FULL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MASTER’S DEGREES IN PUBLIC HEALTH FOCUSING ON IMPLEMENTATION RESEARCH ON THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OF POVERTY Application deadline: April 1, 2016

Link to online graduate application: https://graduateadmissions.aub.edu.lb/

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon is offering 10 scholarships for graduate education in public health for the academic year 2016-17. Funding for these scholarships is from the Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases (TDR) hosted at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Successful applicants will be part of a global network of fellows supported by TDR that includes students enrolled in 7 institutions worldwide.

SCHOLARSHIP OBJECTIVE
The objective of the scholarship program is to strengthen capacity in implementation research on the neglected tropical diseases (http://www.who.int/neglected_diseases/diseases/en/) as well as malaria and tuberculosis. Implementation research is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to address them, and is particularly useful in low- and middle-income countries where many evidence-based health interventions do not reach those who need them the most. For further information on this international scholarship scheme see: http://www.who.int/tdr/news/2015/7_universities_selected/en/.

DEGREE PROGRAMS OFFERED
In the Eastern Mediterranean region, the scholarships will be open for the following degrees offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at AUB:
1. Master of Public Health (MPH) with a choice of 3 areas of concentration:
   o Epidemiology and Biostatistics (EPBS)
   o Health Promotion and Community Health (HPCH)
   o Health Management and Policy (HMP)
2. Master of Science in Epidemiology (MS EPID)

DEGREE PROGRAM DURATION
Both the MPH and MS degree take two years to complete and only full-time applicants are eligible for this scholarship.
ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION CRITERIA
This scholarship scheme supported by TDR is available to individuals who are nationals of and resident in a low or middle-income country (http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-and-lending-groups#Lower_middle_income) of the Eastern Mediterranean region – EMRO (http://www.emro.who.int/countries.html).

To be eligible for admission for FHS/AUB, students must meet the following minimum requirements:

- Good academic record in undergraduate education (and graduate education where relevant) in any discipline (health sciences, social sciences, nutrition, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry sciences or related discipline) and:
  - (a) hold a bachelor’s degree from AUB, or an equivalent degree from another recognized institution, with a cumulative average of at least 75 and an average of at least 80 or its equivalent in the major field of study; or
  - (b) hold a graduate degree from AUB or another recognized institution with a cumulative average of 80 or its equivalent.
- Proficiency in English demonstrated by passing the University English Entrance Examination (EEE), or by achieving the minimum required score for TOEFL examination or IELTS.
  - Information on the required scores for the different English proficiency tests may be found on page 37 of the online Graduate Catalogue (link below).
  - Applicants who do not meet the English Language Proficiency Requirements will be required to enroll in English language courses before or upon starting their graduate degree programs (depending on the English course level).

HOW TO APPLY
Complete an online application (https://graduateadmissions.aub.edu.lb) and upload supporting documents (as per the requirements on the online application).

Note that only complete applications with all required documentation (including English proficiency test results) submitted online by April 1, 2016 will be considered for admission.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS
- Commitment to work in public health in a low and middle income of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region where tropical diseases/tuberculosis or malaria are endemic;
- Relevance of applicant’s experience to public health or related fields;
- Local need for public health graduates in the country of the applicant;
- Previous employment, voluntary work or research experience concerning neglected tropical diseases, tuberculosis and malaria and/or interest/experience in conducting implementation research is desirable.
Priority will be given to candidates who are at an early stage of their career. Both men and women are encouraged to apply.

Accepted applicants for the MPH program are expected to do their Practicum on a topic related to the 17 neglected tropical diseases, and/or malaria/ tuberculosis in their home country. Accepted applicants for the MS program are expected to do their thesis on the 17 neglected tropical diseases and/or malaria/tuberculosis in their home country.

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORTED BY TDR COVERS
- Round trip air travel from country of residence/nationality
- Full-time tuition for two or two and a half years, including enrolment in an English language course over a full semester for a limited number of students who do not meet the required English score on TOEFL or IELTS
- Monthly basic stipend of $1200 to cover food and accommodation for one person
- Medical and accident insurance

WHY STUDY AT THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT?
- Oldest independent faculty of public health in the Arab region
- Program accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) and remains the only such accredited program in Africa, Asia, and the Arab world
- Diverse and interdisciplinary faculty from Lebanon, Iraq, Syria and Canada
- Faculty expertise in conducting implementation research in public health
- Strong collaboration with AUB’s Medical Center and Faculty of Medicine and their Division of Infectious Diseases
- Opportunity to engage with three exciting centers on Research, Public Health Practice and Knowledge Translation based at the Faculty of Health Sciences
- A rich and stimulating university environment with many opportunities for civic engagement and student activity

SCHEDULE
Deadline for application for scholarships supported by TDR: April 1, 2016
Notification of admission acceptance: May 27, 2016
Notification of scholarship acceptance: June 10, 2016
Deadline for confirmation of acceptance by candidate: June 27, 2016
Students enroll at FHS/AUB: August 29, 2016

Accepted students are expected to start their enrolment in Fall 2016-17. Deferral of enrolment is not allowed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact: GPHP@aub.edu.lb
Information about the graduate degrees, the competencies, the course requirements, and policies and procedures can be found at:
http://www.aub.edu.lb/fhs/fhs_home/degrees_programs/Pages/graduate_program.aspx

Press releases about this scholarship scheme being offered at the American University of Beirut and profiling current students are available at the links below:

AUB website story profiling first students to enroll on scholarship scheme:

TDR website story:

AUB website story announcing the award of the scholarship scheme to AUB:
