



## Call for applications

### TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic Year 2021/2022

**Open for Submissions - Deadline for applications: 18 March 2021**

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#### DESCRIPTION

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon is offering **scholarships** for **graduate education in public health** starting in Fall of academic year 2021-22. The objective of the scholarship programme is to strengthen capacity to conduct implementation research on neglected tropical diseases, malaria, tuberculosis and COVID-19. Funding for these scholarships is from the Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR), based at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Applicants must be nationals of, and resident in, a low- or middle-income country of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.

Implementation research is a growing field that supports the identification of health system bottlenecks and approaches to address them and is particularly useful in low- and middle-income countries where many evidence-based health interventions do not reach those who need them the most. Further information on implementation research is available from: <http://adphealth.org/irtoolkit/>.

For further information on this international scholarship scheme see:  
<https://www.who.int/tdr/capacity/strengthening/postgraduate/en/>

In the Eastern Mediterranean region, the scholarships will be open for the following degree offered by the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at AUB:

**Master of Public Health (MPH)** with a choice of 3 areas of concentration:

- Epidemiology and Biostatistics (EPBS)
- Health Management and Policy (HMP)
- Health Promotion and Community Health (HPCH)

The MPH degree takes two years to complete and only full-time applicants are eligible for this scholarship.

## ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION CRITERIA

Applicants to this scholarship scheme supported by TDR should:

- be nationals of, and resident in, a [low- or middle-income country](#) of the [WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region](#);
- be 35 years old or younger;
- have a good academic record in undergraduate education (and graduate education where relevant) in health sciences (including medicine, public health, nursing, midwifery, pharmacy, dentistry) or a related discipline (including social science, nutrition, anthropology) and:
  - hold a bachelor's degree from AUB, or an equivalent degree from another recognized institution, with a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.7 (or 75) and GPA of at least 3.2 (or 80) or its equivalent in the major field of study; **or**
  - hold a graduate degree from AUB or another recognized institution with a cumulative average of 80 or its equivalent;
- demonstrate proficiency in English by passing the University English Entrance Examination (EEE), or by achieving the minimum required score for TOEFL examination or IELTS. Information on the required scores for the different English proficiency tests may be found on page 44 of the online Graduate Catalogue ([link here](#)).

## THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKAGE

- Two round-trip air tickets from country of residence/nationality
- Full-time tuition for two years
- Monthly stipend to cover food and accommodation for one person
- Medical and accident insurance

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete an [online application](#) and upload supporting documents (as per the requirements on the online application including letters of recommendations).

Note that only complete applications with all required documentation (including English proficiency test results) submitted online by **18 March 2021** will be considered for admission. Confirmation of the scholarship awards is contingent upon TDR official approval.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

- Commitment to work in public health in a low- or middle-income country of the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region where tropical diseases, tuberculosis or malaria are endemic
- Relevance of applicant's experience to public health or related fields
- Prevalence of neglected tropical diseases, tuberculosis or malaria in the country of the applicant
- Previous employment, voluntary work or research experience concerning neglected tropical diseases, tuberculosis or malaria and/or interest/experience in conducting implementation research is desirable.

Priority will be given to candidates who are at an early stage of their career. Women are encouraged to apply.

Accepted applicants for the MPH program are expected to do their Practicum on a topic related to neglected tropical diseases, malaria or tuberculosis in their home country.

## WHY STUDY AT THE FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY OF BEIRUT?

- Oldest independent faculty of public health in the Arab region
- Programme accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) in the US and remains the only such accredited programme based in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region and of nine programmes internationally
- Diverse and interdisciplinary faculty
- Faculty expertise in conducting implementation research in public health
- Opportunity to engage with three exciting centers: [Center for Research on Population and Health \(CRPH\)](#), [Center for Public Health Practice \(CPHP\)](#) and [Knowledge to Translation Center \(K2P\)](#) based at the Faculty of Health Sciences
- Strong collaboration with AUB's Medical Center and Faculty of Medicine and their Division of Infectious Diseases
- A rich and stimulating university environment with many opportunities for civic engagement and student activity

## SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATION

Deadline for application for scholarships supported by TDR:	18 March 2021
Notification of admission acceptance to AUB:	20 May 2021
Notification of TDR scholarship acceptance:	21 June 2021
Deadline for confirmation of acceptance by candidate:	26 June 2021
Students enroll at FHS/AUB:	August 2021

Accepted students are expected to start their enrolment in Fall 2021-22. Deferral of enrolment is not permitted.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact: [GPHP@aub.edu.lb](mailto:GPHP@aub.edu.lb)

Information about the graduate degrees, the competencies, the course requirements, and policies and procedures can be found at: <http://www.aub.edu.lb/fhs/Pages/gphp.aspx>

More information about the TDR scholarship is available at the link below:  
[https://www.aub.edu.lb/fhs/Pages/scholarship\\_tdr.aspx](https://www.aub.edu.lb/fhs/Pages/scholarship_tdr.aspx)