

Q1: Can I enroll or resume my education in universities in Lebanon?

Yes. All refugees in Lebanon, who have completed the official high school in Lebanon (Thanawieh Aamah Lubnanieh) or its equivalence in their country of origin, can access public or private certified universities in Lebanon.

Q2: What documents do I need to access universities in Lebanon?

When approaching a university in Lebanon, you should bring all the following documents:

- ID document
- Official high school transcript stamped by the ministry of education in Lebanon, or equivalence certificate, delivered by the equivalence committee in the ministry of education and higher education in Lebanon.
- Language proficiency score (for some universities) or entrance exams for some specialties

Q3: When can I enroll/ register in universities in Lebanon?

The enrollment date varies for each university. You could contact the university you wish to apply for to learn more about the enrollment date and registration procedure.

Q4: What is the equivalence process?

Any student who holds a general certificate of secondary education issued by a governmental entity from an Arab or foreign country and wants to pursue their studies in Lebanon should submit a request to the Equivalence Committee in education of the Ministry of Education to obtain his/her grade equivalence before registering into the institutions of higher learning/universities.

Submitting requests for the Syrian general certificate of secondary education can be done through the mail (Libanpost) or through the Ministry of Education and Higher Education, the equivalence department.

For more information on the equivalence process, please visit MEHE's website:

<http://www.mehe.gov.lb/equiv/arabic/page/committee.html>

Q5: What are the documents that must be submitted to the Equivalency Committee?

Academic Documents:

- For general certificate of secondary education students:
 - Brevet certificate
 - General Certificate of Secondary Education with a clear mention of success

If the documents were not issued in Lebanon, the original documents and copies should be either:

- 1- Stamped by the Ministry of Education in the country in which studies were completed, and then by the embassy in Lebanon so that they can be stamped by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lebanon.
Or
- 2- Stamped by the embassy of the country in which studies were completed then by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lebanon.

Administrative documents:

- Valid Passport or Residency card issued by the General Security or UNHCR registration certificate.
- Administrative fees (Official Lebanese stamps for a total value of 36,000 Lebanese Pounds)

Note: All the required documents should be presented as required with a certified copy. Foreign curriculum demands should be presented before the end of January.

Q6: What do I do if I do not have one or more of the documents required? Who to contact?

These documents are mandatory to enroll in a certified university in Lebanon. We encourage you to gather all authentic documents as soon as possible. If you do not have any of these documents, you could contact the university you wish to apply for to see if they have alternative options.

Q7: Do I need a residency permit to go to university in Lebanon?

You might not need the residency permit to enroll or to resume your education in university.

Q8: Are foreign languages essential to access university education in Lebanon?

Not necessary. The minimum proficiency requirements differ from one university to another, as well as from faculty of studies to another. Nevertheless, even to study Arabic literature, universities in Lebanon require mandatory foreign language courses (English or French) to be completed.

Many institutions offer foreign language classes across Lebanon. For more information, you could contact:

- 1) American Lebanese Language Center: <http://allcs.edu.lb/>
- 2) AMIDEAST: <http://www.amideast.org/lebanon>
- 3) British Council: <https://www.britishcouncil.org.lb/en>
- 4) Cervantes: <http://beirut.cervantes.es/fr/default.shtm>
- 5) Goethe Institute: <https://www.goethe.de/ins/lb/en/index.html>
- 6) Institut Français (French Institut for French language) <http://www.institutfrancais-liban.com/>
- 7) Italian Institute: http://www.iicbeirut.esteri.it/iic_beirut/it/

Q9: Do I have to pay to enroll in a University in Lebanon? If yes, what are the costs?

Even public education in Lebanon is not free of charge. To access a public university faculty, foreign students have to pay a minimum of 700 USD and up to 900 USD for a BA per academic year and up to 1.200 USD for MA per academic year. Private universities cost range between 2,500 USD and 18,000 USD per academic year.

Q10: What are the different University scholarships available in Lebanon?

Below are some of the university scholarships in Lebanon available to refugee youth between 18-30 years' old who have completed their secondary education. Each scholarship provider offers different support packages. To learn more about the type of support offered, contact the scholarship provider directly or visit their webpage.

- AGFUND (Arab Gulf Program for development) in Partnership with the Arab Open University offers scholarships for Syrians refugees. For info, contact: registrar@aou.edu.lb or StudentAffairs@aou.edu.lb
- American University of Beirut, in partnership with Al Ghurair STEM Scholars Programme offers scholarships for Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinians for STEM degree at the undergraduate/graduate level. For info, contact: applicants@alghurairfoundation.org
- AMIDEAST's Diana Kamal Scholarship Search Fund helps Syrian students apply to and win scholarships to study at U.S. universities. For info contact hkaadi@amideast.org
- AMIDEAST's Hope Fund program helps PRL apply to and win scholarships to study at U.S. universities. For info contact hkaadi@amideast.org
- AMIDEAST offer counseling, test prep, and English Language support to prepare students to enroll in universities in Lebanon or in the U.S. For info contact hkaadi@amideast.org
- AMIDEAST manages the MEPI Tomorrows' Leaders Scholarship Program, which provides full scholarship funding for Syrian students to study at AUB and LAU. For info contact hkaadi@amideast.org
- European Union's Erasmus+ Programme offers exchange programmes and scholarships for Master's degree. For more information, contact neo@erasmusplus-lebanon.org or visit <http://erasmusplus-lebanon.org/>

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- JICA offers scholarships for masters and doctorate for universities in Japan. For more information, contact jpembassy.syria@gmail.com
- Lebanese Association for Scientific Research (LASeR) provides scholarships to Syrians and Palestinians from Syria. For info contact info@laser-lb.org
- SPARK has created an EU-funded scholarships programme in Lebanon ranging from certified degree to vocational courses. For info contact Lebanon@spark-online.org
- UNHCR provides DAFI scholarships to refugees registered under UNHCR willing to start or continue their university studies in Lebanon. For info contact TDH at dafihopes@tdhitaly.org
- HOPES project (Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians) funded by the European Union's Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, the Madad Fund and implemented by the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), the British Council, Campus France and Nuffic, offers scholarship opportunities for refugees from Syria in collaboration with DAFI-UNHCR scholarship program as well as Higher Education English courses (HEEAP) and academic counselling. For more info, contact HOPES team at Lebanon@hopes-madad.org or visit www.hopes-madad.org.
- UNRWA provides scholarship for PRL and PRS. One scholarship per year allocated for students with specific needs. For info contact UNRWA at 009613937094 or m.salameh@unrwa.org
- ULYP provides scholarships for Lebanese, Syrian, PRL, PRS. For more information contact Cynthia Abou Hassan at cynthia.ulyp@gmail.com

Q11: Do I have to pay some fees to apply for a scholarship in Lebanon?

No. Humanitarian agencies provide services FREE of charge.

Q12: Does the scholarship money have to be repaid like a loan or is it “free” money?

No. Scholarships are grants that do not need to be paid back. Some scholarship providers do however require volunteering work to be done as a condition. Check with your scholarship provider for more information.

Q13: Can I apply to a scholarship again in case I was previously not selected?

Yes. You can re-apply to a scholarship every year or at every call for applications as the selection criteria might differ from a year to another, or additional slots can be added.

Q14: Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

Yes. You can apply for different scholarships. However, applicants accepted in more than one scholarship will need to check the rules and regulations of each scholarship provider as policies may vary. In some cases, applicants might need to withdraw from one of the scholarship awards.

Q15: Can I receiving assistance from more than one scholarship?

Since the spaces for scholarships are limited, most scholarship providers do not allow recipients to receive assistance from more than one source. However, it is best to check the rules and regulations of each scholarship provider as policies may vary.

Q16: Who selects the recipients of a scholarship?

The scholarship providers, usually through a panel or committee, in accordance with their own rules and regulations, select scholarship recipients.

Q17: Where can I find information on available scholarships? Is there any website?

Many scholarships have their own outreach channels. Here are some of the websites that compile scholarships:

- www.refugees-lebanon.org
- www.spark-syria.eu
- www.hopes-madad.org
- <http://min7asyr.com>

Q18: What are the other education opportunities available if I cannot enroll or afford enrolling in universities in Lebanon?

You can access formal technical pathways at the Directorate General of Technical and Vocational Education, such as Superior technician (TS) available in over 120 vocational public centers. The academic year at TS level cost around 310 USD.

Some humanitarian entities are supporting refugee enrolment in technical and vocational pathways. You can contact UNHCR partners (SCI, CLMC, IRC, HOPES and TdH) or SPARK.

Erasmus+ provides also International Credit Mobility scholarships for students enrolled in Lebanese universities. To see which institutions have such ICM projects, consult <http://erasmusplus-lebanon.org/content/840>. To find out about the scholarships available, the student should consult the student services office or the international relations office in the respective institution. More than 1000 mobility scholarships were available to Lebanese higher education institutions during the 2 rounds of selection 2016 and 2017.