

Dilara Huseynzade



Dilara Huseynzade is UGRAD Alumna 2005-2006. Through the program she was studying Sociology at Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon, Washington. Upon her return she continued her education where she first got enrolled which is Academy of Public Administration under President of the Republic of Azerbaijan. She is going to graduate in May of 2009. She has also participated in many social, cultural and political conferences, youth club activities and research initiatives both before and after UGRAD Program.

Upon her return home Dilara started to work at ERA Marketing Company. She has been working there almost for three years and she is doing Marketing and Social Research. It is an excellent opportunity for her to gain more expertise in applied Sociology. During 2007-2008 years and up to now, she was contracted by John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, Center for Communication Programs and Caucasus Resource & Research Center as an independent data analyst in social researches conducted by both institutions. Besides that, she was eager to put in practice the knowledge she was gaining in International Relations at the Academy. Given this aspiration, she applied for an internship at BP Exploration LTD at the Department of Communications & External Affairs. The selection process took around 7 month. Eventually, she was selected among other applicants to make an internship in summer 2007. Since International Relations also imply broad language knowledge, she decided to learn Spanish and French. This summer, in August 2008 she went to Salamanca, Spain to take Spanish language courses at ENFOREX.

Besides academic and professional engagement, she also initiated several social activities in her home community, which developed, in her membership in the Rotaract Club of Baku International. Being an active member of the Club, she took lead and/or participated in several community outreach and social projects. The main beneficiaries of the projects were and are elderly people, orphans, HIV/AIDS infected people, homeless people and other vulnerable strata of society.

All the different local, national and international conferences; engagement in social activities through community services and club activities; education; travel; project implementation; internships and work gave her invaluable chances and opportunities to develop such qualities as self-esteem, open-mindedness, tolerance, innovative thinking, problem-solving, leadership, independence, decision-making, analytical skills, responsibility, experience, etc. This year she set herself to obtaining Master's Degree at one of the accredited universities of Europe or USA so that to perfect knowledge and skills attained so far.