



## Call for applications

### TDR Postgraduate Scholarship in Implementation Research Academic Year 2019/2020

**Deadline for applications: 28 April 2019**

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#### DESCRIPTION

The Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) at the American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon is offering **6 scholarships for graduate education in public health** starting Fall of academic year 2019-20. Funding for these scholarships is from the Special Programme for Research and Training on Tropical Diseases (TDR) hosted at the World Health Organization in Geneva. Successful applicants will be part of a global network of fellows supported by TDR that includes students enrolled in [7 universities](#) based in low- and middle-income countries worldwide.

The objective of the scholarship program is to strengthen capacity in implementation research on the [neglected tropical diseases](#) as well as on malaria and tuberculosis. 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:  
[http://www.who.int/tdr/news/2015/7\\_universities\\_selected/en/](http://www.who.int/tdr/news/2015/7_universities_selected/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 Promotion and Community Health (HPCH)
- Health Management and Policy (HMP)

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 [WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region](#).
- Have a good academic record in undergraduate education (and graduate education where relevant) in any discipline (health sciences, social sciences, nutrition, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, sciences or related discipline) and:
  - hold a bachelor's degree from AUB, or an equivalent degree from another recognized institution, with a cumulative average of at least 75 and an average of at least 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 41 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 of \$1200 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 **28 April 2019** will be considered for admission.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTING SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

- Commitment to work in public health in a low- and 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;
- Local need for public health graduates in the country of the applicant;
- Previous employment, voluntary work or research experience concerning neglected tropical diseases, tuberculosis and 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. Both men and women are encouraged to apply.

Accepted applicants for the MPH program are expected to do their Practicum on a topic related to the neglected tropical diseases, and/or malaria/ 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.
- Program accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health (CEPH) in the US and remains the only such accredited program based in the WHO-Eastern Mediterranean region.
- Diverse and interdisciplinary faculty.
- Faculty expertise in conducting implementation research in public health.
- Strong collaboration with AUB's Medical Center and Faculty of Medicine and their Division of Infectious Diseases.
- Opportunity to engage with three exciting centers on Research, Public Health Practice and Knowledge Translation based at the Faculty of Health Sciences.
- 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:	28 April 2019
Notification of admission acceptance:	11 June 2019
Notification of scholarship acceptance:	21 June 2019
Deadline for confirmation of acceptance by candidate:	28 June 2019
Students enroll at FHS/AUB:	30 August 2019

Accepted students are expected to start their enrolment in Fall 2019-20. Deferral of enrolment is not allowed.

## 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)