

## Call for Financial and Academic Support for Al-Azhar University, Gaza

Al-Azhar University (AUG) is one of the leading universities in Palestine. Established in 1991 in Gaza, the university serves the Palestinian community by providing several graduate and undergraduate academic programs, in addition to the technical services provided by the center of nutritional examination, the center of water studies, and the university farm in Beit Hanoun.

This call is part of the university's efforts to seek financial and academic support to continue its important role in providing high-quality education services for its students, enabling them to rebuild and serve the community in Gaza post-war. The three campuses in northern, central, and southern Gaza currently serve more than 14,000 enrolled students.

The unfortunate events of the recent war on Gaza, which started on October 7, 2023, led to the overall destruction of over 70% of Gaza's infrastructure, facilities, and buildings, according to preliminary reports by the United Nations and local authorities. According to the Palestinian Ministry of Education, an estimated 90% of the education sector's assets were destroyed, either completely or partially, as a result of the war. Al-Azhar University (AUG) was no exception; its buildings and facilities were severely affected by direct and indirect attacks during the war, resulting in an estimated loss of \$76,767,472 (see attached intensive loss assessment report prepared by AUG Engineering Bureau - Projects Unit).

AUG's urgent needs are summarized as follows:

Details	Estimated Cost
1. Tuition fees for needy students	\$11,959,818.00
2. Tuition fee dues for needy and vulnerable students	\$7,055,338.00
3. Retirees' dues	\$2,857,142.00
4. Running cost for 1 year (\$1,857,142*12)	\$22,285,704.00
5. Rehabilitation cost for AUG buildings and facilities	\$76,767,472.00
Total	\$120,925,474.00

AUG is seeking your urgent support to continue providing its academic and professional services to the Palestinian people in Gaza in any of the previously mentioned categories, with the university's full commitment to providing any supportive documents and full coordination.

Furthermore, the university has an ongoing initiative to provide online teaching. We urgently need volunteers to teach and provide technical support to operate the online system. Most importantly, we need donations to cover the fees of the students. We welcome any donations to support the fees of vulnerable students, ensuring they can continue their education during these challenging times.

Your support will make a significant difference in sustaining the educational aspirations of our students and the broader community.

We highly appreciate sending your donations to the following bank account:

**AUG- Grants**

Bank account number	2220222
IBAN-DOLLAR	(PS07PLS045822202220013000000)
SWIFT CODE	PALSPS22
BANK NUMBER	89
BRANCH NUMBER	458

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