



CENTER FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES

THE POWER

The University of Michigan's **Center for Armenian Studies (CAS)** is one of the most dynamic centers for Armenian studies in the US. CAS is built on a solid foundation of courses offered by the two endowed chairs in Armenian studies, the Alex Manoogian Chair in Modern Armenian History (1981) and the Marie Manoogian Chair in Armenian Language and Literature (1987) as well as a number of affiliated Michigan faculty whose work is focused on Armenian history, language, literature, and politics. Every year we offer diverse programming, including public lectures, workshops, and conferences that highlights the best scholarly work in the field. Promoting the study of the history, language, and culture of Armenia and Armenians generally, CAS's mission first and foremost is to help prepare a new generation of scholars in the field.

THE OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Michigan offers an undergraduate major and minor, as well as graduate degrees in Armenian studies through the university's departments and centers for regional studies. In

addition, CAS supports graduate and undergraduate students with fellowships as well as research and travel grants.

Every year CAS invites applications for postdoctoral and visiting scholar fellowships. This competitive process attracts the brightest and most cutting-edge emerging scholars in the field as well as senior fellows from prestigious national and international institutions.

Our faculty not only teaches courses in Armenian language, history, and culture, but also engages with students and the public by organizing workshops, conferences, public lectures, and outreach programs. The mentorship of new talent is an important commitment of our faculty, and we strive to include our students and postdoctoral fellows in all aspects of our intellectual community.

Through its work in the United States and abroad, CAS aims to advance the scholarly analysis and understanding of the challenges the Armenian people have faced historically as well as in their current contexts in Armenia and in the Diaspora. Together

with the faculty, graduate students, visiting scholars, and postdoctoral fellows the center pushes scholarship in Armenian Studies in new directions.

THE IMPACT

Gifts to CAS ensure the center's growth, continuing excellence, and the expansion of its mission. Endowed funding in any amount, as well as expendable support for our annual lecture series, workshops, and other special events and programs, student, fellow, and faculty-led initiatives, student research and travel, postdoctoral/visiting fellows, as well as operating and staffing costs, will help us continue our work and assure that the center remains one of the leading centers in Armenian studies in the US. Funding will allow us to further the visibility of the center and, in turn, will attract and enable us to recruit the best academic talent. Increased visibility and excellent scholarship on display will enhance the center's public engagement profile and continue to advance the interdisciplinary knowledge about Armenian history, culture, arts, and politics more generally.

Gifts to the Armenian Endowment or expendable gifts to the CAS Strategic fund support collaborations, initiatives, other projects, and public programming. Funds are needed to create opportunities for our students and community to interact with prominent scholars, artists, and experts through lecture series, conferences, workshops, exhibits, concerts, and film screenings. In addition, gifts to the *Armenian Endowment* or *Strategic fund* support the center's operating and staffing costs. Unrestricted gifts to the *Armenian Endowment* and *Strategic fund* permit the center director to respond to new needs and opportunities as they arise.

NAMED ENDOWED CENTER

\$7M endowed / \$350,000 annually

An endowment to name the Center for Armenian Studies will cover the center's annual needs as well as enable it to significantly expand in terms of staffing as well as national and international work that will bring attention to Armenian studies. Gifts could be used for sponsoring public engagement initiatives, conferences, or exhibits on campus, hosting cultural

festivals, supporting graduate fellows, and inviting visiting professors and artists to Michigan. A named center will assure that U-M remains an attractive destination for the study of Armenian history, language, culture, art, and politics and will give the director of the center the flexibility to turn big ideas into reality.

ENDOWED (NAMED) PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & DIGITAL HUMANITIES GRANT

\$250,000 endowed / \$10,000 annually

CAS is a critical intellectual center of scholarship and teaching at the University of Michigan and a leading entity among Armenian Studies programs in the United States. As one of the key training grounds for talented young scholars in Armenian studies, the center's contribution to the field is unique and well-known. Gifts to **endow the Public Engagement & Digital Humanities Grant** will allow the center to increase the opportunities of collaboration between students, visiting and postdoctoral fellows, and faculty and bring together their scholarship to engage audiences outside of the academy. The grant would support scholars in digital humanities projects that have a broad public appeal, the outcome of which will be deposited, hosted, and publicized by CAS. An example of such an initiative can be mapping the migration of Armenians over time and space as well as online teaching tools about Armenian history, art, and culture in collaboration with partners from around the world.

ENDOWED CENTER SPECIALIST FOR ARMENIAN STUDIES

\$1.5M endowed / \$75,000 annually

CAS has benefited from the work of a center specialist for many years and work could not be done without the support of a permanent staff position. Gifts to endow the **Center Specialist** will support the invaluable work of a staff member, whose role is to run and manage the operations of the center, strategically plan and execute various projects, academic and administrative activities, and support the work of the director, faculty, students, and

fellows. The position is crucial in keeping the center running smoothly.

NAMED ANNUAL ARMENIAN STUDIES LECTURE SERIES

\$200,000 endowed / \$10,000 annually

Resources are needed for CAS to host annual lectures by prominent guest speakers on topics related to Armenia or Armenian Studies. This is an opportunity to promote the culture, history, language, politics, and society of Armenians.

ENDOWED INCOMING UNDERGRADUATE TUITION FELLOWSHIP

\$250,000 endowed / \$10,000 annually

CAS is devoted to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion as well as broadening the study of Armenian history, language, politics, and culture among heritage and non-heritage students. The scholarship would be granted based on merit and need to an incoming University of Michigan student from a Metro Detroit school. The scholarship would help with in-state tuition and is dependent on the student committing to seeking a minor in Armenian Studies and participating actively in the programming of the center.

OUTREACH TO ARMENIA

2020 has been devastating for Armenia, as not only the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the country especially hard, but also political unrest and war contributed to the overall hardship. CAS is committed to working with partners in Armenia to create opportunities for bright and talented students. One part of the effort will be to provide access to English courses taught by the University of Michigan faculty to advanced students in Yerevan.

NAMED UNDERGRADUATE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

300,000 endowed / 15,000 annually/student

CAS is devoted to open opportunities to advanced undergraduate students from Armenia at the University of Michigan. The scholarship would be granted based on merit and need to a student who is interested in pursuing a graduate degree in the humanities or social sciences in the United States. The scholarship would pay for summer semester out-of-state tuition and housing.

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