

## **TRANSCRIPT OF LECTURE DELIVERED ON OCTOBER 27TH, 2018**

### **THE AFRICAN GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP**

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#### **Background**

The African Graduate Fellowship is a competitive fellowship program for bright, high motivated African students interested in pursuing a master's degree at AUC. Fellowships are offered to nationals of African countries (not including Egyptians) for full-time study (nine credits or as required by the program) in any of the graduate programs offered at AUC.

#### **Eligibility**

1. Non-Egyptian African nationals
2. Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree with a minimum overall rating of very good, a overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (American system) equivalent to 3.75 on a 5.0 scale (British system)
3. Satisfying AUC graduate admissions requirements, including submission of AUC graduate application, additional documents and any required test scores (GMAT for MBA applicants, GRE for economics, economics in international development, and GRE or GMAT for the finance program applicants)
4. Submission of International TOEFL iBT (79/120 in the total score and minimum of 21 in the writing section) or IELTS (6.5 in the total score and 7.0 in the writing module) exam score or an IELTS exam score meeting the cut-off scores for AUC graduate admissions.
5. To retain the fellowship, the recipient must maintain a minimum CGPA of 3.2/4.0 (American system) equivalent to 4.0/5.0 (British system)

## **REQUIREMENTS**

1. Academic Transcripts depicting the year the degree was awarded
2. Bio-data page of the international passport
3. Two academic letters of recommendation from instructors who taught you at undergraduate.
4. TOEFL/IELTS
5. GRE/GMAT
6. Statement of Purpose (**approx. 500 words**)

## **FINANCIAL BENEFITS**

The benefit of the scholarship is immense.

1. Tuition fees (\$1,213/credit unit)
2. Monthly stipend (LE 1,860)
3. Student services and activities fees
4. Medical service and health insurance fees
5. Monthly housing allowance (LE 1,950) or accommodation in University dormitories. Choosing to live in the university dormitories will account for no monthly housing allowance but one will have his/her normal monthly stipend. But choosing to sacrifice the **university dormitories** will attract one both the monthly stipend and the monthly housing allowance separately.
6. Bus transportation fees

**NB.** Each LE (Egyptian pound is around ₦21.00)

### **NOTE 1.**

1. Each master's program is a total of 33 or 34 credit units.
  - The cost of registration for one credit unit is \$1,213. This makes the cost of registering for the 34 credit units in the two year master's program valued \$41,000.

## **NON FINANCIAL BENEFITS**

There are some other non-financial benefits of winning this scholarship at AUC Egypt. Such are as follows;

1. In support of your professional training, fellows are assigned 12 hours per week of related academic work. This could be used as teaching, research, laboratory or administrative assistantship in your department.

## **AVAILABLE DISCIPLINES/SPECIALISATIONS**

There are several disciplines ranging from Engineering to the arts and what have you. These are as follows;

- a) Arabic Languages & Literature, Archaeology, English Language & Literature, History, Islamic Studies, Journalism, Mass Communication, Middle East Studies, Psychology, Television/Digital Journalism.
- b) Business Administration, Finance, Marketing, Management Information Technology, Operations Management, Public Administration, Public Policy.
- c) Architecture/Islamic Art, Computing, Construction, Electronics/Communications, Environmental, Environmental Systems Design, Industrial/Design, Technology Management, Materials/Manufacturing, Mechanical, Nanotechnology, Power/Mechatronics, Robotics/Control/Smart Systems Engineering
- d) Law
- e) Biotechnology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Food Chemistry, Green Technologies/Renewable Energy, Physics.
- f) Education
- g) Community Development, Development Practice, Economics, Global Affairs, International Relations, Migration/Refugee Studies, Psychology, Sociology/Anthropology, Sustainable Cities, Sustainable Development

## **NOTE 2.**

There are two admission cycles within each year that's fall and spring. The spring starts in February at the American University in Cairo, as it's common in many other Universities. Its deadline of admission ranges from November to December of the preceding year. That of the fall semester, deadline for application ranges from February to March of the same year.

The applications in both stages are two.

- Apply for admission and select the African Graduate Fellowship. After the admission application admission, you will be provided a code number of which

you are to keep it. **Ignore the application fee when applying for the admission; it's waived for African Graduate Fellowship applicants.**

- Apply for the fellowship by creating an account with the code number you were given

### **NOTE 3.**

- ❖ Not all courses/programmes require GRE/GMAT. However, all programmes require IELTS or TOEFL. There's no bargaining in that. Fortunately, all sciences and engineering do not require GRE/GMAT but it's confined to administrative programmes such as finance, economics, business administration and marketing.
- ❖ Essays, **approx. 100 words each** are required for the fellowship applications and be prepared to expatiate on what you wrote in the statement of purpose (in the admission application form).
- ❖ Numerous departmental and university-wide grants for your thesis are available. Your thesis will require both, you only need to defend it.
- ❖ Several conferences, seminars and symposia will be provided for erudite students to present their vital research progress and get vital feedbacks both within and outside AUC, during your thesis preparation.
- ❖ Lastly, AUC is one of the first 10 best universities in Africa, so check the facts and records. **Shoot high and start winning, you are almost welcomed to the American University in Cairo, Egypt's global university.**

### **AVAILABLE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Is it appropriate to use a University proficiency letter in place of IELTS or TOEFL?
  - ✓ Yes, if you're not interested in the fellowship but the admission **only**. No, if you want the fellowship because IELTS or TOEFL is a core requirement for winning the fellowship.
- Is religion a criterion to win the scholarship?
  - ✓ No, the University is owned and controlled solely by the US. So applying to, being selected by, and coming to AUC rest on the Americans.
- When is the resumption for fall?
  - ✓ August, 27<sup>th</sup> each year, unless it falls on a weekend.
- Is it right for one to apply for the admission/scholarship without IELTS/TOEFL and then submit the result later?

- ✓ No, the test of English can only be delayed with valid reasons and before the final decision is made.
- Are we in any of the application period? If yes, kindly send the link and deadline.
  - ✓ Yes. This's the link to the application:  
<http://www.aucegypt.edu/admissions/fellowships/african-graduate>
- What's the admission rate?
  - ✓ "This is not clear to us fellows. During my time, we were only 5 or 6. This semester, we welcomed around 10 new awardees". Again, the University's president reiterated that the University demands more students to benefit from the fellowship and vast research grants precisely since this ups the University ranking regionally and globally.
- Is the fellowship also available for PhD?
  - ✓ No, for now. The African Graduate Fellowship is open wide to Masters Degrees alone. However, there are other University-wide fellowships for citizens of all countries, not specifically for Africans alone.
- What's the minimum GRE score?
  - ✓ The MBA program requires an acceptable score on the Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT). The department currently considers applicants who score 500 and above. The PhD, economics and economics in international development programs require an acceptable score on either the GMAT or GRE.

**PLEASE NOTE.** Kindly ensure that all original test results (GMAT, GRE, TOEFL and IELTS) are sent directly to AUC to the attention of the Office of Graduate Admissions

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