

July Seminars

Participants will begin their training with a series of intensive seminars taught by UGA faculty members at the GIPA campus in Tbilisi over four weeks in July 2018:

| Week | Dates | Seminar Topics |
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| Week 1 & 2 | 2–6, 9–13 July 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Design & The Logic of Social Inquiry (late afternoon) • Applied Statistics (evening) |
| Week 3 | 16–20 July 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small thematic groups (evening) |
| Week 4 | 23–27 July 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting and Managing Research Projects (late afternoon) • Academic Writing and Publishing in Peer-Reviewed Publications (evening) |

During the third week, participants will work in small thematic groups with a UGA faculty member to develop their research interests. These small groups will review relevant academic theory, potential publication outlets, develop research project plans. These small groups could focus on the following themes, although student interests will determine the specific topics covered:

- Fiscal Reforms and Financial Management
- Personnel and Civil Service Reform
- Performance Management
- Domestic and Subnational Politics and Policy, with an emphasis on Environment and Health

Following the July seminars, participants will continue to interact with UGA faculty mentors through e-mail and/or Skype to identify, design, and conduct a research project building on the knowledge and expertise gained during the summer seminars.

Presentation of Research

In December 2018, the thematic groups will meet with the UGA faculty in-person at GIPA to formally present their research. During this five-day workshop, participants will receive detailed feedback from the UGA faculty as well as other experts working in the thematic area.

Following the December 2018 workshop, participants will continue to receive coaching and mentoring from the UGA faculty through e-mail and/or Skype.

Submission of Manuscripts

In April 2019, participants will electronically submit a full manuscript of their research to the UGA faculty for review. Based on these reviews, participants will be expected to revise their manuscripts for submission to peer-reviewed academic journals.