## SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

### Merit Scholarship

USJ grants Lebanese and French Baccalaureate students living in Lebanon merit scholarships that cover all or part of the tuition fees of the first three years.

### Magis Grant

The Magis Grant is exclusively intended for students in regional campuses and students of some USJ institutions on the basis of academic results. The Grant provides a discount on undergraduate tuition fees (Bachelor), once the academic record of each candidate has been examined. The grants are awarded to the best applicants.

## • Magis M Grant

The Magis M Grant is designed exclusively for Regional Campuses and certain USJ institutions on the basis of academic results. The Grant provides a discount on graduate tuition fees (Master), once the academic record of each candidate has been examined. The grants are awarded to the best applicants.

#### Athletic Scholarship

Athletic scholarships are awarded to the best athletes who are members of USJ's sports teams, according to the following criteria:

- Athletic performance
- Diligence, compliance with the rules, sportsmanship
- Academic success

#### • FSI - HDF Grant

Hôtel Dieu de France grants 20 students enrolled in the Bachelor in Nursing Science a scholarship covering all their studies (3 years) on the basis of their academic record and individual interviews.

For more info: www.usj.edu.lb/news.php?id=9201

## · Scholarships for dependents of usj and hdf staff

## - For Staff Members

A discount on registration fees for all University institutions is granted to students under the age of 25 (under the age of 30 for medical students) who are dependents of USJ administrative staff. This discount is granted in proportion to the employment status of the staff member. The discount is of 50% when the employee has a seniority between 1 and 4 years, 75% between 4 and 7 years, and 100% beyond 7 years.

## - For Tenured Instructors

A discount on registration fees for all University institutions is granted to students under the age of 25 (under the age of 30 for medical students) who are dependents of active, retired or late tenured instructors.

This discount is granted in proportion to the employment status of the tenured instructor. The discount is of 50% when the instructor has a seniority between 1 and 4 years, 75% between 4 and 7 years and 100% beyond 7 years.

However, there is no discount for extracurricular registration. If the student enrolls at a different university, the tenured instructor then benefits from the aid approved by the Council of Ministers each year.

#### - Sibling Discount

USJ offers discounts for the second child onward:

- For two siblings: 10% (5% each)
- For three or more: 20% (divided equally among them)

Siblings are required to be enrolled in the same semester in a degree course for at least 20 credits each.

## THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

In order to enable everyone to enroll at USJ and succeed in their studies, the Financial Aid Office has significantly strengthened its social assistance policy to allow students to manage and secure the budget they need to cover their tuition fees.

- **Social Grants** are given based on parental income, the number of dependent children, and the distance between the student's residence and their place of study.
- Special provisions are made in the following situations: single-parent family, health problems with financial impact, family facing serious financial difficulties, etc.
- Specific scholarships are granted to students with disabilities or those facing serious health problems or long-term illnesses, to ensure financial assistance that best meets their needs.
- Interest-Free Loans are granted in addition to the social grants or in case of financial difficulty not related to insufficient resources but to significant expenses faced by the family. Repayment is made over a period equal to the years of assistance. The student benefits from a one-year grace period after the expected date of graduation.
- Free tuition deferment: Usually, tuition is paid in four installments. The student may ask to split the amount to be paid over 10 months.
- Funds from private foundations and donations made through Fondation USJ are available for the Financial Aid Office to grant additional scholarships based on social and academic criteria.

To benefit from any form of financial aid, the student must meet the conditions of attendance and participation in classes and exams and make normal progress by investing in their studies.

• To assist students in social or other difficulties, social workers provide support actions in collaboration with numerous partners at USJ (family problems, addictive behaviors, prevention assistance for dropout and isolation, etc.).

#### The Financial Aid Application

## **FONDATION USJ**

Fondation USJ was established by Prof. Salim Daccache, SJ, in 2015 with the aim of raising funds for the development of the University and its University Medical Center, Hôtel-Dieu de France (HDF).

The Foundation is the main body within USJ, authorized to collect donations and bequests; it remains attentive to the needs of its students, its community and its University Medical Center.

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