





HOPES Scholarship program for graduate studies funded by the EU 'Madad' Fund

Announcement

The project HOPES (Higher and Further Education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians), funded by the EU'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, is pleased to announce the second intake of its scholarship program for refugees from Syria in Jordan in partnership with UNHCR's Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI).

The project provides refugees of post-secondary age from Syria and young people in host communities in Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey with the opportunity to access higher education in the host countries and to contribute to the preparation of the post-crisis reconstruction of Syria.

The HOPES scholarship covers two years of post-graduate education (Master's Degree). Extension to the second year is subject to the demonstration of satisfactory performance during the first year of the Master's Degree program.

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible for application, a candidate must:

- 1. be a refugee from Syria,
- 2. be under 32 years old,
- 3. hold a valid refugee permit issued by UNHCR,
- 4. have successfully completed a bachelor degree from a recognized university with at least a good average,
- 5. have no other financial means of support for obtaining the master's degree, not be a current beneficiary of any other academic scholarships,
- 6. have a tentative acceptance letter from the GJU in case that he or she would like to study at this university.
- Candidates already enrolled in master programs at Jordanian universities are also eligible to apply.
- > Women are especially encouraged to apply.
- > Pre-selected applicants will undergo six weeks of English language intensive courses previous to their master studies. This will enable them to pass the National English Language Exam and help them during their study. (These courses as well as transportation costs will be covered by HOPES.)

Students who successfully pass these courses will be invited to the interviews in which the final decision on the master scholarships is made.

- > HOPES will place the selected candidates at the following universities; applicants will have to identify study programs and suggest them to HOPES:
 - 1. Hashemite University: https://hu.edu.jo/reg/index.aspx?prgm=5003
 - 2. University of Petra: https://www.uop.edu.jo/Ar/Admission/Pages/TuitionsFees.aspx
 - 3. Zarqa Private University: http://www.zu.edu.jo/ar/AdmissionAndRegisteration/DisciplinesAndFees.aspx
 - 4. German Jordanian University (except MBA): http://www.gju.edu.jo/content/graduate-programs-3412
 - 5. Al Zaytooneh University: http://www.zuj.edu.jo/admission/graduate-studies-scientific-disciplines-tuition-fees/
 - 6. Al Albayt University: https://www.aabu.edu.jo/fact_2015







The HOPES scholarship covers the following:

- > Annual registration/tuition fees.
- > Living allowance covering basic expenses, such as food and local travel during the semester.

Required Documents for Application:

- 1. **HOPES scholarship application form.** The form is available electronically on the <u>www.hopes-madad.org</u> website or can be found as a hard copy at the HOPES office in Amman and at UNHCR offices.
- 2. A valid copy of UNHCR Asylum seeker certificate or proof of registration in UNHCR.
- 3. Copies of High School Diploma, Bachelor degree certificates and transcripts.
- 4. Original copy of **the initial Masters' degree acceptance letter** for the academic year 2017/2018 (only for applicants who wish to study at GJU).
- 5. Registration at university and if available transcripts (only for those already enrolled in a master study program).
- > Originals must be shown to the HOPES selection committee during the interview should the applicant be invited to it.

Selection Procedures:

The selection process involves several steps:

- 1. Applications are received until **15 June 2017** and assessed for compliance with the eligibility criteria.
- 2. The best candidates fulfilling these criteria and requirements are placed in six weeks English course starting **1 July 2017** prior to their regular master studies 2017.
- 3. The most successful graduates of the English courses will be invited for an interview with the HOPES selection committee to take place in August 2017
- 4. Selected candidates are informed of the committee's decision by telephone and in writing no later than <u>30</u> **August 2017**.

(Please note: travel expenses for attending the interview cannot be covered.)

After filling the application, kindly submit it together with the requested documents to any of the following addresses/locations:

- > Electronically (by email): Scholarships@hopes-madad.org or Jordan@hopes-madad.org
- > As hardcopy:
 - HOPES office in Amman, Jubeiha, University of Jordan, 2nd Investment building. 4th floor.
 - UNHCR urban offices in Amman Khalda office, Mafrag office and Irbid office
 - Zataari Camp: International Relief & Development (IRD) centres inside the camp
 - **Azraq camp:** Community Centers (CARE), Youth Center (NRC).

Please note that you may only submit ONE application – either electronically or in hardcopy!

For inquiries about the HOPES scholarship, please contact us through:

- > **E-mail:** Scholarships@hopes-madad.org
- > Telephone No: 065358457/0792895125 (call time: Sunday to Thursday between 9am and 3pm)