

AUBG Giving Causes

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1. Scholarships:

- **25 Weeks of Pride Campaign Scholarship** – for entering AUBG students. The scholarship was established by the American University in Bulgaria.
- **Albanian Scholarship** - scholarship for entering AUBG students. The scholarship was established by Elvin Guri, AUBG Class of 1996.
- **Alf Eastergard Memorial Endowed Scholarship** - <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/aubulgaria/event/786378/>
- **Alumni Mega Reunion 2015 Scholarship** – for current AUBG students. The scholarship was established by the AUBG Alumni Association.
- **AUBG Alumni Scholarship** – for current AUBG students.
- **AUBG Class of 1995 Endowed Scholarship** - for current AUBG students. The scholarship was established in 2015 by AUBG Class of 1995.
- **AUBG EMBA Scholarship** – for EMBA students.
- **Boston Alumni Scholarship** - for current AUBG students. The scholarship was established by AUBG Alumni residing in Boston area.
- **Central Asia Alumni Scholarship** - for current AUBG students. The scholarship was established by AUBG Alumni residing in Central Asia.
- **Cosmina Tanasoiu Memorial Scholarship** – <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/aubulgaria/event/777478/>
- **Golf Tournament Scholarship** - AUBG & Friends Golf Tournament is an annual networking initiative that aims to bring together participants from the public and private sectors – government representatives, diplomats, businessmen and entrepreneurs, academics and students, supporters of the University and their families – in a friendly and entertaining all-day event in support of top-quality liberal arts education. The funds will go for scholarships for bright and talented current AUBG students.
- **Kosovo Alumni Scholarship** - for entering AUBG students. The scholarship was established by the AUBG Alumni from Kosovo with the support of Marenglen Berisha, AUBG Class of 2006.
- **Lyuben Petrunov Memorial Endowed Scholarship** - for current AUBG students. The scholarship fund established in memory of Lyuben Petrunov '99 by his wife Bojana Galabova '00 and friends.
- **NYC Alumni Scholarship** - for current AUBG students. The scholarship was established by AUBG Alumni residing in New York City.
- **Romanian Alumni Scholarship** – supporting new AUBG students from Romania.
- **Viorica Ursu Scholarship** - for entering AUBG students. The scholarship was established in memory of Viorica Ursu '99.
- **Washington DC Alumni Scholarship** - for current AUBG students. The scholarship was established by AUBG Alumni residing in Washington DC.
- **William Porter Memorial Scholarship** - supporting new AUBG students from Bulgaria.
- **Young Entrepreneur Scholarship** – supporting current AUBG students with proven interest in entrepreneurship.

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2. AUBG Student Clubs:

- AUBG Daily
- AUBG Dance Crew Club
- AUBG Documentary Movie Club
- AUBG Logos Club
- AUBG Model United Nations Club
- AUBG Olympics Club
- Broadway Performance Club
- "Bulgarian Folk Dance Club
- "Samodiva"
- Business Club
- Economics Club
- ESN AUBG
- European Society Club
- Infocus Club
- More Honors Club
- Polygon Club
- PTPI Better Community Club
- Radio AURA
- Rock Jamming Club
- StartUP@Blagoevgrad
- TEDxAUBG
- The Hub

For more detailed information regarding AUBG Student Clubs, please visit <https://www.aubg.edu/clubs>

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3. Current AUBG Projects and Initiatives:

- **AUBG Accelerator Fund** - the AUBG Accelerator intends to pull existing resources and build on previous initiatives focused on promoting innovation and entrepreneurship curriculum and hands-on learning at AUBG, such as the ASPIRE Innovation Hub funded by an ASHA grant. AUBG has a history of successful student start-up companies over the years. AUBG alumni form the backbone of the entrepreneurship ecosystem in the region. AUBG offers regular classes on entrepreneurship topics. The AUBG Accelerator can draw on such resources and expertise in an attempt to create an accelerator program following best practices. Startup accelerators support early-stage, growth-driven companies through education, mentorship, and financing. Research shows that there are four key factors for success of accelerator programs – fixed-term support, cohort-based, mentorship-driven, and culminating in a tangible result or “demo day.” AUBG together with its donor and alumni base can deliver most of these key elements for the launching of an accelerator program for students' start-up projects.
- **AUBG Choir** - <https://www.aubg.edu/aubg-choir>
- **AUBG MultiTalent Quest** - <https://www.aubg.edu/quest>
- **Economics Chair Fund** - The purpose of the fund is to establish a Chair in Economics at the University. The Chair supports a high-performing faculty member in the field of Economics at AUBG. Distributions from the endowed fund are used to support the salary and the benefits of the holder of the Chair, and for non-salary support costs related to his/her research pursuits. The activities of the Chair and the use of the endowed fund is governed by the university and its Board of Trustees.
- **Filitsa Mullen Creative Writing Prize** - <https://www.aubg.edu/the-filitsa-mullen-creative-writing-competition>
- **Financial Aid for Students** - AUBG makes both financial aid and scholarship support available to attract diverse and highly qualified students and to make an AUBG education affordable for those students. Financial aid is based on the academic merit and the financial need of the student. Financial need is determined through an analysis of the application for financial assistance and supporting documents submitted as part of the application packet.
- **Hardship fund** - the University maintains a “hardship fund” to provide some amount of aid to a student in an emergency, usually a one-time grant for one or two semesters and dependent upon available funds.
- **Science and Environmental Lab** - AUBG launched a crowdfunding campaign to raise funds for equipment of the newly opened science lab at the university. The Advanced Student Physics and Environmental Science Lab is extremely important for the launching of the Physics major in the Fall 2019 semester, with a serious potential to attract students. Its main purpose is to provide AUBG students with hands-on experience in different science disciplines, as well as to accommodate observations and important experiments in natural sciences.
- **University Council Essay Contest** - <https://www.aubg.edu/financial-aid-office-external-opportunities>
- **Naming Opportunities** - <https://www.aubg.edu/embrace-and-support>
- **Panitza Library** - <https://www.aubg.edu/giving-to-panitza-library>
- **Where the Need is the Greatest** - "Unrestricted" funds are donations the University may use for any purpose. Unrestricted funds usually go toward the operating expenses of the organization or to a particular project that the nonprofit picks.

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