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## HOPES Scholarship program for refugees from Syria funded by the EU 'Madad' Fund Announcement for Master's Degree scholarships in Lebanon

The project HOPES (**H**igher and **F**urther **E**ducation **O**pportunities and **P**erspectives for **S**yrians), 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 Lebanon 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 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. 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 pre admission from the Lebanese University for the academic year 2017-2018
7. Have a valid residency permit
8. Have only 2 years of study interruption since accomplishment of bachelor studies.

> Women are especially encouraged to apply.

### The HOPES scholarship covers the following:

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

### 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 UNHCR offices.
2. **A valid copy of UNHCR certificate** or proof of registration or recording in UNHCR.
3. Copies of **High School Diploma, Bachelor degree certificates and transcripts.**

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4. Copy of equivalency for Syrian diplomas
  5. Copy of **the academic pre admission certificate at the Lebanese university**
  6. Copy of a valid residency permit
  7. Recent photograph
- > 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 2017** 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 in **August 2017**
3. Selected candidates are informed of the committee's decision by telephone and in writing no later than **15 September 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): [Lebanon@hopes-madad.org](mailto:Lebanon@hopes-madad.org)
- > As hardcopy to one of the following addresses:
- **HOPES office** at the French Institute - Damascus Road - 1<sup>st</sup> Floor
  - **UNHCR Beirut/Mt Lebanon - Education Unit:** Behind Spinney's Supermarket Dr. Philippe Hitti Street, Ramlet El Baida, Beirut (Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm)
  - **UNHCR South Lebanon - Education Unit:** Villa Krischt, Al Hosh – Tyre (Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm)
  - **UNHCR Bekaa - Education Unit:** Moulaka Aradi Area- UNHCR Building Facing Kaysar Ata Ice Cream Factory Baalbeck Highway, Zahle-Lebanon
  - **UNHCR North Lebanon - Education Unit** Next to Rachid Karame Exhibition Center – Tripoli (Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm)

**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](mailto:Lebanon@hopes-madad.org)
- > **Telephone No:** 01/420284 - 01420238 (call time: Monday to Friday between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm)