

Supporting Student Research In Palestinian Universities

PaUROP

INTRODUCTION

The Palestinian Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (PaUROP) is a new venture designed to foster the formation of collaborative research projects involving faculty and students from Palestinian universities and abroad. This program is modeled on a system in use at MIT and many other US institutions. In its current form, the program is funded by small grants from MIT's Jameel World Education Lab <https://www.jwel.mit.edu> and from the McMillan Stewart Foundation <https://mcmillanstewart.org>.

Some Details

- Each project must involve a faculty member and at least one student (undergraduate, selected by the Palestinian faculty lead) from a Palestinian university.
- It is recommended to engage a faculty member and students from elsewhere (not necessarily MIT or US). Priority is given to projects involving faculty members and students from abroad.
- Application is open to all specializations; all that is required is an idea to be researched and worked on.
- Student participants will be compensated for their work on the project. The rate of pay is **\$6/hour** up to a maximum of **\$1000 for a semester**. Students will invoice the lead faculty by submitting time sheets and small report about the tasks and the outcomes, which will be honored through an agreement with Birzeit University.
- Projects will be approved by the PaUROP committee, with membership specified below. They will be approved on a semester basis but may be extended as appropriate.
- Scientists for Palestine has generously offered to host the website <https://www.scientists4palestine.com/students-research-program> for this program which will be the place to look for proposals seeking partners, a form for submitting proposals, and reports on accomplishments of past projects (the website is still under construction and will be updated soon).
- See a list of available projects (you can communicate with others to engage with the in progress projects) <https://www.scientists4palestine.com/project-list-for-palestinian-student-research-project>

Successful Story:

The following link contains what Mohammad Damaj, the first BZU math student to join this project, had to say about his experience working with Professor Miller alongside the other students in the project at the time:

<https://www.birzeit.edu/en/news/math-alumna-takes-part-mit-project-explore-challenging-math-cases>

How to apply

For now, and until the website is ready and fully functioning, please fill out the online application

<https://forms.gle/HNptihTAKWePjf9k6>

or use the QR code



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