



## Call for Internship for Foreign Students in Georgia

FinExCoop - Finance, Extension and Cooperative Development for Georgian Farmers (FinExCoop Georgia) has been kicked off in August 2019. The 4-year project is funded by the European Union (EU) under the NIF Programme with a total budget of EUR 4 million, and managed and coordinated by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD). FinExCoop is implemented by Frankfurt School of Finance & Management (FSFM), in partnership with Chambre d'Agriculture du Loiret, Mercy Corps and Rural Development for Future Georgia (RDFG). The project aims at improving access to finance and agricultural extension services for family farm entrepreneurs and cooperatives in Georgia. Our objectives are to provide Georgian farmers and cooperatives with on-field capacity-building, thus increasing their creditworthiness and financial inclusion in the long run.

FinExCoop Georgia project is pleased to announce a call in Georgia for an internship in the agriculture sector for students currently studying in EU universities.

FinExCoop Georgia aims to host at least two students as interns in 2022. Chosen students will be actively working with the implementing team in the main value chains of the project (beef-and-dairy, potatoes, modern apple orchards and goats for milk) for a period of up to 6 months. They will be based in Tbilisi with frequent travels in Georgian regions.

FinExCoop will pre-select students, rate them and get their recruitment validated by the Committee for Pilots which includes AFD and the Rural Development Agency under the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture (RDA/MEPA) with deliberative vote, and the JSC Partnership Fund.

The selection criteria for foreign students applying for internship in Georgia:

- Students involved in agricultural value-chains, from the fork of the farmer to the fork of the final consumer (a must)
- Students from EU universities (a must)
- Students with a research project directly connected with FinExCoop's value-chains (beef-and-dairy, potatoes, modern apple orchards, goats for milk) and activities (a must)
- Students with already some practical experience in their home countries (a must)
- Students from EU universities having entered in a twinning agreement with a Georgian university (a priority)
- Female students (a plus)
- Students who already have an international experience (a plus)
- Students who already have an experience and knowledge of Georgia, allowing them to be readily operational (a plus)
- Students recommended by a private company operating in Georgia in FinExCoop's value chains (a plus).

The main activities of interns working in different value chains of FinExCoop Georgia project are:

- Follow-up ongoing activities of demo-plots and innovations of FinExCoop Georgia, implemented in its pilot development platforms, and report them to the team and to projects' technological partners



- Systematically create and update gross margin calculations for ICCs (Information and Consultation Centers, under MEPA)
- Coordinate FinExCoop's activities with those of other AFD projects, and in particular those linked to its programme of rehabilitation of the irrigation systems in the area of Zemo Samgori.

FinExCoop will provide financial support to students to cover their living costs in Georgia.

An agreement for internship will have to be signed between the EU University, FinExCoop and the student. It will define the obligations of each party and deal with the important issue of medical and repatriation insurance for students.

Candidates interested to take part in internship program should submit their CV, letter of motivation and additional documents (reference from academic personnel, copies of diploma, training certificates, etc.) and a proof of vaccination against COVID-19 at the following e-mail address: [sergo.baramidze@finexcoop.ge](mailto:sergo.baramidze@finexcoop.ge).

In the email subject please indicate the following: Call for Internship for Foreign Students in Georgia

Deadline for submitting applications: **Sunday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2022 (24:00 CET).**