

# THE HARVARD ARAB ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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## INTRODUCTION

The Harvard Arab Alumni Association (HAAA) launched in 2010 the HAAA Scholarship Fund, **the first of its kind at Harvard**, to support its objective of increasing the number of Arab students at Harvard. **Today, the Arab world constitutes an exceptionally low share of the student body at Harvard**—in 2013, only 118 students from Arab countries were studying at Harvard across all its Schools and degree programs, representing less than 2% of the 4,000 international students at Harvard.

To address the historical under-representation of Arabs and to heighten the visibility of the Arab world at Harvard, HAAA is working closely with Harvard University on two programs that mutually reinforce each other:

- **Project Harvard Admissions**, which sends Harvard College students and alumni to Arab high schools and universities to de-mystify the Harvard application and life experience
- **The HAAA Scholarship Fund**, with the objective of raising \$10 million to support students from the Arab world in financial need who are offered admission to any of Harvard's schools

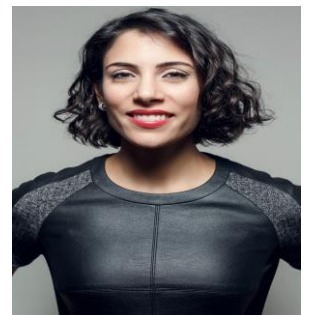
## CANDIDATE SELECTION CRITERIA

Fund recipients will be selected exclusively by the Harvard Committee on General Scholarship based on the following criteria established by the Harvard Arab Alumni Association:

- The student must have been accepted by Harvard University to a full-time degree program at any of Harvard University's schools (e.g., College, Law School, Business School, Kennedy School)
- The student must be a resident or national of an Arab country
- The student must demonstrate a financial need, as determined by Harvard University's general scholarship criteria
- Preference will be given to students that have obtained a prior degree (e.g., high school or college) from an educational institution in an Arab country

## TESTIMONIALS

*"The HAAA Scholarship fund was a game changer for my time at Harvard and beyond. Thanks to its generosity, I was able to focus during the school term on having a truly immersive Harvard experience. The scholarship also funneled my interest in making Harvard a place where Arabs would feel more welcomed and where Arabs would convene to talk about the future of our region. To any Arab student wondering whether Harvard is the right university for you, go for it. You will get out a changed and bettered person - enriched with the awareness, skills and network that make great leaders in the service of others."* — HALA HANNA, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM LEBANON, HKS 12'



*"Tremendous talent exists in our region. Investing in the education of Arab youth and providing them with the tools to create their own opportunities is the singular most important investment this region can witness"*— FADI GHANDOUR, FOUNDER AND CEO OF ARAMEX AND SUPPORTER OF HAAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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*"HAA's fellowship is an amazing opportunity. Its generous financial assistance helped me pursue my studies at Harvard's Graduate School of Design, to build connections with other Arab students working in different research fields across the university, and to see my research work in the light of its relevance to a wider regional scope."* —TAMER EL-SHAYAL, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM EGYPT, GSD 14'

*"On behalf of Harvard University, I thank the HAAA for creating this important scholarship, providing much-needed financial aid to students who will be the future leaders of the Arab world and beyond. Due in large part to the HAAA's efforts, the number of students at Harvard from the Arab world is up to nearly 120, compared to only 49 roughly a decade ago. Harvard is grateful for the partnership of HAAA in achieving the shared goal of enhancing Harvard's engagement with the Arab World both on campus and in the region."*—JORGE I. DOMÍNGUEZ, FORMER HARVARD VICE PROVOST FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS



*"The next wonderful news after hearing I got in to Harvard was that HAAA was going to support me financially: HAAA opened the doors for me for opportunities of a lifetime."* — MARIAM DAHBI, SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FROM MOROCCO, HGSE 15'

## FUND MANAGEMENT & CONTRIBUTION LEVELS

The Fund will be managed by the Harvard Management Company as part of Harvard University's endowment.

President's Circle \$500,000–\$1,000,000	Benefactor \$100,000–\$500,000
Patron \$50,000–\$100,000	Donor \$10,000–\$50,000
Associate \$5,000–\$10,000	Friends of the HAAA Scholarship Fund \$5,000–\$10,000

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