## What are the goals of the programme?

The Master of Science (M.Sc.) “Economics of the Middle East” (EMEA) is an English speaking programme jointly offered by the Philipps-Universität Marburg and the Lebanese American University/Beirut. It systematically prepares its participants for a career as an economic expert for the countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Besides the significant aspects of a Master’s programme in economics this course allows students to acquire detailed knowledge in the analysis and design of economic reform processes in the MENA region. Students study the first two semesters in Marburg and the third semester in Beirut. During the fourth semester up to six months can be spent in the MENA region while writing the Master’s thesis.

A joint degree of the Lebanese American University and the Philipps-Universität Marburg is awarded.

## Who can apply?

Potential participants of the following countries are entitled to submit applications for a scholarship: Germany, Algeria, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Palestinian Territories, Syria, Tunisia and Yemen.

## Target Group

The target group of this Master’s programme are **young professionals active in the field of economics** with some practical work experience (preferably 2 years).

## What is funded?

The DAAD supports the participation in the Master’s programme in „Economics of the Middle East“ at Philipps-Universität Marburg and the Lebanese American University, Beirut for up to 24 months.

**German scholarship holders:**
For the study periods abroad (3rd and 4th semester) the DAAD awards a scholarship of € 800 per month. During the study periods in Germany no scholarship funding can be provided! The scholarship includes health insurance as well as accident and personal liability insurance. Furthermore, the DAAD offers a subsidy towards the travel expenses.

**Arab scholarship holders:**
The DAAD awards a monthly scholarship of €750 for the entire study period of the course. The scholarship includes health insurance as well as accident and personal liability insurance during the entire study period. Furthermore, the DAAD offers a subsidy towards the travel expenses.
Application

All required documents must be submitted directly to the University online via the uni-assist application portal:

- University application form for the course
- **hand-signed** CV (please use the europass specimen form at [http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/](http://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/))
- **hand-signed** letter of motivation (with reference to current occupation) with precise description of the academic, professional and personal reasons for wishing to participate in this programme
- 2 recommendation letters (e.g. academic letter/s from your university or professional letter/s from your former or current employer; the letter must have a signature and office stamp and must be of recent date);
- confirmation of employment from the employer in your home country, and, if possible, a guarantee of re-employment upon returning home;
- current proof of English language proficiency on C1 level (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS)
- certified copies of awarded academic degrees, of academic transcripts and of the School Leaving Certificate
- Explanation of the grading system of the institution that awarded the degrees

The application has to be in English.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered for the selection procedure.**

For further information regarding the programme and application, please visit the course website ([www.uni-marburg.de/emea](http://www.uni-marburg.de/emea)) or address your questions to emea@wiwi.uni-marburg.de.

Selection

A selection committee consisting of German and Lebanese professors of the Master’s programme and representatives of the DAAD will nominate the candidates for a scholarship.

Aside from the study achievements and the academic quality of the applicant, the most important selection criterion will be a convincing presentation of his/her professional and personal motivation for participating in this programme, including the expected benefits after returning to the home country and/or the expected contribution towards German-Arab cooperation. The bachelor's degree should not be older than 6 years. Arab candidates who have already been staying in Germany for more than 15 months at the time of their application cannot be considered for a scholarship.

Deadline for applications

The complete application must be submitted to uni-assist by 30th of April 2015.

Contact and further information

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