



Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate (TLG) Program

FY 2021-2022 Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the TLG program?

Tomorrow's Leaders Graduate (TLG) program is a joint effort between the US Department of State, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs (NEA/AC), and the American University in Cairo (AUC). The program is also implemented in the American University in Beirut (AUB) and the Lebanese American University (LAU). TLG equips academically qualified and economically deserving students with the professional qualifications and experience needed to advance knowledge and contribute to the achievement of socially relevant outcomes. Through organized graduate study and research, volunteer opportunities and leadership training, TLG furthers the professionalization of emerging leaders, enhances their employability and ability to propose local solutions to shared problems in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region.

2. What fields of study are covered by the TLG program?

TLG offers MENA students a unique opportunity to pursue higher education and earn a master's degree in one of the following graduate programs: Economics, International and Comparative Education, Migration and Refugee Studies, Nanotechnology. For more information about TLG's fields of study, research projects, and to email faculty advisors, please visit [TLG's](#) webpage.

3. What are the students' eligibility criteria?

The minimum GPA required for admission to the TLG program is 3.0 or its equivalent. You will find a comprehensive overview of admission requirements on [TLG](#) webpage.

4. What are the countries eligible for the TLG's program?

Only nationals of Algeria, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Tunisia, Yemen, and Syrian (citizens residing outside of Syria) are eligible to apply. Priority will be given in this round to applicants from Algeria, Iraq, Jordan and Morocco.

5. Are Egyptian not eligible to apply for the TLG program?

Egyptians are eligible to apply to the two other implementing partners in Lebanon. To know more about eligibility, and application requirements, please visit [AUB](#) and [LAU](#) websites respectively.

6. How many students will be accepted in the FY 2021-2022?

The TLG program is a very competitive scholarship. Only nine applicants will be admitted into the program in the fall 2021 semester.

7. What is the minimum required English score?

Applicants must submit either international TOEFL (iBT) or Academic IELTS scores that are no more than two years old from their anticipated first date of enrollment. A minimum overall score of 45 and a writing score of 14 is required in iBT TOEFL for admission consideration. As for the Academic IELTS, a minimum band overall and writing score of 5.0 is required for admission consideration.

8. Do I have to take the IELTS or its equivalent if I am a graduate of AUC?

Graduates of AUC will be exempted from taking the English placement tests.

9. How do I apply to the program?

Please check the TLG webpage for a step-by-step guide on [how to apply](#) and submit the [online TLG students program](#) - Graduate admission application. Applicants will need to follow the instructions [here](#) to complete and submit the [online TLG fellowship application](#).

10. Do I have to submit both the AUC graduate admission and the TLG applications?

Applicants should submit the AUC graduate admission application by the announced deadline of March 2 to get their student ID. The ID will provide applicants with access to fill out the TLG application by a maximum of March 15. Applicants who fail to submit the TLG application by March 15 will not be considered. For more information about how to apply, please check [TLG's application manual](#)

11-What information do I need to highlight in the TLG application?

In the TLG application, candidates will need to express how they wish to develop their knowledge in one of the fields covered under this program, obtain substantial advanced practical experience, and further develop their capacity to be community and/or business leaders who contribute to addressing local, national, and/or regional problems. Applicants are encouraged to describe in their essays their research interests and professional goals, how they plan to accomplish them, and why TLG is best suited for them. They shall also describe how their character and experiences have formed them into someone who will contribute positively and effectively to the academic discipline and society as a whole.

12. Are non-academic recommendation letters acceptable?

Professional recommendation letters are acceptable. Yet, it is preferable that applicants include referees who are capable of evaluating their writing and research skills. Applicants are required in the admission application to indicate the names and email addresses of their referees. AUC will email the referees directly for submission of letters of recommendation. Yet it is the responsibility of the applicants to follow up with their referees to ensure that the letters are submitted on time. Further instructions can be found here: https://www.applyweb.com/auc/pdf/GraduateApplication_Degree_Seeking_Recommendation.pdf

13. How do I know if my application is accepted and if I am shortlisted for interviews? Shortlisted applicants will be contacted by the TLG's office for interviews. All applicants can inquire about their application status by emailing us on: tlg@aucegypt.edu

14. How can I get in contact with a TLG staff member for questions? For any inquiries or questions, please email: tlg@aucegypt.edu