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Faculty of Medicine
**Higher Institute of Speech
and Language Therapy**

**Call for Support For the
Modernization and Development of the Center for
Diagnosis, Therapy and Research in Speech and Language
Therapy (CDSO)**

More
MODERNITY



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CAMPAIGN 150
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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

Modernization and Development of the Center for Diagnosis, Therapy and Research in Speech and Language Therapy (CDSO).

2. APPLICANT

Higher Institute of Speech and Language Therapy (ISO) at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) and *Fondation USJ*.

3. LOCATION

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

4. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Center for Diagnosis, Therapy and Research in Speech and Language Therapy (CDSO) is part of the Higher Institute of Speech and Language Therapy (ISO) at the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ). Located on the Innovation and Sports Campus (CIS) in Beirut, the Center serves as a **pedagogical** and **research** facility. It provides pre-professional training for students closely supervised by speech therapists serving as internship supervisors appointed by ISO. This clinical training aims to develop students’ abilities to assess and treat speech, communication, or language disorders (both oral and written), taking into consideration the patient’s context within their family, school, and broader interdisciplinary team. This approach prepares students to provide effective care across all ages, backgrounds, and conditions.

In 2019, a CDSO was established in Saida at the South Lebanon Campus, currently operating with 3 speech therapists serving as internship supervisors for 8 students.

In Beirut, the Center operates with 10 speech therapists serving as internship supervisors for 35 students.

Both centers primarily provide care for **families from disadvantaged backgrounds** with low socioeconomic status.

On average, they treat 170 patients (adults and children) per week. Speech therapy is a rapidly growing profession with increasing demand. Given that students from both the French and English sections are required to complete internships, it is crucial to **expand therapy rooms capacity, enhance student supervision methods, and improve testing capabilities** to better meet patient needs:

- **Center expansion:** The project involves dividing two existing rooms to increase capacity, allowing for more patients and personalized care.
- **Equipment for video and audio recording:** Two therapy rooms will be equipped with video and audio recording capabilities to observe and analyze therapy sessions, enhancing student learning and enabling more precise evaluation of patient progress.
- **Acquisition of tests:** Diagnostic tests will be acquired to improve evaluation accuracy and facilitate personalized treatment planning.
- **Subscription to speech and language therapy journals:** Subscribing to specialized journals will provide center professionals and students regular access to the latest research, methodologies, and advancements in the field of speech and language therapy.

5. OBJECTIVES

This project aims to modernize and develop the Center for Diagnosis, Therapy and Research in Speech and Language Therapy in Beirut, enhancing the effectiveness and specialization of patient care. This includes dividing rooms, equipping two rooms with video and audio recording equipment, purchasing tests, and

subscribing to speech therapy journals, all aimed at delivering high-quality services.

6. TARGET BENEFICIARIES

Patients and their families will benefit from faster and more tailored care, facilitated by dedicated rooms for personalized sessions and advanced computerized tools.

Speech and language therapy students will have the opportunity to enhance their training through practical experience in well-equipped workspaces, furnished with advanced facilities and tools, with access to cutting-edge educational resources.

The Scientific Community will benefit from potential research endeavors aimed at advancing knowledge in the field of speech and language therapy.

7. RESOURCES

To fund this project, we seek the solidarity and generosity of donors interested in supporting the Higher Institute of Speech and Language Therapy.

8. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE REQUEST

14,146.15 USD (fourteen thousand one hundred and forty-six US dollars and fifteen cents).

9. DETAILED BUDGET

Description	Price
Facility Setup	
- Installation of video and audio recording system	5,800.00 \$
- Acoustic insulation works	3,100.00 \$
- Air conditioning	733.60 \$
- Room partitioning works	3,600.00 \$
Tests	
- Preschool Language Scales	415.30 \$
- Dictation exercises	88.00 \$
Subscriptions	
- Rééducation orthophonique	€ 118 / year or \$ 109.26
- ANAE	€ 234 / year or \$ 216.66
- L'orthophoniste	€ 90 / year or \$83.33
Total	\$14,146.15

These quotes date from March 2024.

1 EUR = 1.08 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 care for a larger number of patients.
- Improved reception in a dedicated, well-equipped space.
- Enhanced training, enabling students to apply their knowledge using computerized tools and cutting-edge educational resources, thus entering the job market with confidence.
- Increased number of publications.

● Transparency

We will send a detailed narrative report outlining the impact of the donation, including the number of patients treated, and the effectiveness of rehabilitations with the new equipment, etc. Additionally, a financial report on the equipment acquisition will be shared.

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

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