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AUB's Issam Fares Institute to host **an IFI-Google Policy Fellow**

The Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI) at the American University of Beirut (AUB) is pleased to be hosting an IFI-Google Policy Fellow for one year starting November 2019.

IFI will host the selected fellow, who will research a wide range of related policy issues including internet regulation, e-government, technology and development, social media, content oversight, data collection and privacy, and freedom of expression.

Throughout the program, the fellow will be expected to conduct policy research and analysis, draft reports and white papers, attend government and industry meetings, and participate in other advocacy activities.

Dr. Nasser Yassin, IFI's Interim Director, described this new fellowship as “an innovative project that responds to an emerging need in Lebanon and the region to advance our understanding of the growing sector of technology and the role it can play in how governments make better and more transparent decisions.” He added that “collaborating with a multinational technology company such as Google is a great opportunity for the academic and technology worlds to meet and shape future policies related to the internet.”

Selim Eddé, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations at Google MENA, said: “We're very excited to announce our fourth Google Policy Fellowship program in the region. This program offers students and early-stage professionals the opportunity to spend time contributing to the public dialogue, and exploring future academic and professional interests.”

The fellow should be a graduate-level technology expert or an early-career social scientist who is passionate about technology and its impact on society. Interested candidates should apply no later than October 11, 2019.

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