HOPES Scholarship program for Master’s Studies funded by the EU 'Madad' Fund

Scholarship Announcement for Syrians

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 third intake of its scholarship program for refugees from Syria in Lebanon in partnership with UNHCR’s Albert Einstein German Academic Refugee Initiative (DAFI) and in collaboration with the Lebanese University.

The programme 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 third intake of the HOPES scholarship programme offers scholarships for graduate students (Master’s degrees) who are in the last year of their studies. The sponsorship will cover a maximum period of one year, i.e. from October 2018 until September 2019.

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 registration certificate or recording number from the UNHCR,
4. have successfully completed a bachelor degree from a recognized university with at least a good average,
5. Not be a current beneficiary of any other academic scholarship
6. Have a valid residency permit. (According to the Lebanese University regulations)
7. Be a current MA/MSc student with a good average and have one year left for graduation (i.e. must be in the stage of writing a thesis)

> Women are especially encouraged to apply.

The HOPES scholarship covers the following:
> Annual registration/tuition fees for the academic year 2018-2019
> Living allowance covering basic expenses, such as food and local travel during the semester.
> Research fees per semester.

Required Documents for Application:

1. HOPES scholarship application form. The form is available electronically on the [www.hopes-madad.org](http://www.hopes-madad.org) website or can be found as a hard copy at the HOPES office in Beirut and at the Lebanese University—Faculty of Letters and Humanities (Beqaa and Tripoli)
2. A valid copy of UNHCR certificate or proof of registration or recording in UNHCR.
3. Copies of MA/MSc transcripts.
4. Copy of the registration at the Lebanese university for the academic year 2017-2018 (LIBANPOST receipt of last year)
5. Copy of a valid residency permit
6. Recent photograph
7. Copy of the proposal approval.
8. Recommendation letter from the supervisor.
9. Thesis timeline signed by the supervisor.
   > 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 **31 July 2018** and assessed for compliance with the eligibility criteria
2. The best candidates fulfilling these criteria and requirements will be invited for an interview with the HOPES selection committee to take place end of August **2018**
3. Selected candidates are informed of the committee’s decision by telephone and in writing end of **September 2018**.

**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 as a **soft copy** - by email to the following email address: Lebanon@hopes-madad.org

OR

> As a hardcopy to one of the following addresses: (Monday to Thursday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm)
  * HOPES office at the French Institute - Damascus Road - 1st Floor
  * Lebanese University, Faculty of letters and Human Sciences, Zahle
  * Lebanese University, Faculty of letters and Human Sciences, Tripoli

**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: Lebanon@hopes-madad.org
> Telephone No: 01/420284 – 01/420238 (call time: Monday to Thursday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm)