

7th Akiki Internship Grant Awarded to Mirella Bou Khalil

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LERC Staff

Ms. Mirella Bou Khalil was selected as the 7th winner of the US\$1,000 Kozhaya and Nora Akiki Internship Grant and is currently serving as an intern at the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at the Faculty of Law and Political Science (FLPS), Notre Dame University-Louaize (NDU), for three months throughout fall-spring 2016 Semester.



Ms. Haddad, Ms. Bou Khalil and Dr. Hourani at LERC (Jan. 2016)

Mirella holds a B.A. in Communication Arts/Journalism, which she earned from the Faculty of Humanities (FH), NDU, Lebanon. Throughout the period of studying for her B.A., Mirella interned at *Radio Sawt el-Mada*, *MTV Newsroom*, the Lebanese Center of Human Rights (CLDH), and Social Media Exchange (SMEX). More recently, she is the Operations/Research Assistant at both the Lebanon Dialogue Initiative (LDI), and Oghma Group International.

In the areas of civic engagement, Mirella has worked on a broadcasting program with UNESCO and *VDL Radio* for “International Radio Day 2015,” and is a member of the NGO Fe-Male, which fights against women objectification in the media. Mirella most recently completed an online course through the U.S. Embassy in Lebanon at UC Berkeley, USA, on ‘Journalism for Social Change.’ and currently taking another online course ‘American Government’ at Harvard via correspondence.

Ms. Bou Khalil is grateful to the Akiki family for giving her the opportunity to intern at the LERC, and she has acquired immense experience and exposure.