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The U.S.-Egypt Higher Education Initiative (HEI) Public University Scholarships program is a scholarship for Egyptian high school graduates to attend excellence programs at public universities in Egypt, in parallel with specially designed supplementary enhancement activities such as English, leadership training and career planning, as well as internships, community service, and study abroad at U.S. universities. Administered by AMIDEAST, funded by USAID, and supported by the Government of Egypt, the program interweaves the private sector and practical experiences so that graduates are primed to enter and contribute to the workforce in Egypt, in sectors that are critical to Egypt's economic development.

The program recruited men and women (including those with disabilities) from all 27 governorates of Egypt over five cohorts (2015-2019). Through a competitive, transparent application and four-stage screening process, almost 700 students were selected for the scholarship based on academic excellence, high financial need, leadership potential, commitment, and a capacity for growth. The scholarship covers tuition and fees for the English-language excellence programs at Egyptian universities, as well as a parallel enhancement program designed to supplement their academics and prepare youth to obtain jobs upon graduation. Between 2015- 2024, students attend one of five top public universities in Egypt (Cairo, Ain Shams, Alexandria, Mansoura, and Assiut Universities), enrolled in faculties including engineering, business administration, law, science, agriculture, commerce/business, computer science, economics, mass communication, and math and science education.

The program includes over 900 hours of training outside of university studies. A structured extracurricular enhancement program focusing on English, character building and leadership development, academic skills, and career development/job market readiness—designed based on the needs of the labor market and consistently incorporating the private sector—complements the technical knowledge they are learning in their degree programs. Students are also required to complete community service projects and internships. The top 65% of students spend one semester studying abroad in the U.S.

Ultimately the program will increase access to quality education for youth and prepare them with the additional skills needed to increase their employability in key sectors, contributing to the economic development of Egypt. This program is part of the U.S.-Egypt Higher Education Initiative, a \$250 million investment in Egypt's future that provides educational opportunities for high-achieving Egyptians to learn skills that will better meet the needs of the 21st century economy. The Initiative encourages partnerships between Egyptian and American universities for knowledge transfer, research, and joint degree programs that reflect the needs of a modern economy in critical disciplines such as agribusiness, engineering, and entrepreneurship. It provides scholarships for talented, young Egyptians—women and men from Egyptian communities in rural and urban areas—to Egyptian and American universities in fields that will help them reach their aspirations and contribute to Egypt's economic prosperity.

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