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**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH USAID, AUC ANNOUNCES SCHOLARSHIPS TO EGYPTIAN
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS**

May 21, 2023, Cairo – The American University in Cairo (AUC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, offers scholarships to Egyptian public school students through the [USAID Scholars Activity](#) and the recently launched [USAID Egyptian Pioneers](#) program. Both programs managed and implemented by AUC, will provide scholarships for approximately 250 students, including those with disabilities, in the 2023- 2024 academic year. Through the programs, students can obtain degrees from diverse universities, including AUC and other Egyptian public, non-public and private universities.

Over nine years, from 2022-2031, the USAID Egyptian Pioneers program will include 700 scholarship opportunities and a wide range of training and post-graduate studies for Egyptian students and mid-career professionals. Prioritizing women's empowerment, diversity, inclusion and climate resilience, the USAID Egyptian Pioneers program aims to build and develop the capacity of a cross-disciplinary network of public, private and academic entities. USAID Egyptian Pioneers Chief of Party Amal Mowafy said: "We aspire through this program to foster an inclusive and capable workforce that would elevate sectors critical to Egypt's economic growth, with particular emphasis on geographic representation and the inclusion of women and people with disabilities."

The USAID Scholars Activity, launched in 2020, provides scholarships to approximately 140 Egyptian students in the academic year 2023-2024 to study at AUC and several partner Egyptian public and private universities. USAID Scholars Activity Interim Chief of Party Ihab Abdalla said: “We are excited about receiving the incoming third cohort of applicants for the USAID Scholars Activity. Since 2020, the program has attracted the top public school students to study water, energy, agriculture, computer and artificial intelligence and data sciences- all fields that will support the economic, social, and environmental development plans in Egypt.”

Both the USAID Scholars Activity and USAID Egyptian Pioneers programs aim to support underprivileged students with exceptional academic potential to enroll in better academic opportunities, which includes increasing access to higher education opportunities in English following a fee-based credit-hour system. In particular, the scholarship programs focus on university studies in climate change, water, energy, agriculture, and nursing. Besides the programs’ rigorous higher education opportunities, students have access to English language training, entrepreneurship training, career counseling, a semester/summer abroad in the U.S., job placement services and holistic character development to harvest future scholars as change agents and transformative leaders in Egypt.

The two scholarship programs accept applications from qualified students from all 27 governorates of Egypt, with a selection process that commits to a target of at least 50% females and at least 10%-students with disabilities.

To learn more about the programs, please check: [USAID Scholars Activity](#) and the [USAID Egyptian Pioneers](#) programs. Students can apply directly through [this link](#).

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The University offers 39 undergraduate, 52 master’s and two PhD programs rooted in a liberal arts education that encourages students to think critically and find creative solutions to conflicts and challenges facing both the region and the world.

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