



ABDUL AZIZ AL GHURAIR REFUGEE EDUCATION FUND

Innovative Approaches in Refugee Education

Application Process Guidelines

WHAT IS THE ABDUL AZIZ AL GHURAIR REFUGEE EDUCATION FUND

HE Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair, Emirati businessman and philanthropist, created the [Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund](#), a 100 million AED fund to support 20,000 refugees and vulnerable youth to access secondary, vocational, and tertiary levels of education in the UAE, Jordan and Lebanon. Its goal is to provide youth with hope and security amidst the disruption – empowering them with knowledge and skills, offering pathways to education and livelihoods, and enabling them to positively contribute to their hosting country.

The Fund awards grants through a competitive selection process to education institutions and non-governmental organizations working with refugee youth and vulnerable host community youth. It supports high impact education programs that are designed to address an acute education gap, are impact-driven and scalable.

Organizations must be able to provide strong evidence for their proposed solutions, use innovative approaches in design and delivery, and build strong local partnerships. Organizations should be able to demonstrate how their proposed program contributes to one of the below areas of priority.

In its third round of grant cycle, the Fund will prioritize two types of programs:

- a. **“Upskilling Refugee Youth”**- Programs that aim to fill the skill gap through the provision of accredited and/or industry recognized certifications that pave the way for better job or livelihood opportunities for refugees and vulnerable host community youth.
- b. **“Secondary Education Access”**- Programs that focus on supporting refugee youth and vulnerable host community youth to access, stay in and/or complete formal schooling through innovative educational programs (programs must have a digital / online or blended component).

WHO WILL THE ABDUL AZIZ AL GHURAIR REFUGEE EDUCATION FUND BENEFIT

The Fund targets Syrian and Palestinian refugee youth in Jordan and Lebanon, who are out-of-school or unable to continue their education. The Fund will also consider targeting 30 - 50% of the proposed program to vulnerable youth in host communities. Beneficiaries should be young people in the age range that corresponds to the secondary and vocational education levels (age group: 13 to 30 years of age).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The applicant must:

- Have experience in at least 1 successfully completed program with refugees that is aligned with at least one of the Fund's areas of priority;
- Be able to demonstrate proof of concept that the program or pilot has had significant impact and has potential to be scaled;
- Provide previous evaluations of the proposed program and other relevant programs, as appropriate;
- Be a non-profit organizations, educational institutions (both private and not for profit) or social enterprises;
- Have a valid registration in Jordan or Lebanon;
- Not be affiliated with a political party or have political objectives;
- Have approval from relevant local government to implement proposed program;
- Have internal procedures and policies that allow them to follow the Fund's financial and technical reporting requirements; and
- Have capacity to plan, implement, and evaluate programs of the scale proposed

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- All programs must have co-funding of at least 50% of matched funds;
- Duration of program can range from 1 to 2 years;
- The proposed program could be an existing program that has potential to scale or a new program, where funding will enable it to scale and increase impact;
- Proposed programs can only address one of the areas of priorities listed in the above section;
- Proposed programs can be in Jordan and/or Lebanon, but only one proposal per organization; and
- For programs in the upskilling priority area, priority will be given to programs that already have private sector partners to ensure employment pathways (i.e. remote, part-time, freelancing or internships)

BUDGET RANGE

Grants amounts range from 100,000 USD to a maximum of 500,000 USD. Budget must be for one program taking into consideration the following cost principles:

- Indirect program costs - the fund will allow up to 7% of total cost of the program to be assigned to indirect costs, if they are related to the program and are supported with strong justification
- The fund will not cover infrastructure or building costs or maintenance
- The fund will consider technology costs that are directly linked to the program, which could include systems, software, equipment, connectivity, and devices
- Proof that the grant request does not exceed the size of the yearly operating budget of the applicant

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Organizations who meet the eligibility criteria and proposed program fits with one of the areas of priorities are invited to submit a letter of intent (guidelines below) by email to refugeeeducation@alghurairfoundation.org by Dec 15th, 2020
2. The Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund will conduct an internal review and selected organizations will be invited to submit a full proposal and detailed budget

LETTER OF INTENT GUIDELINES

- **Font:** Arial
 - **Font Size:** 11 point
 - **Length:** Maximum of 600 words
 - **Language:** English (The Fund will also accept Arabic Letters of Intent)
1. **Summary Statement of the Program** (1 paragraph)
 2. **Statement of need** - (1 paragraph) Explain what issue you are addressing, show why is it important, provide any statistical evidence. Indicate the country(ies) (Jordan and/or Lebanon) you will work in, the area of priority your proposed program is addressing and the target group.
 3. **Program Activities** – (2-3 paragraphs) Provide an overview of the activities involved, highlight how your approach is innovative and utilizes technology and indicate if there will be collaboration with local partners. Explain how activities are aligned with the Abdul Aziz Al Ghurair Refugee Education Fund areas of priorities.
 4. **Impact and Outcomes** – (1-2 paragraphs) State the impact and specific outcomes you hope to achieve and duration of the program (1 to 2 years).
 5. **Organizational Capacity** - (1 paragraph) Demonstrate why your organization is best equipped to implement this program, include any historic background (briefly) about the institution. Include hyper link to website.
 6. **Budget** – (1 paragraph) Provide a general description of the proposed program funding needs and the total amount requested and cost per student. Please mention the co-funder(s) of the program.
 7. **Contact Information** – Include relevant contact information with name, email and job title.