Today’s Students are the Next Generation’s Leaders
Leadership, Equity, and Diversity Initiative

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“Diversity and inclusion—these are among AUB’s top priorities, and the positive impact is felt both benefiting the students, their community, and the university itself. Here, we strive to provide a platform where students have an opportunity to develop and experience their values, while also advocating for diversity and unity. By embracing diversity, we are better equipped to tackle the pernicious inequalities that affect all societies.”

Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri, AUB President

EDUCATION FOR LEADERSHIP IN CRISIS (ELC)

Testimonials:

“My perspective was refreshed on why and how I can contribute to the change we see in this region. A year through the program has left me with a full toolkit and determination to make an impact, which makes what I will do in the future easier to achieve.”

Soheila Shourbaji, MEPI-TL scholar

“The scholarship gave me a chance to attend a university that offers opportunities and ideas on a smaller scale. AUB is not just a great educational institution, but it has also given me the opportunity to develop leadership, interpersonal skills, and teamwork. This has been invaluable in my professional and personal growth. All the professors and Honors scholars I met have been inspiring and good role models. I have been struggling with the idea of taking up full-time studies, so I was very happy to keep up contact with all my professors and friends.”

Alaa Maarouf, AGFE scholar

“As time passed, it started to unravel in front of me how we USP students have been making the most out of our college experience. We’ve been lucky enough to be a part of this journey, going step by step up the ladder, fulfilling our academic goals and pursuing our dreams while being supported by our professors and scholars. The support and encouragement we received from our professors and seniors have been invaluable.”

Ibrahim Barada, USAID USP scholar

“I think my decision to apply to the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at AUB made me understand what it means to be a leader in the truest sense of the word. abdominal pains have never been more relevant. everything I was experiencing and observing around me inspired me. as an international student, being an Honors scholar, being exposed to the world of academia, and having the opportunity to interact with amazing people who are experts in their field, the journey has been amazing and unforgettable.”

Lydia Namasa, MCF scholar

“I’m very grateful for this scholarship that you have granted me. Growing from a small town to a big city, leaving behind AUB will mean a lot of change for me. I will miss the people and the place that has been my second home. I will miss the people who have made my stay here more comfortable and enjoyable. I will miss the professors who have been my mentors and supporters. I will miss the people who have made my stay here more enjoyable and meaningful.”

Ahmad Atwat, ULYP scholar

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Leadership, Equity, and Diversity (LEAD) Initiative:

LEAD is a collaborative platform that ensures coordination, efficiency, and synergy among scholarship programs at AUB to realize a model of transformative higher education and increase comprehensive scholarship opportunities. LEAD programs equip students with the necessary skills to become agents of change who will impact their communities and instill humanistic values in their societies.

LEAD Scholarship Programs:

LEAD scholarship programs go beyond the traditional provision of financial support for the most excluded groups, by adding civic engagement and leadership development, targeted academic and psychosocial support, as well as career preparation and guidance.

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program supports students from Africa and Lebanon including refugees living in Lebanon.

USAID - Higher Education Scholarship Program (HES) supports Lebanese students and displaced refugees in Lebanon.

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)—Tomorrow’s Leaders Scholarship Program supports comprehensive scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from Algeria, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Syria, Tunisia, and Yemen.

Abdulla Al Ghurair Foundation for Education (AGFE) STEM Scholarship Program provides scholarship opportunities for Arab youth to pursue a major in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM).

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)—Education for Leadership in Crisis Scholarship Program (ELC) offers comprehensive scholarships to undergraduate students from Afghanistan.

ULYP (Unite Lebanon Youth Project) Bridge Scholarship Program: offers comprehensive scholarships to Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian students residing in Lebanon that have been accepted to AUB.

Civic Engagement and Leadership Development:

The Center for Civic Engagement and Community Service (CCECS) guides LEAD students through a structured civic engagement and leadership development framework that aims to prepare graduates to be leaders of social change in their countries and the world. They engage in:

- Volunteering with NGOs
- Internships in Community-Serving Organizations
- Workshops and Trainings
- Community Service Projects