

GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEARCH

The Graduate Studies and Research (GSR) office was established in 2014, as part of LAU's concerted efforts to increase LAU's standing as a research institution. The office promotes faculty research as well as graduate education through the creation of uniquely innovative programs in focused areas meant to establish LAU as a regionally and internationally recognized institution for innovative research.

In 2016-2017, GSR undertook a series of initiatives dedicated to encouraging faculty research. For example, the office identified and communicated to LAU faculty a total of 117 research funding opportunities and provided faculty access to a funding search engine. In November 2016, the office launched a weekly "Research Tips" newsletter.

The GSR also coordinates internal research funding. This year, under the fourth call of the LAU intramural Fund Office, six faculty research proposals were awarded a total of \$112,000.

This past year, GSR organized workshops for faculty on a variety of topics, including how to draft a fundable project, apply to the USAID-PEER program, use online courses for research publishing, and identify funding opportunities. In March 2017, it subscribed to online courses developed by Epigeum, part of Oxford University Press, aimed at developing faculty skills in research publishing.



Graduate Studies and Research Office holds a workshop on grant writing for faculty.

In July 2017, LAU signed an agreement with the National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS), giving the university's researchers access to larger grants than previously available at the national Lebanese level. The grants will be funded equally by LAU and CNRS; both institutions have committed to contributing no less than \$200,000 each to the first round of funding. Researchers from across LAU may apply either as individuals or in teams for funds covering up to \$40,000 in costs for projects lasting up to two years.