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## **Armenian Educational Foundation Press Release**

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### **AEF Approves \$100,000 to Establish Computer Information Systems Department at Artsakh State University**



Artsakh State University

Glendale, CA – The Armenian Educational Foundation (AEF) is proud to announce that it approved the \$100,000 budget to fund a 4 year Computer Information Systems degree program, in Artsakh State University in Stepanakert will be called “AEF Computer Science Department”. The plans are set to launch the program later this year. The \$100,000 will help finance computer hardware, software, instructor salaries, and student scholarships.

The project, a collaboration among Diaspora and Artsakh organizations, appropriately named “iArtsakh,” is an undertaking of Armenian Educational Foundation, Scholars for Scientific, Educational, and Cultural Development, Artsakh Prime Ministry and Artsakh State University.

The iArtsakh project extends AEF ongoing projects such as; school renovations, recently renovated Artsakh State University dormitory, the computer for villages, IT training of village teachers, and university scholarships. The iArtsakh project promotes IT, modern technology, higher education, employment and empowerment.

"We at AEF recognize the importance of economic development for Artsakh and believe that this project will have a big impact in developing the infrastructure needed to bring information technology companies to Artsakh" said AEF president Hermineh Pakhanians.

AEF was established in 1950 in Los Angeles and for 63 years has provided financial assistance to Armenian students and educational institutions. For more information, please visit AEF's website at [www.aefweb.org](http://www.aefweb.org) or contact the AEF's office at (818) 242-4154.