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The American University of Armenia is 20. The University opened its doors the same day Armenia gained independence. AUA has more than 2 000 alumnae today.

"The University of California, the Armenian General Benevolent Union and the Armenian Government decided to found the American University of Armenia after the earthquake of 1988 to somehow compensate for the loss of schools in Gyumri," AUA Founding President Mihran Aghbabyan told a press conference today.

Speaking about the activity and the achievements of the University over the past 20 years, Its Founding Dean Armen Ter-Kyureghian emphasized the cooperation agreement with the University of California, noting that no other university in the world has a similar agreement. Another privilege of the University is that it has been accredited by the American Association of Schools and Colleges.

"The accreditation confirms that the educational programs of the American University of Armenia correspond to high standards of the Association," Armen Ter-Kyureghian said.

The Founding Dean says 80% of AUA alumnae live and work in Armenia.

The American University of Armenia will offer a Bachelor's Program starting from 2012 academic year.

