and teaching methodologies, foster the engagement of new teaching staff, and motivate and encourage both students and lecturers, YSU must consistently introduce new initiatives that effectively address the demands of the country and the modern world. Additionally, it is essential to allocate additional resources to implement the following programs:

- Scholarships and excellence awards for students
- Engagement programs for guest lecturers
- Training programs for lecturers
- Grants and excellence awards for lecturers
- Translation of professional literature from foreign languages into Armenian
- Scholarships for international students
- Special educational programs for Diaspora Armenian youth
- Development of the "Digital YSU" platform with a wide variety of high quality online educational programs



Science and Research

As a research university, YSU prioritizes the ongoing improvement of quality research output. Targeted programs are essential to ensure this process. It is crucial to actively encourage greater integration of university researchers into the international scientific community, promote targeted research on current issues impacting Armenia, the region, and the world, and foster youth engagement in scientific research activities. To achieve these goals, the foundation will provide support for the following program directions:



- Targeted research on the political, legal, economic, social, cultural, historical, ethnographic, and psychological aspects of the Artsakh issue.
- Programs aimed at marketing research results.
- Programs aimed at strengthening university-industry connections.
- Grants for fundamental research.
- Research grants for regional studies.
- Establishment of a global network of Armenian studies and support for Armenian studies at partner universities worldwide.
- Grant programs focused on Armenian studies, including the development of a new Armenian dictionary, a new Armenian encyclopedia, and critical assessments of Armenian history.
- Periodic conferences on Armenian studies involving international partners.