

GEORGIA COUNCIL FOR INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

CONNECTING GEORGIANS TO THE WORLD

about the georgia council for international visitors

GCIV builds relationships between the people of our state and leaders around the world. Our vision is that every Georgia citizen has the opportunity to be more globally engaged. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to “connecting Georgians to the world” since 1962. GCIV works with the U.S. Department of State to develop a broad spectrum of professional and cultural exchange programs for emerging global leaders. Our non-partisan citizen diplomacy programs provide Georgians with unique opportunities to share best practices, insights and friendship with distinguished visitors to the United States.

GCIV administers the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) in the state of Georgia. Launched in 1940, the IVLP seeks to build mutual understanding between the United States and other nations through carefully designed professional visits to the U.S. for current and emerging foreign leaders. U.S. ambassadors consistently rank the IVLP as the most effective program in a long list of public diplomacy tools at their disposal. GCIV is one of 90 community-based organizations around the country that implement this impressive program on behalf of the U.S. government. In 2001 the national network, National Council for International Visitors (NCIV), was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to foster international understanding.

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Since the program's inception, almost 300 participants in the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) have gone on to serve as heads of government and chiefs of state, including:

Hamid Karzai, *Afghanistan*

Gordon Brown, *United Kingdom*

Anwar Sadat, *Egypt*

Nicolas Sarkozy, *France*

Mikheil Saakashvili, *Georgia*

Indira Gandhi, *India*

Adnan Badran, *Jordan*

Mwai Kibaki, *Kenya*

Felipe Calderon, *Mexico*

Kim Dae-Jung, *South Korea*

Frederik de Klerk, *South Africa*

Oscar Arias, *Costa Rica*

2013 international visitor programs

In fiscal year 2013, GCIV welcomed 667 overseas visitors through the International Visitor Leadership Program and various fee-for-service programs. These visitors came to Georgia on 78 different programs, ranging from individuals to groups of 20 or more. Participants represented 134 different countries.

The delegations hosted by GCIV were quite a varied group, including public health officials, lawyers, judges, civil servants, NGO and arts representatives, business executives, educators, journalists, elected officials, community activists, environmental advocates, musicians,

entrepreneurs, students, engineers, archaeologists and curators. In addition to coordinating programs for the U.S. Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP), GCIV has attracted a wide variety of fee-for-service (FFS) programs. While very similar in substance to the IVLP, these programs are funded separately. In the past year, GCIV completed programs for Cultural Vistas, FHI360, Fulbright, the Graduate School, Institute of International Education, Meridian International Center, Mississippi Consortium for International Development, and World Learning.

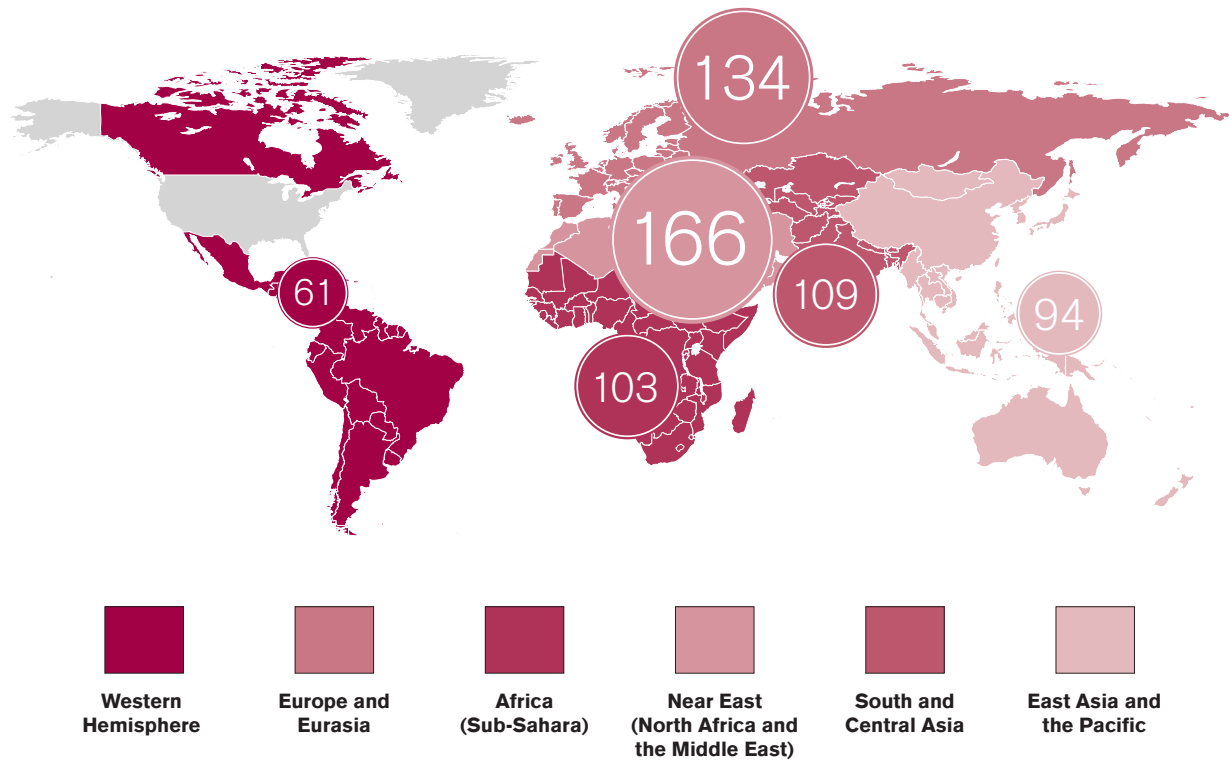
FY 2013 IVLP Totals

quarter	programs	visitors
1	17	108
2	14	101
3	24	146
4	20	98
totals	75	453

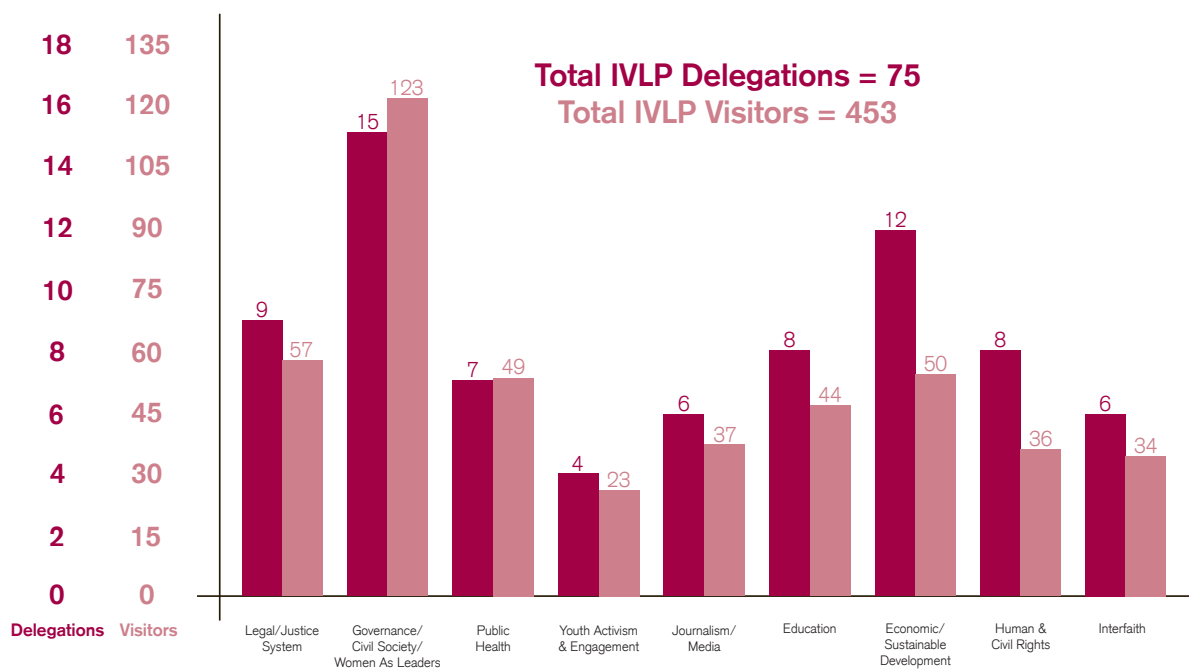
FY 2013 FFS Totals

quarter	programs	visitors
1	1	15
2	2	199
3	0	0
4	0	0
totals	3	214

International Visitors by World Region



IVLP Delegations by Professional Focus



gciv international exchange participants

GCIV welcomed delegations from 134 countries to the state of Georgia in fiscal year 2013.

Below are the countries represented and the number of visitors:

Afghanistan	6	Guatemala	1	Papua New Guinea	1
Angola	1	Guinea	4	Paraguay	1
Argentina	2	Guyana	1	People's Republic of China	38
Armenia	6	Haiti	4	Peru	2
Australia	4	Hong Kong	4	Philippines	3
Austria	3	Hungary	4	Poland	10
Azerbaijan	2	Iceland	2	Portugal	1
Bahrain	2	India	29	Qatar	1
Bangladesh	11	Indonesia	6	Romania	4
Belarus	1	Iraq	27	Russia	15
Belgium	3	Ireland	2	Rwanda	2
Belize	3	Israel	14	Saudi Arabia	15
Benin	2	Italy	4	Senegal	4
Bolivia	2	Japan	1	Serbia	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2	Jordan	5	Sierra Leone	2
Botswana	1	Kazakhstan	10	Singapore	1
Brazil	6	Kenya	2	Slovak Republic	6
Bulgaria	1	Kosovo	1	South Africa	7
Burma	3	Kuwait	1	South Korea	12
Cambodia	1	Kyrgyzstan	6	Spain	4
Cameroon	5	Latvia	2	Sri Lanka	2
Canada	2	Lebanon	10	St. Kitts and Nevis	2
Chad	7	Liberia	1	Sudan	1
Chile	6	Libya	9	Sweden	1
Colombia	5	Lithuania	1	Switzerland	1
Comoros	1	Macedonia	3	Syria	6
Costa Rica	2	Madagascar	2	Taiwan	5
Cote d'Ivoire	15	Malawi	3	Tajikistan	1
Croatia	7	Malaysia	4	Tanzania	3
Cyprus	1	Malta	1	Thailand	3
Czech Republic	7	Mauritania	1	Togo	1
Dem. Rep. of the Congo	2	Mexico	7	Trinidad and Tobago	2
Denmark	2	Morocco	4	Tunisia	5
Djibouti	1	Mozambique	1	Turkey	5
Dominican Republic	3	Namibia	1	Uganda	1
Ecuador	3	Nepal	4	Ukraine	7
Egypt	14	Netherlands	1	United Arab Emirates	5
El Salvador	1	New Zealand	5	United Kingdom	5
Estonia	1	Niger	2	Uruguay	1
Finland	1	Nigeria	17	Uzbekistan	9
France	4	Norway	1	Venezuela	2
Gambia	1	Oman	4	Vietnam	3
Georgia	5	Pakistan	31	Yemen	23
Germany	6	Palestinian Territories	21	Zimbabwe	11
Ghana	1	Panama	3		

complete list of delegations

October 23-27 - Yemen

Focus: Women's Participation in the Political Process

October 28-31 - Iraq

Focus: Iraq Election Stakeholders

October 31 - November 4 - China

Focus: Finance Issues

November 4-8 - North Asia

Focus: Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists

November 4-8 - Lebanon

Focus: Law Enforcement in the U.S.

November 7-10 - Yemen

Focus: The Role of the Media in Covering National Elections

November 10-12 - Pakistan

Focus: Engaging Young Leaders of Pakistan - Forum for Change

November 11-15 - South Korea

Focus: U.S.-Korea Trade Relations Under the U.S.-Korea Free Trade Agreement

November 11-15 - Near East and North Africa

Focus: Finance Issues

November 11-15 - Uzbekistan

Focus: Justice Through Forensics Improvement

November 11-15 - Hungary

Focus: NGO Management

November 11-15 - Near East and North Africa

Focus: Preventing and Confronting Domestic Abuse and Violence

December 4-8 - European Union

Focus: U.S. Foreign Policy Challenges

December 4-8 - International Delegation

Focus: HIV/AIDS Education and Prevention in the U.S.

December 9-12 - Chad

Focus: Islam in the U.S.

December 11-15 - Croatia

Focus: Entrepreneurship in the U.S.

December 12-15 - Iraq

Focus: Public Health Administration Capacity Building

December 18-22 - Yemen

Focus: Youth Participation in the Political Process

January 17-24 - Kyrgyzstan

Focus: LGBT Rights

January 19-23 - Czech Republic and Slovakia

Focus: Getting the Message Out

January 19-24 - International Delegation

Focus: NGOs and Civic Activism

January 29 - February 2 - Saudi Arabia

Focus: Interfaith Dialogue

February 1 - International Delegation

Focus: Fulbright Dinner Hospitality

February 7-12 - Georgia

Focus: University Endowments

February 14-17 - Australia

Focus: Minority and Indigenous Communities

February 19-23 - International Delegation

Focus: International Crime

February 27 - March 2 - China

Focus: International Trade

March 5-9 - Libya

Focus: Interfaith Dialogue

March 9-14 - Near East and North Africa

Focus: Women as Political Leaders

March 19-25 - International Delegation

Focus: American Youth

March 26-30 - India

Focus: Social Entrepreneurship

April 3-6 - Kazakhstan

Focus: Coast Guard and Customs

April 3-6 - Pakistan

Focus: Entrepreneurship Advocacy

'It was a wonderful experience of a lifetime I had. I am very grateful for all the hard work that was put into the planning of this program. The meetings gave me an insight of how to better lead my institution forward in achieving our goals and making the institution an exceptional one. Thanks a million!!!'

**- Ms. Eleanor Bodden-Gillett,
2013 IVLP Participant, Belize**

'I am in love with the good people of Savannah, Georgia. It is a place where art thrives in adverse conditions. It is a model for social change.'

*- Ms. Sameera Ismail,
2013 IVLP Participant,
Saudi Arabia*



April 11-14 - Philippines

Focus: Agri-Business

April 14-18 - China

Focus: NGO Management

April 17-21 - South Korea

Focus: Corporate Social Responsibility

April 20-24 - Zimbabwe

Focus: Student Services at U.S. Universities

April 24-27 - Kazakhstan

Focus: Trafficking

April 25-30 - International Delegation

Focus: Changemakers/Social Entrepreneurship

April 25-30 - International Delegation

Focus: International Crime

May 9-15 - South and Central Asia

Focus: Human Rights

May 18-22 - Western Hemisphere

Focus: Administration of Justice

May 19-21 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Focus: State and Local Government

May 21-25 - Palestinian Territories

Focus: Military and Civilian Justice System

May 22-25 - Brazil

Focus: Health and Human Rights

May 28 - June 1 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Focus: HIV/AIDS

May 28 - June 1 - India

Focus: Combating Human Trafficking

June 6-11 - International Delegation

Focus: TV/Broadcast Journalism

June 6-12 - Israel

Focus: Community Activism

June 8-13 - Yemen

Focus: University Administration

June 12-15 - Guinea

Focus: Religious Diversity

June 16-19 - Trinidad and Tobago

Focus: U.S. Accreditation Policies

June 18-22 - United Arab Emirates

Focus: Youth and Entrepreneurship

June 19-22 - Bangladesh

Focus: Community Radio

June 27 - July 2 - China

Focus: Public Health

June 27 - July 3 - Syria

Focus: NGO Management and Administration

July 16-20 - International Delegation

Focus: American Corners Program

July 16-20 - South Africa

Focus: Legislative Leadership in Economic Development and Job Creation

July 17-20 - Nigeria

Focus: Legislative Libraries

July 23-27 - Bangladesh

Focus: Biotechnology and GMOs

complete list of delegations

July 24-27 - Poland

Focus: Promoting Tolerance Through Social Media

July 24-27 - Germany

Focus: Internet and Politics

August 14-18 - China

Focus: Sustainable Development and Environmental Protection

August 18-21 - Japan

Focus: Legislative Leadership in Economic Development and Job Creation

August 21-24 - France

Focus: Crisis Management

August 21-24 - Armenia

Focus: Promoting a Culture of Tolerance

August 24-28 - Israel, Jordan, and the West Bank

Focus: Women Entrepreneurs and Economic Leaders

August 26-28 - International Delegation

Focus: Promoting Social Change through the Arts

August 28-31 - France

Focus: Diversity in the U.S.

September 4-7 - Egypt

Focus: Interfaith Dialogue

September 10-13 - Iraq

Focus: Religious Minorities

September 14-18 - Saudi Arabia

Focus: Aviation

September 17-20 - Belize

Focus: 100,000 Strong in the Americas

September 18-21 - Russia

Focus: Paralympics for Youth

September 26 - October 1 - Sub-Saharan Africa

Focus: Broadcast Journalism

September 28 - October 2 - Cote d'Ivoire

Focus: Higher Education Management

October 9-12 - Palestinian Territories

Focus: American Studies



fulbright

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) sponsors enrichment seminars, conferences and workshops across the United States as part of its flagship Fulbright Program. These enrichment activities, an integral part of the Fulbright experience, benefit the more than 800 Fulbright Visiting Scholars, who are faculty and professionals from over 155 countries that have received Fulbright Scholar grants for advanced research and university lecturing in the United States, and support the Fulbright Program's overall mission – to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries. The Institute of International Education (IIE) administers the enrichment seminar program under the guidance of and in consultation with ECA.

GCIV hosted three Fulbright programs in fiscal year 2013. In February 2013, GCIV organized a four-day seminar focusing on public and global health issues. Visiting Scholars attended meetings, plenary sessions, panel discussions and workshops at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Emory University, The Carter Center, and numerous other local partners and NGOs. In addition, scholars participated in cultural excursions, walking tours of some of Atlanta's most notable historic sites and they had the opportunity to network with GCIV members during International Dining Experiences. Dinner hospitality was provided by 20 GCIV hosts.

GCIV also hosted Fulbright Scholars for a year-long cultural enrichment program during FY 2013.



international consular ball

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Each year GCIV honors the Consular Corps during Atlanta's premier international event, attended by business and civic leaders throughout the metro region.

The 32nd Annual International Consular Ball was held on Saturday, April 27 at the World of Coca-Cola with the theme "Passport to the Future." Atlanta Mayor Kasim Reed made keynote remarks, the Ugandan Children's Choir gave a surprise performance, and members of the Consular Corps contributed small items emblematic of their countries to a time capsule.

The silent auction and raffle raised funds to support GCIV's work to build international understanding and cooperation. GCIV extends special thanks to the corporate partners and patrons for their support of GCIV's citizen diplomacy work and the 32nd Annual International Consular Ball, as well as our Consular Ball Chair, Yelena Epova.



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global learning & networking

global lunch forums

GCIV organizes open-to-the-public lunch meetings with leaders in a variety of fields from all over the world. Here everyone has a chance to share opinions about local and international issues. Participants hear first-hand accounts of current events abroad from distinguished guests and have the chance to engage in discussion.

The international guests share their work with local citizens and then an engaging discussion begins. The conversation ranges from the visitors' profession, homeland and experiences, to relating common issues in the United States and abroad.

GCIV organized several Global Lunch Forums for nearly 100 participants in fiscal year 2013. The themes and participants showcased a variety of professional backgrounds in a global context. Topics included Interfaith Dialogue with Chadian Imams, Human Trafficking in India, and Emergency and Crisis Management Practices in the EU.

great decisions

GCIV serves as the state coordinator for the Great Decisions Program. In this role we organize discussion groups and a complementary lecture series that gives participants the opportunity to expand their understanding of world affairs. Topics change annually, and are based on the Foreign Policy Association's non-partisan briefing book. Over 300 people participated in the GCIV Foreign Policy Lecture Series. In addition, there were approximately 20 discussion groups across the state. These community groups met in metro Atlanta, Decatur, Dunwoody, Kennesaw, Marietta, McDonough and Roswell as well as in Athens, Big Canoe, Carrollton, Columbus and Demorest.



2013 Foreign Policy Lecture Series

January 24 - Future of the Euro

Dr. Vicki Birchfield, Associate Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology; Co-Director, Center for European and Transatlantic Studies

January 31 - Egypt

Dr. Carrie Wickam, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Emory University

February 7 - NATO

Dr. Robin Dorff, Dean, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Professor of Political Science, Kennesaw State University

February 14 - Myanmar & Southeast Asia

Dr. Katja Weber, Associate Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 21 - Humanitarian Intervention

Dr. Mikulas Fabry, Assistant Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

February 28 - Iran

Ms. Sandra Mackey, award-winning writer on Middle Eastern culture and politics

March 7 - China in Africa

Dr. James Gillam, Professor, Department of History, Spelman College

March 14 - Threat Assessment

Dr. Robert Kennedy, Professor, Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology

hosting

GCIV offers the chance to meet emerging world leaders on both a personal and professional level. Home hospitality allows visitors to teach hosts about their home countries, have a meal in an American home, and participate in lively after-dinner discussions. Professional meetings provide a setting for an exchange of ideas and sharing of best practices between leaders from around the world and their counterparts in Georgia. These encounters often lead to lasting friendships and professional collaborations with colleagues abroad.

'I loved Atlanta and I recommend it. I felt at home.'

*- Mr. Omar Rashid Al-Zbedy,
2013 IVLP Participant, Libya*



All GCIV professional resources and dinner hosts are volunteers. While we are not able to list all 500 professional resources, we would like to thank them all for their time and hospitality. Thanks also to the many GCIV members who hosted one or more international visitors by sharing a meal and opening their homes in FY 2013:

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Raya Zalik

global learning & networking

international dining experiences

International Dining Experiences give members the chance to meet visiting delegations in a more informal, social environment. IDEs take place at a different ethnic restaurant around the 15th of every month. Members are encouraged to bring friends and neighbors as an introduction to GCIV. Many of our hosts enjoy this opportunity to meet other members while sampling exotic cuisines.

In fiscal year 2013, GCIV organized twelve IDEs involving over 300 guests. GCIV also hosted world-wide delegations of CNN Journalism Fellows at two of the IDEs. Restaurants included Penang, Across the Street, Bombay Café, Osteria Del Figo, Queen of Sheba, Aja, Top Spice, Panahar, Eclipse di Luna, Double Zero, and Chai Pani.



international women associates

Formed in 1978, IWA brings together women from all countries to build friendships and help international newcomers become oriented to life in Atlanta through a network of support and activities. Other members are North Americans who have lived abroad or have interests in international affairs. Monthly programs on cultural and educational topics enhance the personal and professional growth of the members and promote understanding of other cultures and goodwill.

The 2012-2013 series was once again a success, featuring educational and cultural programs on Women in Art History, Estonian Film, International Quilts, and Symbols of Japan. Over 100 members and guests participated in IWA programs this year.

today i met . . .

GCIV staff and educators work together to ensure a two-way learning process during these carefully-designed school visits: international visitors make presentations about their countries and areas of expertise; in turn, students share their unique perspectives with our visitors and convey what life looks like from an American student's point of view. *Today I Met...* is a mutually beneficial collaboration serving to enrich various aspects of schools' social studies curricula as well as international visitors' understanding of life in the U.S. Bringing the social studies curriculum to life by arranging for international leaders to visit classrooms is vital, but the innovation of this unique program lies in the multiplier effect. Interactive learning continues well beyond the classroom when *Today I Met ...* becomes the opening line students use to initiate conversations with friends, parents, siblings, and other relatives and teachers.

All schools (public, private, and charter) across the metropolitan Atlanta area are invited to host international visitors in their classrooms. During FY 2013, GCIV introduced over 180 international leaders to over 670 Georgia students during 29 site visits. Over a dozen schools participated including elementary, middle and high schools in Cobb County, DeKalb County, Fulton County, Fannin County and Atlanta Public Schools.



internship program

GCIV's internship program enables the organization to more effectively partner with universities by offering practical experience to students. In addition to assisting with the International Visitor Leadership Program, interns have the opportunity to attend GCIV community programs to further their exposure to Atlanta's international sector.

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'As chair of the Atlanta City Council's international relations committee, I have a front-row seat to GCIV's programs and services. They are best-in-class. No one gives international delegations an experience of the real, authentic Atlanta like GCIV.'

*- The Honorable Kwanza Hall,
Atlanta City Council and
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