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Saint Joseph University of Beirut
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Call for Support For the
Acquisition of Statistical Analysis Software for Economic Data
in Lebanon and the MENA Region

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One of the pillars of our new fundraising campaign “USJ, Aspire for More”, launched as part of the Saint Joseph University of Beirut’s (USJ) 150th anniversary celebration in 2025, is to achieve “More Modernity.” This initiative aims to acquire essential equipment or replace faulty or obsolete materials in laboratories, care centers, and classrooms across our faculties.

Equipping these spaces with modern facilities is crucial for maintaining our university’s status as a knowledge generator. This initiative is essential for USJ to continue its mission and remain a center of excellence at the forefront of knowledge and technology.

1. PROJECT TITLE

Acquisition of Statistical Analysis Software for Economic Data in Lebanon and the MENA Region.

2. APPLICANT

Faculty of Economics (FSE) at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) and *Fondation USJ*.

3. LOCATION

This project is taking place in Lebanon, at the Faculty of Economics (FSE) on the Innovation and Sports Campus (CIS) of USJ.

4. PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project aligns with the policy of the Faculty of Economics to advance research in the era of artificial intelligence and big data. It aims to equip the Faculty’s Center for Economic Research and Documentation (CEDREC) with suitable software tools. These tools will be used for conducting economic and statistical analyses of microeconomic and macroeconomic data from Lebanon and approximately fifteen other countries across the MENA region.

5. OBJECTIVES

Statistical data from Lebanon and MENA countries are frequently subject to partial economic and statistical analysis. The acquisition of these software tools, which include artificial intelligence functionalities, will significantly enhance the statistical analyses conducted by Instructors-Researchers in their teaching and research projects. Likewise, students will benefit in their Master thesis and PhD thesis, where empirical analysis is crucial as it validates or refutes theoretical hypotheses.

6. TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Instructors-Researchers and students.

7. RESOURCES

To fund this project, we seek the solidarity and generosity of donors interested in supporting the Faculty of Economics (FSE).

8. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST

19,452 USD (nineteen thousand four hundred and fifty-two US dollars).

9. DETAILED BUDGET

Software	Description	Price
Eviews 13	New license and renewal – 5 years	1,460 x 5 = \$ 7,300
	Simultaneous user license for 5 users	\$ 1,520
	Renewal of simultaneous user license for 5 users	270 x 4 = \$ 1,080
Stata 18	License for 5 users – 3 years	\$ 6,500
Smart PLS	Purchase cost - Smart PLS for 5 years – 2 users	2,800 euros ≈ \$ 3,052
Total		\$ 19,452

Below are the purchase prices for the software:

Eviews 13: https://www.eviews.com/general/prices/price_acad_vol.html

Stata 18: <https://www.stata.com/order/new/dev/edu/network-licenses/dl/>

Smart PLS: [Purchase - SmartPLS](#)

These quotes date from March, 2024.

1 EUR = 1.09 USD (therefore, the financial aid request and budget are subject to change based on fluctuations in the exchange rate).

10. PROJECT RESULTS AND REPORTING

● Results

The expected outcomes are:

- Increased number of research projects and articles published in Scopus-indexed and/or Hcéres-ranked journals.
- Enhanced quality of Master and PhD theses through the use of these software tools.

● Transparency

We will send the donor a detailed narrative report outlining the impact of the donation, as well as a financial report on the equipment acquisition.

Annually, we distribute an impact report to the USJ community, as well as friends and donors.

For your donation: <https://www.usj.edu.lb/donations/>

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