

## **ARTICLE: SCHOLARSHIPS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDYING ABROAD**

Studying internationally can set you apart in a crowded job market, and it is also a great way to see the world, meet new people, and make friends from around the world.

Most universities around the world, from the most prestigious universities like Harvard and Cambridge, to local and publicly funded universities, accept international students. Prices vary dramatically, so make sure you look into the fees for each programme before you apply.

Egypt has had a long history of sending students around the world to study, and in 2018, there were over 38,500 Egyptians studying in Europe alone. Alongside this, the number of Egyptians studying in the USA has increased by 76% in the last ten years alone, with over 4,000 Egyptians enrolled in 2019.

Studying internationally can be extremely expensive though, but most universities also offer scholarships, either open to everyone, or specifically aimed at a particular country or region. Some countries also offer specific programmes designed to help Egyptian students access these opportunities.

### **Here you will find some examples of scholarship programs offered around the world:**

- In the USA, the US-Egypt Higher Education Initiative provides 387 scholarships to US public universities for Egyptian public-school graduates, and the Fulbright programme offers another 80 postgraduate scholarships for Egyptians in certain courses. 100 MBA scholarships are available for Egyptian women, 60 STEM scholarships, and over 1,000 exchange opportunities. As well as this, the programme, offers 550 local scholarships in Egypt, and more information can be found here: <https://eg.usembassy.gov/education-culture/u-s-egypt-higher-education-initiative/>
- In the UK, for example, the British Council offers eight postgraduate scholarships at British universities in London, Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales. The GREAT Scholarship programme offers £10,000 of funding towards tuition fees for postgraduate courses at seven British universities. You can find out if you are eligible by visiting: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/en/study-uk/scholarships/great>
- Similarly, in France, the Riffa Al-Tahtawi Program offers postgraduate scholarships for young Egyptians, which provide a monthly cash stipend of EUR 700, and cover EUR5,000 of your annual tuition fees. The call for applications can be found here: <https://www.ifegypte.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/2022-02-15-PDF-Appel-a-candidatures-EN.pdf>

- German Universities also have their own support programmes, specifically for Egyptians. The German Egyptian Research Scholarship, supporting Egyptian postgraduate students enrolled in PhD or MSc programmes, as well as a scientific exchange programme between German and Egyptian universities. More details can be found here: [https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/cairo/Studieren-Forschen-an-FU/Deutsch-gyptische\\_F\\_rderprogramme/index.html](https://www.fu-berlin.de/en/sites/cairo/Studieren-Forschen-an-FU/Deutsch-gyptische_F_rderprogramme/index.html)
- In Canada, the University of Toronto provides a specific scholarship for students from Egypt, which covers tuition, housing and living, visas, and travel costs. You can see all their scholarship opportunities here: <https://awardexplorer.utoronto.ca/>
- The University of British Columbia also offers a Neporany Doctoral Fellowship specifically for Egyptians. Most other Canadian universities offer scholarships for international students more broadly. You can apply here: <https://www.grad.ubc.ca/awards/neporany-doctoral-fellowship>

Every application process is different, and you will need to provide certain documents in order to apply, but generally, to be eligible for a scholarship, you will need to demonstrate strong academic performance at school, or in your undergraduate degree. Unless you are applying to universities in West Asia or North Africa, you will need to demonstrate proficiency in the language in which the courses are taught.

You must also remember that most countries will require you to have a student visa in order to travel there, but your university should be able to support you in getting one.

There are plenty of opportunities on offer, and information on most courses is easily found online, so there is nothing to stop you exploring your next steps in education abroad.