



جمعية الصداقة البريطانية اللبنانية
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Dear Applicant,

Welcome to the British Lebanese Association scholarship application site. We support one year Master's courses in the UK for Lebanese postgraduate students. You must be Lebanese living in Lebanon, and intending to return to live and work in Lebanon, in order to qualify.

We favour those who have left university and already have work experience, and those who do not otherwise have the means to study abroad. Please tick the appropriate box on the application form if you will need support with living costs during your study.

Please note that if you have had a previous Masters or PhD from a university outside Lebanon, or a considerable amount of your schooling has been abroad, you will normally not be eligible for a scholarship.

With regard to subjects, please we do not offer our scholarships for MBAs, business studies, medical qualifications or dentistry.

We do encourage you to apply if you hope to pursue a Master's degree in: Public Health policy, Educational policy and capacity, the Environment and Energy policy, Psycho-Social qualifications, Community Development, Media, Communications and the Arts, or in any other subject area likely to be of public benefit to Lebanon. There may be specific scholarships available for other subjects, and these will be announced on the website.

We encourage applicants to consider courses at the whole range of UK universities, and not solely at the London colleges, Oxford and Cambridge. There are many of a high quality which could prove more suitable, and the lower costs involved make the scholarship funds go further.

In this matter we are fortunate in having Dr Maha Shuayb, Director of the Centre of Lebanese Studies in Beirut, who has kindly offered to help applicants seeking advice on the correct course and the correct university to apply for.

The deadline for completed applications is **30th November 2017**. We will not accept any applications, or supporting documentation, beyond this date. We strongly advise



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therefore that you begin the process of applying in good time and in particular that you request your references early on in the process of applying.

The timetable is normally as follows: We will draw up short lists by the end of January and inform both those who have been and those who have not been successful by the middle of February. Interviews for those shortlisted will normally be scheduled for mid-March and by the end of March we hope to inform the successful scholars.

We are delighted to continue our long partnership with the Said Foundation [<http://www.saidfoundation.org/>] by offering a number of joint scholarships with them,. If you are applying for a British Lebanese Association scholarship jointly with a Said Foundation scholarship you must fill both application forms.

For queries that are not answered in the notes and technical problems we can be contacted at: info@britishlebanese.org . Please bear in mind that our capacity for replying to individual queries is limited and we shall give priority to those that do not already have the answer contained in these notes.

The following is a guide and checklist of how best to complete your application.

Double Check you have all the documentation required on the checklist at the end of this document.

Make sure you have named your files correctly before you upload them.

TIP: Do not compose the longer answers in the online form. Write them in a separate document and cut and paste them into the form. Just in case you lose internet connection.

SCHOLARSHIP CHOICE

The BLA offers scholarships at Masters level at British universities in a wide range of subjects. For **2017/18** we are continuing to offer a number of scholarships co-funded with the Said Foundation [<http://www.saidfoundation.org/>]. Additionally, for the first time, this year, the BLA is able to offer a further three fully-funded named scholarships.



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Please indicate below the option that you would like to be considered for after downloading the Application Notes for details of eligibility and how to apply. Then please complete all the questions required adhering to any word limits indicated. Personal data you provide will be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998. You must complete this form in English.

1. EDUCATION: Please give details of your university/college/professional education in date order, earliest first, stating specific qualifications gained. If you have not yet obtained a qualification, please give marks to date.

List in the following sequence:

Degree (eg BA), Subject (eg English), Institution (eg Damascus University, Grade (eg Excellent), Years (eg 2005-2009).

2. STUDY PLANS: Please list, in order of preference, up to three courses at partner universities for which you have applied for a place (can't be blank).

List in the following sequence:

Course title (eg MA/MSc + Subject, Institution, Offer received (Yes, Not Yet), Tuition Fees (amount in Pounds sterling).

3. Please describe the course or training you wish to follow and explain why the courses for which you have applied are relevant to your professional plans (can't be blank) 500 word limit.
4. Please explain why you have chosen the institutions to which you have applied in preference to others and give details about the quality of the chosen course (can't be blank) 500 word limit.
5. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: Give an example of a real situation (from your employment, education or your voluntary work) in which you have demonstrated your leadership skills (can't be blank). 500 word limit.
6. Describe a challenge facing your country, your profession or your employer and explain what you would do to overcome it? (can't be blank). 500 word limit.
7. Describe how your studies in the UK will enable you to contribute to the



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development of your country or your profession. (can't be blank). 500 word limit.

8. ENGLISH LANGUAGE: If you have not yet taken an English certificate test, please indicate your plan examination type and date.
 - a. The BLA requires an overall IELTS score of 6.0 with a minimum of 6.0 in each band. However, many UK universities have higher requirements.
 - b. Please upload your English certificate if you have taken a test within the last two years. If you do not have an English certificate you will be expected to provide one if you are invited to attend an interview.
9. The BLA does not provide support for spouses or dependants. If you are awarded a scholarship, it will be to support you only.
10. Do you have financial responsibilities that you will have to meet while in the UK? (can't be blank)
11. Have you applied for any other scholarships? (can't be blank)
12. Have you applied for a scholarship from the BLA before? (can't be blank)
13. How did you find out about the BLA scholarships? (can't be blank)
14. Please ensure your referees have submitted their references (minimum two references required). <http://www.britishlebanese.org/reference/>

To be uploaded to the BLA

<http://www.britishlebanese.org/upload/>

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1. Passport ID page (can't be blank).
2. Transcripts and translations of university results and of high school results.
3. English certificate
4. 'Offer Letter' from British Universities.



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Checklist

1. Gather all of your documentation before you start.
2. Make sure it's in the correct file format and that the files are named properly.
3. Make sure that your Referees have responded and completed their online forms.
4. TIP: Do not compose the longer answers in the online form. Write them in a separate document and cut and paste them into the form. Just in case you lose internet connection.
5. Complete and submit the online form