Supporting the Institute of Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation
We invite donors committed to diplomacy, reconciliation and human rights to support research with endowments starting from $50,000. Donations of this kind promote rigorous academic and societal engagement with some of the most pressing topics of our time. In an era of knowledge production and generation, donations towards research are critical to unlocking the potential of local talent. Financial support to the Institute will secure LAU's standing at the forefront of this important field and position the University as a torchbearer of peace and diplomacy across the Middle East.

Students attracted to LAU need to know they are coming to a forward-thinking university that continues the work of its founders to promote cross-cultural understanding and civic engagement. With your support for the Institute for Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation, we can prove that peace is not only possible, but also achievable. A donation to the IDCT is an investment in active citizenry and a more peaceful, prosperous future. With your support, LAU pledges to redouble its efforts to foster diplomacy and conflict transformation education in the region to contribute to a more peaceful world.
Dear Friends,

The Institute for Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation (IDCT) was founded in 2005 to respond to a dearth of regional academic engagement in peace-building and conflict resolution. An offshoot of the International Affairs Program of the School of Arts and Sciences in Byblos, IDCT promotes nonviolent negotiation and dispute settlement in a region characterized by protracted conflict. The Institute has organized major international conferences with such leading universities as Oxford University and established Lebanon’s first human rights film festival. It has also held lectures and training on issues related to diplomacy, justice, and techniques to resolve and transform conflict.

In a world divided by misunderstanding, the need for dialogue, acceptance and socially responsible resolution of injustice has seldom been greater. LAU is proud of its university-wide engagement with peace-building, nonviolent communication and diplomacy. The University’s 2011-2016 strategic plan is committed to further strengthening LAU’s leadership role in these areas.

In such a volatile region, IDCT can play a critical role in promoting nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. At the moment, however, the Institute lacks the funds to properly realize its mandate. IDCT’s director currently works on a volunteer basis, managing the Institute alongside a normal teaching load. With greater financial resources, IDCT can realize its potential as the region’s foremost center for diplomacy and conflict transformation, as well as research and policymaking.

We hope you will partner with us as we strive towards our destination of excellence, and help IDCT continue along its path of promoting regional peace and prosperity. Please contemplate what you can do to assist us in Fulfilling the Promise.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Jabbra, Ph.D.
President,
Lebanese American University
LAU would be proud to name the Institute after a philanthropist committed to peace and reconciliation for a gift of $3 million. These funds will provide a permanent source of funding for the Institute’s basic activities.

An opportunity is available to a visionary supporter to endow the IDCT Director’s position, starting with an endowment of $2 million. This named endowment would leave an enduring legacy for a donor, as well as enable the IDCT to permanently underwrite the costs of a full-time director and one staff member.

We also welcome donor support for an annual conference on diplomacy, reconciliation and conflict transformation, with an endowment starting from $300,000, and a guest speaker series with an endowment starting from $300,000. Both initiatives will augment LAU’s reputation as a regional leader in the human rights and peace fields and attract top scholars from around the world to our campuses.

With donor support, LAU can continue to promote tolerance, diplomacy, mutual understanding and conflict transformation in a divided region.
Supporting the Institute of Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation
Various United Nations Arab Human Development reports have shown that Arabs produce the least research in the world. Even for research on important regional topics like conflict transformation and reconciliation, funding opportunities are few and far between.

The IDCT currently faces considerable difficulties in obtaining the research grants needed to explore contemporary problems. With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that the ideas of our students and faculty are encouraged, harnessed and shared with the international justice and conflict transformation community.
We invite donors committed to diplomacy, reconciliation and human rights to support research with endowments starting from $50,000. Donations of this kind promote rigorous academic and societal engagement with some of the most pressing topics of our time. In an era of knowledge production and generation, donations towards research are critical to unlocking the potential of local talent. Financial support to the Institute will secure LAU’s standing at the forefront of this important field and position the University as a torchbearer of peace and diplomacy across the Middle East.

Students attracted to LAU need to know they are coming to a forward-thinking university that continues the work of its founders to promote cross-cultural understanding and civic engagement. With your support for the Institute for Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation, we can prove that peace is not only possible, but also achievable. A donation to the IDCT is an investment in active citizenry and a more peaceful, prosperous future. With your support, LAU pledges to redouble its efforts to foster diplomacy and conflict transformation education in the region to contribute to a more peaceful world.

With your support for the Institute for Diplomacy and Conflict Transformation, we can prove that peace is not only possible, but also achievable.
Supporting the Institute for Peace and Justice Education
academic and societal engagement in one of society’s most pressing topics. In an era of knowledge production and dissemination, support for research is critical to unlocking the potential of local talent. Generous donors may also make annual contributions starting from $5,000 to enable the Institute to launch an online academic journal on peace and justice education. The journal will act as a bridge between Arab and Western scholarship and raise LAU’s international profile. Students attracted to LAU need to know they are coming to a forward-thinking university that continues the work of its founders to promote cross-cultural understanding and civic engagement. With your support for IPJE, we can prove that peace is not only possible, but also achievable. A donation to IPJE is an investment in active citizenry and a more peaceful, prosperous future. With your support, LAU pledges to redouble its efforts to foster peace and justice education in the region and to contribute to a more prosperous existence for all of the world’s peoples. Long-standing conflicts in the region have proven to be destructive to human security and human development... Progress requires an end to these conflicts and the initiation of post-conflict recovery.”

Arab Human Development Report 2009
Dear Friends,

The Institute for Peace and Justice Education (IPJE) was founded at LAU in 1997 to advance peace, justice and human rights education. Through its activities it aspires to promote nonviolent dialogue and civic responsibility among students and faculty. In 2001, IPJE became part of a consortium of international university-based peace education institutes with partners in the U.S., Japan, the Philippines and Argentina. The consortium is an initiative of the Global Campaign for Peace Education launched by the Hague Appeal for Peace.

In a world divided by hatred and misunderstanding, the need for dialogue, acceptance and socially responsible resolution of injustice has seldom been greater. LAU is proud of its university-wide engagement in peace-building, nonviolent communication and diplomacy. The University’s 2011-2016 strategic plan further strengthens LAU’s leadership role in conflict resolution, mediation and peace studies. In such a politically volatile region, IPJE can play a critical role in promoting nonviolent communication and conflict resolution. The Institute symbolizes LAU’s overall efforts to nurture agents of hope, crafting graduates who uphold the principled notions of service, justice, inclusiveness and understanding in both professional and personal capacities. At the moment however, IPJE lacks the funds to fully realize its mandate. IPJE’s director currently works on a volunteer basis, managing Institute responsibilities with a normal teaching load.

Financial support to the Institute will firmly secure LAU’s standing at the forefront of this vital field and position the University as the torchbearer of peace and justice education across the Middle East. As such, we invite philanthropists committed to creating global citizens with negotiation, conflict resolution and human rights skills to lend their gracious support to the Institute.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Jabbra, Ph.D.
President, Lebanese American University
LAU would be honored to name the IPJE after a philanthropist committed to peace and reconciliation for an endowment gift of $3 million. These funds will provide a permanent source of funding for the Institute’s basic activities.

An opportunity is available to a visionary supporter to endow the IPJE director’s position with an endowment of $2 million. This named endowment would leave a permanent legacy for the donor as well as enable the Institute to underwrite the costs of a full-time director and one permanent staff member.

We are also seeking a donor to name the IPJE summer program on conflict transformation for an endowment gift of $1 million. During this annual ten-day residential program, participating students from across the Arab world learn to analyze conflicts, develop skills in reflective listening, dialogue, consensus building and negotiation, and experience first-hand what it is like to live and work with ‘the other.’ In small groups, participants put these skills to use developing proposals for potential community projects that are subsequently presented to a local non-governmental organization for viability. Entrance to the summer program has been highly competitive in previous years, attracting applications from hundreds of students and peace workers from across the region. But funding remains a serious problem. To stay true to the University’s commitment to inclusiveness, it is important to LAU that the summer program remains free to participants. With donor support, LAU can guarantee the longevity of the program and ensure our University maintains its position as a place where human rights workers can connect with the region’s peace and justice education community.

We also welcome donor support for an annual conference on peace and justice education, with an endowment starting from $300,000. A guest speaker series is also available with an endowment from $300,000. Both named initiatives will augment LAU’s reputation as a regional leader in the human rights and peace fields, as well as attract top scholars from around the world to our campuses.
Supporting the Institute for Peace and Justice Education
Various United Nations Arab Human Development reports have shown that Arabs produce the least research in the world. The volume of regional research in peace and justice education is practically non-existent and faculty interested in pursuing important work in the field often face considerable difficulties procuring research grants. With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that our student and faculty ideas are encouraged, harnessed and shared with the international peace and justice education community.

We invite donors committed to peace and justice to support IPJE research with research fund endowments starting from $50,000. Donations of this kind promote rigorous
academic and societal engagement in one of society’s most pressing topics. In an era of knowledge production and dissemination, support for research is critical to unlocking the potential of local talent.

Generous donors may also make annual contributions starting from $5,000 to enable the Institute to launch an online academic journal on peace and justice education. The journal will act as a bridge between Arab and Western scholarship and raise LAU’s international profile.

Students attracted to LAU need to know they are coming to a forward-thinking university that continues the work of its founders to promote cross-cultural understanding and civic engagement. With your support for IPJE, we can prove that peace is not only possible, but also achievable. A donation to IPJE is an investment in active citizenry and a more peaceful, prosperous future. With your support, LAU pledges to redouble its efforts to foster peace and justice education in the region and to contribute to a more prosperous existence for all of the world’s peoples.

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Arab Human Development Report 2009
Supporting the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World
Dear Friends,

Founded in 1973, the Institute for Women’s Studies in the Arab World (IWSAW) is the region’s oldest establishment devoted to academic research on women and gender relations. Its history is closely intertwined with that of the first women’s college in the Middle East, the American Junior College for Women (AJCW). After educating women for half a century and becoming coeducational in 1973, AJCW developed into the Beirut College for Women and then Beirut University College, before being permanently renamed LAU in 1994.

In line with its unique heritage, the University’s 2011-2016 strategic plan is committed to strengthening gender perspectives across all disciplines and programs. LAU is likewise committed to gender equality in employment opportunities. Out of 302 full-time faculty members, an impressive 42 percent are women. Women constitute 51.85 percent of the University’s 511 full-time staff members, while roughly 48 percent of the student body is female.

As one of the most renowned gender studies institutes in the Arab world, IWSAW plays a central role in promoting women’s human rights through research, teaching, development projects, conferences and international partnerships. LAU is proud of IWSAW and its university-wide engagement in advancing women’s standing in society. In a region where many universities shy away from exploring gender, IWSAW is helping integrate gender issues across LAU’s entire undergraduate curriculum, as well as instituting a new one-year Master’s degree in Gender Studies from 2013.

Gifts to IWSAW will fortify LAU’s role as a regional leader in gender equality. We invite donors committed to creating global citizens with critical thinking skills and gender awareness to lend their support to IWSAW.

Sincerely,

Joseph G. Jabbra, Ph.D.
President,
Lebanese American University
LAU would be proud to name the Institute after a philanthropist committed to gender equality for an endowment gift of $8 million. These funds would provide a permanent source of funding for the Institute’s basic activities.

We are also seeking endowed scholarships for the Master’s degree in Gender Studies, starting from $50,000. These scholarships, which bear the name of the donor, are valuable ways for philanthropists to make a distinctive contribution to LAU’s academic mission, build up a new generation of local gender expertise and inspire positive change in the region. Endowed scholarships empower IWSAW to attract the best students who, without the incentive of financial assistance, might otherwise choose another major or not pursue a graduate degree at all. Such assistance is critical to ensuring LAU carries its legacy of gender equality advocacy forward into the future.

We also welcome donor support for an annual university-wide conference on gender studies, with an endowment gift of $300,000, and an endowed guest speaker series starting from $300,000. Both initiatives will augment LAU’s reputation as a regional leader in gender studies and attract top scholars from around the world to our campuses.

"When women and men have equal chances to be socially and politically active and to influence laws, politics, and policymaking, institutions and policies are more likely to be fair and representative of society as a whole."

World Bank, ‘Opening Doors: Gender Equality and Development in the Middle East and North Africa,’ 2013
Various United Nations Arab Human Development reports have shown that Arabs produce the least research in the world. In the area of gender studies, considered by many in the Middle East to be a taboo field of enquiry, the volume of research is even scarcer. Our faculty members often face difficulties in obtaining the research grants needed to pursue important work. With greater support for homegrown research, we can ensure that our student and faculty ideas are encouraged, harnessed and shared with the international gender studies community.

We invite visionary supporters to consider investments of $2 million to create an endowed chair in Women and Gender Studies at LAU.

The endowed chair is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a distinguished faculty member. The endowed chair will bear the name of the donor and will enable IWSAW to attract an accomplished gender studies expert to nourish regional awareness and scholarship. Endowed chairs are valuable ways for donors to make a distinctive contribution to LAU’s academic mission, promote gender equality and support grassroots research.
We also welcome donors committed to gender equality to support research with endowed research funds starting from $50,000. Donations of this kind promote rigorous academic and societal engagement in one of the most pressing topics in society. In an era of knowledge production and dissemination, support for research is critical to unlocking the potential of local talent.

IWSAW serves as a catalyst for social and policy change in the Arab world. The Institute proudly publishes Al-Raida, a unique quarterly journal on Arab women’s affairs published in English and translated into Arabic. This year it will become a peer-reviewed journal, easily making it the most renowned English-language journal of its kind in the Arab world. Al-Raida’s board members include some of the best-known names in the field of gender studies.

Generous donors are invited to make regular contributions starting from $6,000 to ensure Al-Raida can continue to publish and act as a bridge between Arab and Western scholarship in the gender studies field.

Students who study at LAU need to know they are coming to a forward-thinking university that continues the important work begun by its founders to promote gender equality and civic engagement. With your support for IWSAW, we can prove that equality is not only possible, but also achievable and enriching to society as a whole. A donation to IWSAW is an investment, not only in women, but men, active citizenry, and ultimately a more prosperous future.

"Individuals with training in women’s and gender studies are increasingly sought by employers in diverse fields, ranging from international organizations to finance, industry and government."

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