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Established as a school for girls in 1924, Birzeit University has grown to become the first and the foremost higher education institution in Palestine.

Our university goes beyond traditional teaching, learning and research. Currently, we proudly serve around 14,400 students with females comprising 62% of our student body. We are dedicated to providing an inclusive environment, where every student can thrive.

The university offers

131

academic degrees, including 41 master's and 4 Ph.D. programs.

Birzeit University is renowned for its unparalleled social sciences and liberal arts programs at the local and regional levels, allowing it to foster an atmosphere of academic excellence, critical thinking and openness.

Right to Education

At Birzeit University, we believe that education is not a privilege but a fundamental right. With your support, we can continue our longstanding commitment to providing equal opportunities for Palestinian students from all backgrounds.

Building on Excellence

Guided by a strategic vision to provide the finest higher education in Palestine, Birzeit University constantly attempts to achieve academic excellence and sustain its crucial role in the Palestinian society. Your support will allow the university to expand its development plans, keep up with global trends and maintain its identity as an institution run by and for Palestinians.

Why Give?

Birzeit University serves a prominent role in the Palestinian society, giving students, academics and researchers the tools. skills and knowledge needed to drive the community forward. Had it not been for the financial support of the university's friends and donors, many of our talented people who are now major decision makers, organizational leaders, entrepreneurs and academics in Palestine and abroad would never have accomplished what they achieved. Your generosity helps Birzeit University continue to be the preeminent Palestinian institution of learning, scholarship and creativity.



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

By establishing a scholarship, whether it is an ongoing commitment or a onetime contribution, you become a catalyst for change, enabling students to unleash their full potential.

Birzeit University proudly offers two types of scholarships:

- Need-based Scholarships
- Merit-based Scholarships

The impact you make by naming a scholarship after yourself, a cherished family member, an influential individual or esteemed business makes a meaningful difference in the lives of underprivileged Palestinian students. With the unwavering support of our global community of friends.



Tuition Fees

At Birzeit University, we believe that financial barriers should never deny students access to quality education. On average, the annual tuition fees per student amount to \$2,500, resulting in a total cost of \$10,000 for four-year programs and \$12,500 for five-year programs.

In order to alleviate the financial constraints many students face, Birzeit University provides donors the option to cover full or partial tuition fees by donating to the scholarship program. The full academic cost, which includes both tuition fees and additional related expenses, is estimated at \$4,000 USD per student per year.

Generous donors have the opportunity to make a transformative impact by contributing to the academic cost scholarship.



Establishing a Scholarship

Establishing a scholarship involves defining a selection criterion based on the donor's preferences. The criteria may include gender, faculty, major, residency, GPA and more. The Financial Aid Unit at the university reviews student applications and matches them with the donor's criteria. The Advancement Department presents a curated list of eligible students for final approval. At the end of each academic year, the donor receives a report on the academic progress of the scholarship recipients, showcasing the impact of their generosity.



Scholarship Selection Process

Students who receive scholarships or other forms of financial aid are selected by the university's Financial Aid Unit based on several criteria. Scholarship selection begins with the students filling out a Financial Aid Application through the university's Ritaj web portal, where they detail their economic status and their family's sources of income, along with other information. In a transparent, fair and multi-layered process, the Financial Aid Unit reviews these applications, verifies the shared information and, in certain cases, carries out field visits to verify the status of applicants. Scholarships are awarded by the Financial Aid Unit together with the Scholarships and Financial Aid Committee, which ensures that every student selected for financial aid meets the university's criteria and conditions of the relevant scholarship.

The lists of students eligible for financial aid, as well as the students' details, financial aid applications and academic status, are reviewed on a term-by-term basis.



ENDOWMENT FUND

In 1999, Birzeit University launched its Endowment Fund in order to secure the financial sustainability of the university, proceed with development plans and uphold academic excellence.

Our goal is to build up the Endowment Fund to \$100 million by 2027, as phase one of a capital campaign with an ultimate objective of \$500 million by 2037.

Proceeds from the Endowment Fund ensure that the university's infrastructure, teaching, learning and research activities remain unaffected by any overarching economic difficulties or funding gaps.

Endowment Opportunities

01 Named Scholarship Endowment:

- Each Bachelor's scholarship endowment of \$100,000 permanently provides a full-tuition scholarship for one student every year.
- Named Master and Doctoral Student Endowment: \$150,000 funds a full-tuition scholarship for one student every year.

02 Endowed Faculty Chair: \$1,000,000.

Endowed academic chairs are elite faculty positions for distinguished professors who work to advance research and teaching at the university. Faculty members chosen for an endowed professorship would also elevate their fields and engage with the local community through public lectures, workshops and conferences.

02 General Endowment: Donations of any size are accepted.

The general endowment provides unrestricted support for key priorities that further the university's commitment to education and research. This includes supporting major capital projects, building maintenance, operating budget, student life and strategic initiatives.



03 Campus Development: Donations of any size are accepted.

Our campus development plan provides a roadmap for projects that will result in an improved campus experience for students, staff and the community. Some of our top priorities include enhancing the entire IT infrastructure, developing more on-campus dormitories for students, increasing spaces for student engagement and transforming the campus into a smart, green and sustainable space. The campus development endowment helps us bring these projects to life, advancing the role of Birzeit University as a highly connected destination for learning, research and recreation. To learn more about available naming opportunities on campus, please refer to the Naming Opportunities section on page 16.



Gift Types

Donors may donate money, stocks or property to the endowment. endowments can be named in tribute to a family member, an inspiring figure, a family business or a family name, allowing family members to contribute to the fund successively. Gifts can be made in instalments over a four-year period.

Investment Strategy

The Board of Trustees Investment Committee (IC) manages and supervises Birzeit University endowments. The IC is responsible for identifying individuals or institutions to invest in the Endowment fund, ensuring the greatest benefit for the university.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Naming opportunities offer recognition to donors and philanthropists for their significant support for Birzeit University. The ultimate goal for a naming gift is to renovate and equip the spaces available on campus. Naming opportunities include halls, rooms, laboratories and other areas within faculty buildings.

University Lecture Halls

Birzeit University offers a diverse range of halls to be named in honor of the generous support of donors. Given that Birzeit University is embarking on numerous capital development projects, donors imprint their legacy on the lives of the university students and faculty by associating their names with the values and outstanding reputation of Birzeit University.

Gift Amounts

Gift amounts for naming halls are established based on area, capacity, use, renovation needs and visibility. The gifts, which range from \$100,000 to \$200,000, can be transferred immediately or in annual installments for a period that does not exceed four years.

Available Halls for Naming

Map key

- 702 Faculty of Business & Commerce
- 705 Faculty of Science
- 15 Institute of Law
- 18 Faculty of Law & Public Administration
- 22 Faculty of Education
- 23 Faculty of Arts
- **26** Center for Development Studies

- 27 Institute of Women's Studies
- Faculty of Engineering & Technology
- Faculty of Pharmacy, Nursing Health Professions

Gift Amount

- \$100,000
- \$150,000
- \$200,000



BEQUEST

For many of our generous donors, a legacy gift is the easiest and most effective way to make a contribution to the university and ensure they are recognized for their philanthropy. Because of the long-lasting impact of legacy gifts, we ask you to include Birzeit University as a beneficiary in your will or testament, allowing your legacy to live on for generations.

Gift Types

Legacy gifts can be a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate. You can give cash, personal property, real estate, securities or retirement assets. Alternatively, if you have a life insurance policy, consider naming Birzeit University as a beneficiary.

A bequest can also be used to honor a loved one or a valued cause while providing essential future support to the university.

Five simple steps to remember Birzeit University in your will:

- O1 Calculate the value of your will.
- 02 Decide what you would like to support.
- 03 Decide how you want your support to be recognized.
- 04 Inform your will executor and complete legal formalities.
- 05 Inform Birzeit University about the will.



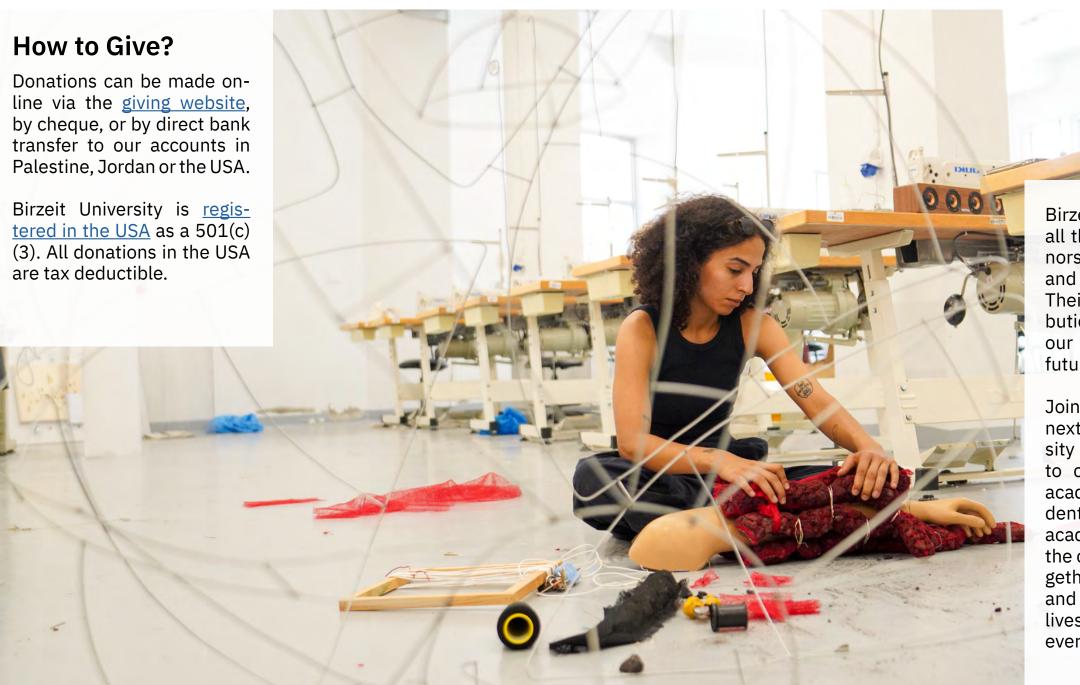
General Support

Support by our friends and donors helps Birzeit University adjust to the changing circumstances and seize new opportunities while operating under the occupation. General gifts help us invest in new academic directions and provide financial support to areas of most need.



General gifts will support key priorities that further the university's commitment to education and research. This includes supporting major capital projects, building maintenance, operating budget, student life and strategic initiatives. **Your** gift helps us further our impact to provide students with opportunities to succeed today, so that they can become the leaders of tomorrow.





Birzeit University is grateful for all the generous support from donors, foundations, corporations and friends over the past years. Their gracious and selfless contributions have helped us advance our mission and create a brighter future for our students.

Join us today in supporting the next generation of Birzeit University graduates. Your gift allows us to continue our commitment to academic excellence, provide students with scholarships, advance academic programs and develop the campus and infrastructure. Together, we can make a difference and impact positive change in the lives of students and Palestinians everywhere.



