

Mr. Marc Tabet is the 10th Winner of the AKIKI Grant

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Mr. Tabet (6th from left) assisting LERC at the Lebanon Diaspora Energy Conference in May 2016

Mr. Marc Tabet is completing a three-month internship at the Lebanese Emigration Research Center (LERC) at the Faculty of Law and Political Science after being selected as the winner of the Kozhaya and Nora Akiki Internship Grant for the Summer Semester of 2016. The Internship Grant is a \$1,000 U.S. Dollars grant provided by Mr. Kozhaya Akiki for local Lebanese students to intern at LERC during the transition period between graduating and finding employment.

Mr. Kozhaya Akiki has been a friend of, and believer in, LERC since he first visited the Center. His annual visits to Lebanon from Tupper Lake in New York with his late wife always included a stopover at LERC. Mr. Kozhaya Akiki offered to contribute funds to establish a grant for LERC's internship program. He has since offered it ten times.

During his internship period, Mr. Tabet's main tasks included profiling organizations and individuals abroad, media monitoring, archiving, and downloading material. Mr. Tabet has also assisted the center for its preparations for the Lebanese on the Titanic Painting Exhibit at the Lebanese Diaspora Energy Conference of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and has also assisted in accumulating material for the centers online newsletter on Lebanese Migration: MUREX.

Mr. Tabet, a graduate in Communication Arts from the Faculty of Humanities at NDU, is grateful to the Akiki family for giving her the opportunity to intern at LERC and acquire immense experience from his internship period.