

Beirut, October 2021

Dear friends,

Since October 2019, USJ has been operating in a prolonged state of crisis: protests, Covid-19 pandemic, August 4 explosion, economic crisis, and currency collapse. Needless to say, the aggravated living conditions of our students are the mirror reflection of that of all Lebanese citizens.

Financial aid to students will increase from **30 million dollars in 2020-2021 to 35 million in 2021-2022. The projected deficit is forecast at 5 million dollars** if a severe austerity policy is adopted.

This past year, and despite currency devaluation, USJ's policy has been to collect tuition fees in Lebanese pounds in order to provide students with flexibility and therefore better odds in regards to their education. We hope to hold steady on that course for this upcoming academic year.

Please find enclosed a file detailing the economic position of USJ and its requirements for 2021-2022.

By supporting USJ, you are contributing to the endorsement of the largest French-speaking academic institution in the Middle East as well as one of the best ranked universities in the region across the board.

The upcoming academic year looms ahead, and we are reaching out for your support to take on the challenge and fulfill our mission once again.

Please accept my utmost gratitude and appreciation.



Salim Daccache s.j.
Rector
Saint Joseph University of Beirut

**Give the Youth so that they
may shape their future!**
Together, we spread hope.

1. Quick Overview of Saint-Joseph University of Beirut (USJ)

Saint-Joseph University of Beirut is a leading Lebanese French-speaking non-profit university. Founded in 1875 by the Jesuits (Society of Jesus), USJ offers a broad and varied range of academic fields.

It offers a full range of specializations and academic disciplines in the following fields: Medicine and Health; Engineering, Technology and Sciences; Economics, Management, Banking and Insurance; Law and Political Science; Arts, Humanities and Religious Studies). It has more than 10,000 students, 2,000 Faculty and about 100,000 alumni.

USJ's mission encompasses three main dimensions:

- research through new knowledge creation,
- teaching through knowledge transfer,
- using knowledge to further civic engagement.

The living conditions of Lebanese citizens as a whole - and those of USJ students in particular - are quickly deteriorating and are aggravated by the political, economic and monetary crises in the country.

2. Lebanese Crisis and Its Impact on USJ

USJ serves all members of the community regardless of social distinction and has always sought to help families in need by providing **financial aid to more than 50% of its students** (about 5,000 students benefit from scholarships).

The economic and health crises have heightened the urgency to address students' needs. All of USJ's monetary assets are deposited in Lebanese banks, and restrictions imposed by these banks prevent the University from withdrawing funds from its own accounts, except for wage settlements, and a tiny fraction for its basic needs.

All of the above threatens the financial balance of the University which has no monetary reserves to deal with this precarious situation.

Today, the University is facing a surge of a new category of students grappling major financial difficulties. In 2019-2020, 4,776 students received financial aid to cover their tuition fees, and this number has increased considerably this year taking into account that **the University's only resources are tuition fees and a small number of donations that are mainly directed towards students' scholarship funds.**

Nevertheless, student unsettled fees are estimated at 5 million dollars and this year the situation is proving to become more complicated.

The Lebanese pound has lost more than 85% of its value in recent months and a significant imbalance is foreseen for the upcoming academic year. **According to our estimates, the projected deficit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year is 12 million dollars compared to a normal situation.**

Furthermore, and since the onset of the economic crisis, USJ has been collecting **tuition fees in Lebanese pounds** whereas equipment and expenses are paid in dollars.

The University is deeply concerned about the upcoming year. It is honor-bound to collect tuition fees in Lebanese pounds in order to remain faithful to its mission of allowing all deserving students to pursue their studies despite financial difficulties. **To this end, it must raise funds to help them.**

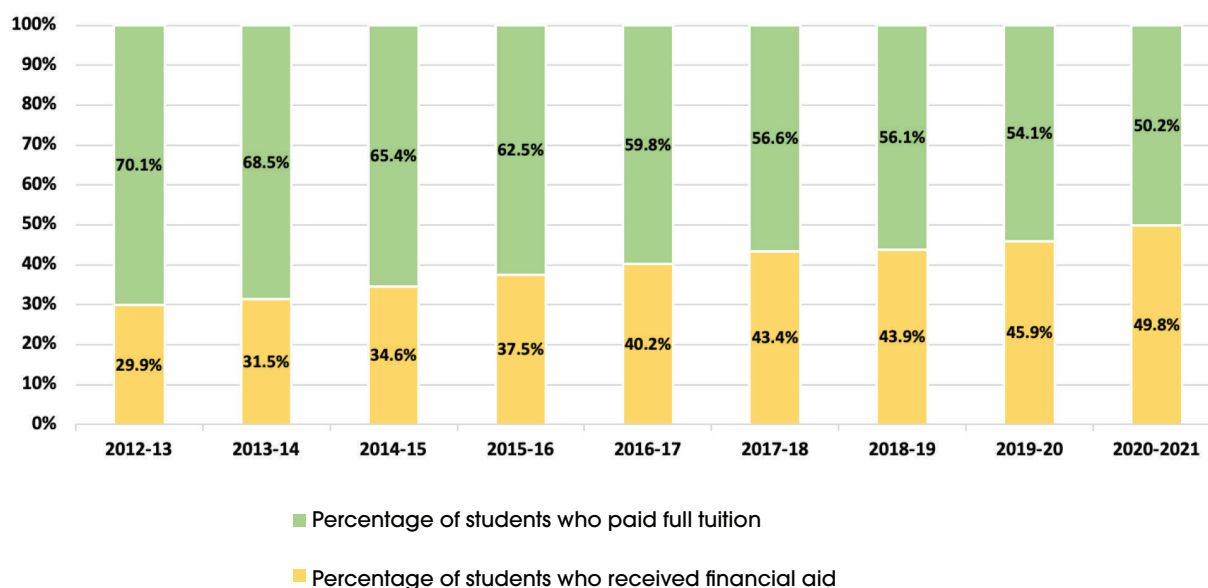
3. Status and Needs of USJ in 2021-2022

3.1. The current status of financial aid and scholarships is shown in the diagrams below. In 2020-2021, the total amount of aids and scholarships reached 30 million dollars. Around **50% of USJ students receive financial aid**. Our forecasted budget for scholarships and grants is estimated at over 35 million dollars in 2021-2022.

Students who received financial aid v/s students who paid full tuition

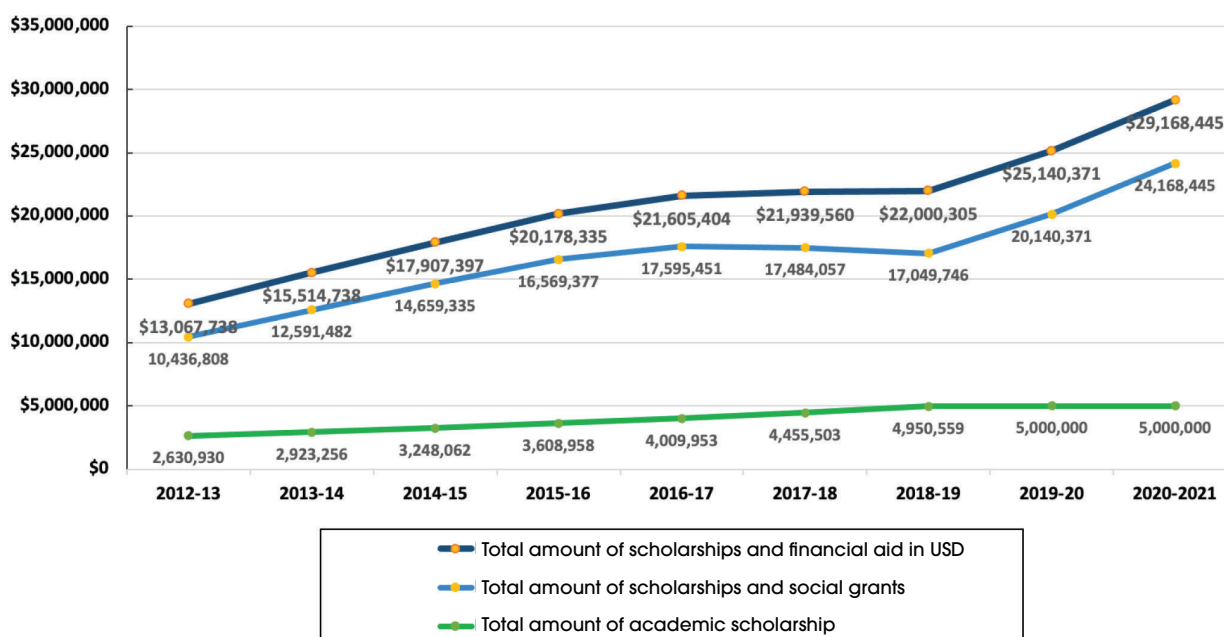
50% of students received financial aid in 2020-2021

This percentage is expected to increase in the following years



Scholarships and financial aid allocated in USD

In 2019-2020, USJ allocated over 25% of its budget to scholarships and financial aid



3.2. Equipment Needs

Item	Budget in USD
Equipment for the Medical Simulation Center	2,500,000
Equipment for the Training Kitchen of the Institute of Business Administration (IGE)	1,000,000
Network Hardware equipment	1,500,000
IT equipment for USJ	2,000,000
Audio-visual equipment for online teaching	500,000
Equipment and supplies for research projects	1,500,000
Total	9,000,000

3.3. Membership Needs

Item	Budget in USD
Scientific journals	2,000,000
Software	1,500,000
Total	3,500,000

3.4. Consumables and Repair Needs

Item	Budget in USD
Operational costs (fuel oil, electricity, water, supplies, maintenance, refurbishment, health safety, etc.)	8,000,000
Total	8,000,000

3.5. The Vaccination Campaign was graciously offered by USJ to its Community (students, faculty, staff and others) to facilitate resumption of normal academic activity. The purchase of 70,000 vaccines and the expenses of the Vaccination Center at HDF are valued at close to 1,050,000 dollars.

3.6. Wages and other expenses of USJ faculty and staff are estimated at over 145 billion Lebanese pounds.

3.7. As a result of the financial crisis and the devaluation of the Lebanese pound, and **despite the adoption of a strict austerity policy, USJ's projected budget for the 2021-2022 academic year is likely to show a deficit of 5 million dollars.**

Every donation counts!

Thank you for your contribution

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USJ: FIGURES AND MILESTONES

1875 | Year of foundation

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Unconditional accreditation by ACQUIN

One of the top **20** universities in the Middle East (QS Ranking)

One of the top **500** universities in terms of student employability in the world; one of the top 500 medical schools (QS ranking)



Academics

12 650 Students **2 000** Faculty members

13 Faculties **15** Institutes

1 Professional mediation center

7 Schools **7** University chairs



Alumni

100.000 Alumni **40.000** Active alumni

24 Alumni Associations in Lebanon

18 Alumni Associations around the world



International

More than **350** agreements with foreign universities
More than **400** visiting faculty



Culture

1 Japanese Academic Center (CAJAP) • **1** Confucius Institute

1 University library: 5 branches • **2** Theaters: Béryte and Monnot

1 University For All (Continuing Education Center) (UPT) • **1** Patrimonial library: Oriental Library (BO)

1 USJ University Publications and University Press

2 Museums: Lebanese Museum of Prehistory and Minerals Museum (MIM)



Research

71 Research Structures • **18** centers • **27** Laboratories
• **3** Observatories • **1** Research Unit • **1** Research Space

1 Tissue bank • **497** PhD Candidates

• **400** Research Professors



Poles

4 technological poles: Berytech Technological Pole,
Berytech Health and Technology, Berytech Digital Park,
Health and Technology Pole



Medical Care

1 University Medical Center:
Hôtel-Dieu de France

4 Healthcare centers:
dental care, speech therapy,
psychomotor therapy,
maxillofacial radiology

1 Family Medicine Center