



# Leap Higher\_Orion Scholarship Programme

Phoenix Space CIO, Terous and VISGA  
Progress so far  
Egypt - 25th November, 2024

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Phoenix Space CIO, Terous & VIGSA (Volunteer Initiative for Gaza Students Abroad) have partnered to launch an emergency initiative aimed at supporting displaced youth from Gaza to continue their Education. **The Leap Higher Scholarship Fund** is designed to provide immediate **guidance** and **financial** support to **displaced Palestinian students** who have graduated high school and sought **safety in Egypt, the majority of participants arrived in Egypt in order to seek crucial medical attention.** The support is intended to help them **begin or continue their university education** at Egyptian universities by providing crucial financial aid for their tuition fees, which they have lost the capacity to pay due to **conflict and displacement.** **This is an ongoing initiative and at present we have successfully enrolled 27 students.** The eligibility criteria for participants is the **following:** Palestinian citizenship; originally from Gaza; resided in Gaza until October 2023; in need of financial support; able to cover living expenses, expatriate fees, transportation, rent, etc.; already admitted to an Egyptian university. **Note: some students wish to remain anonymous. In line with their wishes we have used pseudonyms.**

*At a time when our people in Gaza are suffering from tribulations, killing, destruction, displacement and starvation, you have shown that humanity knows no bounds. You were the light that dispelled the darkness, and the support that brought our dreams back to life. Your generous assistance has helped cover this year's tuition fees, giving me the opportunity to begin my educational journey in the field of medicine, my dream that I have always sought.*  
*[Salma, 18]*

## Student Demographics

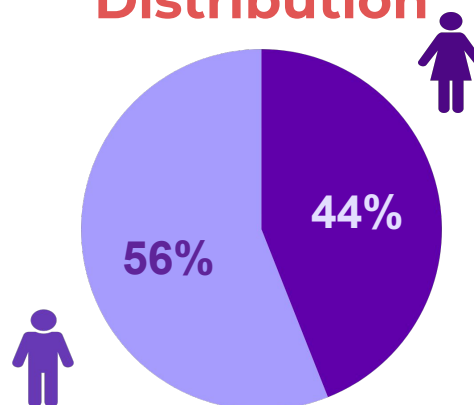
**27**  
students

**100%**  
Displaced  
Gazan Youth

**15**  
Male

**12**  
Female

### Gender Distribution



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After I got the scholarship from you, I was able to continue my studies and join the midterm exams, and I hope that you will provide a scholarship for the coming years so that I can continue my education and achieve my goal and dream of obtaining a degree in human medicine

[Ahmed, 19]

**18.6**  
Average  
Age

## Who at home supports you (both financially and emotionally)?

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"No one here in Egypt. I receive emotional and moral support from my family in Gaza."

[Amira, 19]

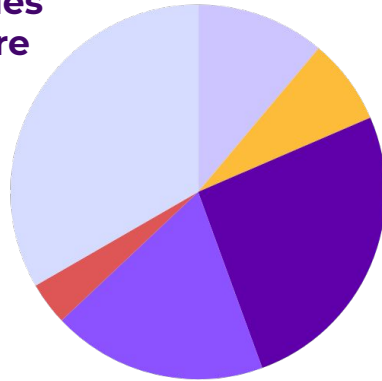
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My mother and my grandparents, who are in the West Bank"

[Nour, 20]

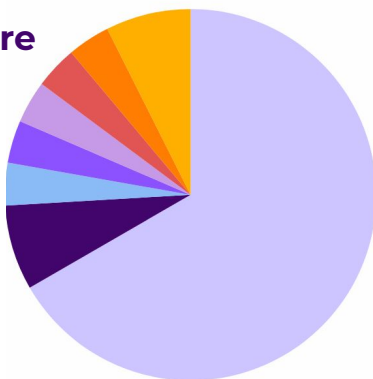
## Overview of Students Enrollment Progress

### 6 Universities Students are Attending



- Alexandria University (3)
- Cairo University (6)
- Mansora University (2)
- Zagazig University (5)
- Ain Shams University (9)
- Banha University (1)

### 8 Colleges Students are Attending



- Engineering (2)
- Pharmacy (1)
- Business (1)
- Computing and Data Science (1)
- Medicine (18)
- Dentistry (2)
- Economy & Politics (1)
- Computer Science (1)

## Hear Our Students Voices

*What do you hope to achieve through your career?*

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Through this career, I hope to make a positive impact on society by providing innovative solutions to economic challenges, contributing to financial stability, creating new job opportunities, and enhancing living standards while supporting sustainable development.

[Omar, 20]

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Primarily provide necessary services to my people, as we are in a conflict-ridden country that constantly requires doctors due to ongoing wars. I hope, through my dream profession, to fix some issues and ideas I have always wished to address and focus on mental health, which I personally and simply believe is one of the most important aspects affecting the Palestinian people in general.

[Layla, 18]

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I aspire to complete my studies, continue my learning journey by obtaining a master's and a doctorate, and contribute with practical research that benefits society and humanity, leaving a strong mark in my field of specialization.

[Yusuf, 21]



# AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO A GLOBAL CRISIS



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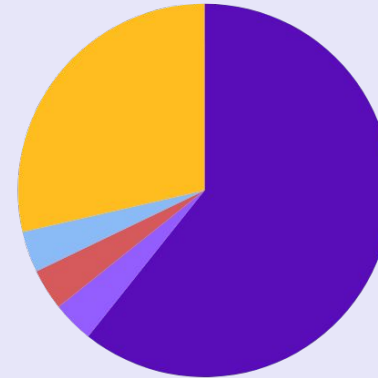
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Thanks to God, I was able to obtain a scholarship provided by the Phoenix Space Organization in partnership with the Terous Foundation and the VIGSA Initiative. Thanks be to God, I am currently a student in the Faculty of Medicine, Benha University. I thank the organization and everyone who supported it... and I promise you to continue to excel and succeed to lift the burden on my family and represent my country in the best way abroad.

[Ishan, 19]

## Student Data

### Parent Situation



- Healthy and Outside Gaza (17)
- Deceased (1)
- Injured and in Gaza (1)
- Healthy and in Gaza (8)
- Injured and Outside Gaza (1)

1.6

Average number of siblings  
enrolled in university

92.4%

Average High School GPA

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What you have provided me is not just financial support, but rather a message of hope for every young Palestinian who carries ambition in his heart despite all the harsh circumstances.

[Amina, 20]





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