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## **Partnership Sealed:**

# **MoU between the American University of Beirut (AUB) and the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings**

The American University of Beirut (AUB) signed a memorandum of understanding with the Council and Foundation for the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meetings. With this partnership, young scientists from Lebanon will get the unique opportunity to participate in the Lindau Meetings, a unique international forum for scientific exchange that promotes dialogue among scientists of different generations, cultures and disciplines and brings together some of the world's most famous scientists.

In the MoU, both parties mutually agreed to jointly support Natural Sciences and Economics participation where AUB's Lebanese Natural Science delegation will be comprised of up to 3 undergraduates, doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows in the disciplines of physics, chemistry or physiology/ medicine. The same number applies for interdisciplinary meetings. The Lebanese Economics delegation might be comprised of up to 2 doctoral students or postdoctoral fellows nominated by the National Bank of Lebanon or by the Department of Economics at AUB, and an additional up to three of nominees by the American University of Beirut. The delegates will be selected from research universities in Lebanon, or young Lebanese researchers doing their research abroad, following recommendations received and selection by a committee, which will be appointed by the agreed body.

At a historic juncture for AUB and considering the momentous events that have been engulfing our region, AUB has to live up to its extraordinary history by playing a predominant role in shaping the future of Lebanon and the region. Building bridges regionally and internationally are an essential step in this mission. This Memorandum of Understanding is a major step in this direction.

Commenting on the event, AUB President Dr. Fadlo R. Khuri who attended the signing ceremony said: "This is a unique opportunity for young scientists in the AUB community to

spend time in the company of some of the most impactful scientific minds of our age; it will undoubtedly have a life-changing effect on their work and their outlook and I welcome this historic new partnership. “ It is a privilege and an honor for our institution to partner with the Council and Foundation of Nobel Laureate Meetings and on behalf of the whole AUB family I thank you for this immense opportunity.

Lindau provides a great opportunity for AUB, first and foremost for the students to meet the Nobel Laureates in person and to connect with their peers from all over the world. And on the other side, Lindau is proud to welcome AUB as a globally renowned academic partner.

Since 1951, the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting provides a platform for Nobel Laureates and young scientists to exchange knowledge, ideas and experience. The meetings focus alternately on physiology and medicine, on physics or on chemistry – the three natural science Nobel Prize disciplines. An interdisciplinary meeting revolving around all three natural sciences is held every five years. In addition, the Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences is held every three years, the next one in 2017.

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**Note to Editors**

**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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