



Call for applications

Maroun Chammas Award – USJ

2022-2023

ABOUT EC²:

Entrepreneurship is a skill that only a few students get to nurture and develop.

The Competencies and Entrepreneurship Center (EC²) wants to help currently enrolled students and alumni of Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) embark on an entrepreneurial journey and support them in their professional career based on the “Discover-Prepare-Connect” model through organizing trainings, workshops and competitions and helping them access the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Lebanon.

ABOUT THIS COMPETITION:

Competitions, organized at USJ, aim in fact at boosting the entrepreneurial spirit of students and motivate their business mindset. The **Maroun Chammas Award** will be offering awards to the top 3 most innovative and sustainable projects prepared by USJ students.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

For students with a business-savvy mind or simply interested in entrepreneurship, or those who are interested in preparing for and launching a startup, this competition will help them get an inside look on the whole entrepreneurial journey from an entrepreneur’s as well as from an investor’s perspective.

The 3 winners of this competition will be receiving a monetary prize as an acknowledgment of their hard work.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

Registrations: <https://bit.ly/ec2competitions23>

Register here before 15 January 2023

Deadline for project submission: to be determined

Registered students will receive more details via email.

AWARDS:

The Maroun Chammas Award offers 3 prizes for the top 3 projects presented:

- 1st prize: 5,000 USD*
- 2nd prize: 3,000 USD*
- 3rd prize: 2,000 USD*

**The payments will be done in cheque (Lollars) as per the rate set by the Lebanese Central Bank (Banque du Liban).*

Participating teams will pitch their innovative ideas in front of jury members during a ceremony. It will take place on the Campus of Social Sciences during the second semester.

HOW IT WORKS:

1. **Participating teams:** teams can be formed of 1 student or more. Teams can participate under the condition that they have at least 1 USJ student.
2. **Having a project or an idea:** it can be an existing project or just an idea you would like to pitch for the first time.
3. **Show your interest:** register by clicking on the above-mentioned link before the deadline.
4. **Preparing the pitch:** the teams have to prepare a 3 min pitch to present to the final jury.

For the following steps, EC² team will contact the participating teams.

Teams can benefit from coaching sessions before the pitching event on topics like: Pitching, Communication and Presentation skills, Feasibility, etc.

ABOUT THE DONOR:

Since 2020, the Maroun Chammas Award offered Saint Joseph University of Beirut students several scholarships, awards and support from Berytech, the incubator and accelerator, in an attempt to inspire talented and innovative individuals and prepare future entrepreneurs.

On a yearly basis, and for the next ten years, Maroun N. Chammas has committed to the following funding:

- US\$50,000 for awarding and rewarding excellence in Technology innovation.
- US\$50,000 for awarding and rewarding excellence in Sports achievements.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any questions about the **Maroun Chammas Award**, please email us at: ec2@usj.edu.lb or call us on +961 1 421 000 ext. 2339.