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## 14 out of the 28 top-scoring students in the official Lebanese Baccalaureate Join AUB with a Full Scholarship

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In a move that reflects its vanguard position in Lebanon and the region, and its eagerness to promote scientific talent, the American University of Beirut (AUB) has announced that 14 out of the 28 top-scoring students in the official Lebanese Bacc II exams will be joining the university in the academic year 2016/17 to study in all specializations. Coming from various public and private schools, these top scorers are joining AUB with a full scholarship that includes housing, and that is provided for the fourteenth year in a row by the university in collaboration with the National Council for Scientific Research. AUB has been a pioneer in this area in terms of cooperation with the Council.

The announcement of this scholarship came at a ceremony hosted by the National Council for Scientific Research at the Grand Serail, in Beirut, under the patronage of Prime Minister Tammam Salam. Minister of Education and Higher Education Elias Bou Saab, Chair of the Parliamentary Education Committee MP Bahia Hariri, President of the National Council for Scientific Research Dr. George Tohme and the Council’s Secretary General Dr. Moueen Hamza attended the ceremony. It was also attended by AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri, along with AUB’s Director of Admissions and Financial Aid Salim Kanaan, and Associate Director of Admissions Nadine Naffaa. The ceremony was also attended by a number of university presidents, professors and academic personalities.

AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri expressed his pride and satisfaction in this milestone event. He said: "It is inspiring for AUB to receive 14 of the 28 top students in the Lebanese National Baccalaureate as incoming students, especially as they have excellent alternatives for their

college education in Lebanon. We will always strive to deserve their trust, that of their families and of the Lebanese government, such that we can continue to help them to transform their lives that they in turn can make the lives of others more abundant."

The 14 top scoring students joining AUB have chosen the following specializations: mechanical engineering, civil engineering, medicine, business administration, and political science. A large number of the students, who decided to enroll in other universities, did so because the specialization they want, such as pharmacy and French Literature, is not taught at AUB.

The Scholarship for the top 5 of each of the Baccalaureate Students is part of the financial aid provided by AUB to needy and deserving students. AUB financial assistance to undergraduate and graduate students will amount to about 53 million US dollars in the academic year 2016/17 partially covering 52% of AUB students.

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**About AUB**

Founded in 1866, the American University of Beirut bases its educational philosophy, standards, and practices on the American liberal arts model of higher education. A teaching-centered research university, AUB has more than 700 full-time faculty members and a student body of about 8,500 students. AUB currently offers more than 130 programs leading to bachelor's, master's, MD, and PhD degrees. It provides medical education and training to students from throughout the region at its Medical Center that includes a full-service 420-bed hospital.

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