



Education for Leadership in Crisis (ELC scholars)

Undergraduate Scholarships for Afghan Students at AUB

## Introduction

The American University of Beirut (AUB) is pleased to announce the Education and Leadership in Crisis Scholarship program (ELC) to support the education of 29 qualified students from Afghanistan. The program aims to offer undergraduate merit-based scholarships to these students who will be enrolled at AUB, with funding provided by the United States Government. This program is designed around AUB's strong liberal arts foundation, with an emphasis on developing leadership skills during protracted crises. We are particularly pleased to announce this second round of funding after awarding 15 young women full scholarships in summer 2019.

The scholarship covers four year of full tuition, room and board fees, and international travel expenses for students to enter into the Freshman year and graduating in their senior year. This rigorous academic program will provide the students with excellent academic grounding to become life-long learners and contributors in their communities, while allowing the students to participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities designed to foster leadership and critical thinking. Upon graduation, students benefiting from this scholarship are required to return to Afghanistan and become agents of positive change in the public, private and non-profit sectors.

AUB is pleased to collaborate with Women for Afghan Women (WAW) to raise awareness about this scholarship and encourage students to apply from all over Afghanistan.

## About AUB

Since its founding in 1863, the American University of Beirut has made its educational mark in Lebanon and the region. Selected students will be exposed to a campus environment that promotes tolerance, gender equality, social equality, and critical thinking. AUB has been accredited as an institution since 2004 by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and its accreditation was most recently reaffirmed in June 2009. AUB is also known for its high academic standards and the high demand for its graduates in all disciplines.

## About WAW

Women for Afghan Women (WAW) was founded in April 2001 to advocate for women then living under the brutal rule of the Taliban in Afghanistan. Since its inception, WAW has become the largest organization for Afghan women and girls globally, and the largest women's organization in Afghanistan. To date, WAW has served over 31,000 women and children, as well as 150,000 family members, and trained over 333,000 individuals from all walks of life on women's rights.

Through a comprehensive and holistic network of programs and services, WAW works at the grassroots level to provide life-saving and life-changing services, education, and advocacy for women and children across Afghanistan and New York (NY) who have endured gender-based violence and other human rights violations. WAW's capacity has grown from being volunteer-run



when it was founded to now employing over 750 staff members, the vast majority of whom are Afghan and are woman.

## Education and Leadership in Crisis at AUB

At AUB, students will be exposed to an array of pedagogical approaches (lectures, seminars, labs, blended learning, and independent projects), and learn to use different modes of analysis, which will enhance their verbal, interactive, analytical, and experimental skills. This rigorous approach, and the requirements of AUB's general education program, will provide the ELC students with superior academic structure and support.

In addition to the academic requirements, this scholarship also offers students opportunities for professional and personal development through:

- (1) A tailored capacity-building program focused on leadership, communication, and civic engagement.
- (2) Participation in intensive workshops on conflict resolution and regional issues
- (3) An internship and a community service volunteering component.
- (4) Internships to provide intensive public/private sector experiences
- (5) A senior-year capstone civic service project relevant to the student's communities
- (6) Student mentorship and support from existing ELC scholars.

## Eligibility criteria - Who can apply?

1. Applicants should be Afghan citizens residing in Afghanistan at the time of applying.
2. Applicants should hold a baccalaureate degree (high school diploma) or equivalent.
3. Applicants should have graduated from high school in the year of 2017, 2018, and 2019.
4. Applicants must be in very good academic standing.
5. Applicants must have approximately 75% as a minimum average in high school grades.
6. Applicants must demonstrate leadership potential and commitment to community service and civic engagement.
7. Applicants should not have been enrolled in or completed a degree at any university.
8. Fluency in academic English, especially reading and writing academic texts.
9. Applicants should not have immediate family members (sibling or child) of employees who work for U.S. government agencies such as the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Agency for International Development



10. Applicants who have a pending application for immigration to any country (this includes Special Immigrant Visas, DV Lottery or any other immigrant case) are ineligible.

### What does the scholarship cover?

1. Full tuition fees for the duration of the study program
2. Housing
3. Medical and health insurance
4. Monthly stipend
5. Annual round-trip to Afghanistan

### How to apply?

To apply, you should submit the following required application documents:

1. Official copy of your Baccalaureate or high school diploma or equivalent
2. Official certified high school transcripts

*Documents (1) and (2) must be submitted both in English and in their original language, if different*

3. Two recent passport-sized colored photos
4. Copy of official Afghan ID card and/or passport

If you don't have a passport, please submit your Afghan ID. Shortlisted candidates should commit to issue their passports within a short notice.

5. Proof of English proficiency (SAT I or TOEFL) if available
6. Completed online application

Statement of purpose (150 words) about what makes you an ideal candidate for this program.

Written essay (250 words) on how you think this scholarship can help you play a role in Afghanistan future.

Applications from Kabul, Balkh, Herat, Nangarhar and Kandahar should be submitted online only.

Applicants from other provinces can submit their applications online OR in hard copies to the nearest WAW office. Applicants must choose only one modality for the entire process.

All documents must be submitted in English. If any documents are not in English, applicants must provide both original and translated copies.



Applicants need to:

1. Download the application form available online via the following link:

<https://www.aub.edu.lb/elc/Documents/app.pdf>

*Note: Downloading the application is only for applicants submitting hard copies.*

2. Fill the online application and scan all required documents using the following link:

<http://survey.aub.edu.lb/index.php/995532?lang=en>

*Note: Online applications should be completed and submitted with all required documents.*

For submissions in hard copy:

Applicants need to fill the form in English and in dry ink (pen) and to submit it with copies of all required documents to the closest WAW office.

To help you find the closest WAW office, please call:

Provincial Focal Points	Phone Number
Kabul	0728162982 / 0793182880
Kapisa	0728859826
Faryab	0728859719
Samangan & Baghlan	0728859832
Herat/Farah/Badghis	0797826210
Jawzjan	0728859784
Kunduz	0728859746
Kunar	0728859656
Takhar	0728859773
Saripol	0728859793
Nangarhar/Laghman	0728859642
Balkh	0728859696
Badakhshan	0728859759

If further help is needed, please refer to the Contact section below.



Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted prior to (February 20, 2020). Applications received after the deadline – (February 20, 2020) – will NOT be considered. Please note that incomplete applications or applications with missing supporting documents will not be processed.

## Contact

Please address your questions to:

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## Selection process timeline

<b>Recruitment phase and completion of application</b>	December – February
<b>Deadline to receive complete applications</b>	February 20, 2020
<b>Review of applications and shortlisting</b>	February – April
<b>Final selection and announcement of the results</b>	April 29, 2020
<b>Welcoming students, orientation, and preparatory program</b>	June 2020 - July 2020
<b>Start of Academic Year</b>	August 2020-2021

## Note

Please note that:



Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and asked to submit certified official transcripts.

All shortlisted candidates with no official proof of English proficiency will be invited to take an English test.

Selected applicants are expected to travel to Lebanon by early June 2020.

Annex I

List of majors covered by the program

Major	Examples Career Prospects
Business	Administrator, Financial Analyst, Treasurer, Chief Cost Accountant, Financial Aid Director, Packaging , Logistics, Quality Control Manager, Operations Analyst
Chemistry	Agricultural Scientist, Geochemist, Quality Control Manager, Laboratory Assistant, Site Engineer in telecommunication companies, Computer Programmer, Consultant
Computer Science	IT project coordinator, Technical Consultant, Computer Hardware Engineer, Database Manager, Integrated Systems Engineer, Power Systems Engineer, Communications Engineer
Economics	Entrepreneur, Healthcare Administrator, Property Manager, Market Research Analyst, Information Scientist, Customer Service Representative, Night Auditor, Food/Restaurant Critic, Personnel Manager/Director, Public Relations Specialist
Education/Elementary	Teacher, School Administrator, Educational Officer in NGOs, Private educational Officer, Academic Advisor, School Administrator, Consultant, Curriculum Coordinator, Teacher/ Professor, Personnel Recruiter
English	Academic Advisor, Librarian, Tour Guide, Private Tutor, Editor/Writer, Educational Director, Computer system Analyst, Computer Network Architect, Computer Programmer, Software Developer
Fine arts	Web design, Commercial illustration, Interior design, Fashion design & merchandising, Print, television or internet media, visual communication & media marketing, studio artist, Art teacher
Media Studies	Print Editor, Newscaster, Proofreader, TV News Producer, Reporter, Writer, Communications Specialist
Mathematics	External Auditor, Teacher/Professor, Financial Manager, Controller, Budget Analyst, Airport Engineer, Landscape Architect, Production Engineer, Meteorologist, Bridge or Building Construction Engineer
Nursing	Care Nurse, School Nurse, Public Health Nurse, Nurse Administrator, Technical Consultant
Nutrition	Athletic counselor, Health Educator, Hospital Dietician, Pharmaceutical Sales Representative, Agricultural Scientist,



	Geochemist, Quality Control Manager, Laboratory Assistant, Biomedical Laboratory Attendant, Medical Sales Representative
Political Studies	Consultant to Multinational Corporations, Press Officer, Translator, Instructor, Entrepreneur, Healthcare Administrator, Property Manager, Market Research Analyst, Information Scientist, Financial Advisor, Strategical Planning Director
Public Administration	Consultant to public sector and UN agencies, civil servant, public official, instructor, entrepreneur, NGO worker, administrator, manager, researcher, reform specialist, organizational development, strategy director, departmental director
Psychology	Addiction Counselor, Human Resource Specialist, Occupational Therapist, Social worker, Creative Director, Professor/Teacher, Label Designer, Fashion Designer, Animation Designer,  Director of Advertisements & Publications
Studio Arts	Officer in the Cultural Sector, Art Teacher, Art Salon Manager, Film Animation Artist, Designer