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## SDG1: No poverty

**1.3.5 - Does your university as a body have schemes to support poor students from low or lower-middle income countries (e.g. offering free education, grants)?**

Alnoor University is fortunate to have a number of international students in its department. These students come from countries that are considered as a low and lower-middle income countries such as Iran, Syria, Somalia, Yemen, and Africa . Due to the circumstances that these countries suffering from, Alnoor University has provided them with support both financially and morally. Alnoor University is eager to witness the success of these students and to give them the sense of not being strangers.

Highschool graduates take the National Knowledge Test and the highest test results allow them to apply for the Bachelor Programs and then get the State Scholarship covering the tuition fee, stipend and cost of living at dormitories. Every year more than half of the accepted students for the Bachelor Programs have the State Scholarship, as the Government continues to increase the amount of Graduate Level Scholarships. Now more than 1000 students from 9000 have the State Scholarship.





Students without Scholarship pay the tuition fees by themselves and not all students can afford to pay the full amount due to social and economic conditions of family budget. Therefore, the University considers all the cases and estimates the possible financial aid for the students depending on necessity. Providing financial support for students is a key priority of Alnoor University and it allocates a substantial amount of funding for different categories of financial aid every year. All categories can be grouped into two subcategories: one covers financial aid for students based on academic, sport, social achievements and the financial aid is given in the form of discounts from total amount of annual tuition fee, and the second group covers the social status of students and their families.

The university has the Committee for Social Support and its members are vice-presidents, the deans and heads of departments who consider all applications case by case at the beginning of each semester and make collective proposals for the President.

Speaking at the opening lecture of the Target Friendship Project held at the English Conference Hall of Alnoor University Central Campus, Prof. Dr. Yassin Taha Alhajar expressed his pride in this study, which is the first of its kind in Iraq and even in the world. This is the first time such a project has been implemented in our country. It is also the first time in the world that there is no other example. It was a drama topic related to the field I work in within positive psychology and it is important to give the meaning of target friendship with positive psychology. Loneliness is seriously increasing all over the world. There is a study conducted by Manchester University, in that study, the rate of those who are lonely over the age of 75 out of 50 thousand people is 75%, and those who are lonely between the ages of 16-24 is 40%, this is the effect of digital technologies. We thought about what we could do to make international students adapt easily and started the target friendship project. Humans are relational beings by nature, they are created socially. If they do not establish relationships, they cannot add meaning to life. We have seen the difficulties of loneliness from international students and we are implementing this project as a solution to this.





Alnoor University is training 3780 College students for the academic year 2023-2024.

Alnoor University encourages students to study and gain knowledge on its campus, in particular, those who are from low-income families.

- Medical Laboratory Technology
- Anesthesia Technology
- Radiology and Sonar Technology
- Optometry Technology
- Dental Technology
- Law Department
- Physical Education and Sports Sciences Department
- English Language Department
- Arabic Language Department
- Construction Engineering and Project Management
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