

HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PALESTINIANS (HESPAL)

Building the Next generation of Palestinian Academics

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BRITISH COUNCIL IN OCCUPIED PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

- We opened our offices in Palestine in 1943 to build stronger ties and greater mutual understanding between Palestinians and the UK.
- We have offices in East Jerusalem, Gaza and Ramallah and contact points at An-Najah University Nablus, and Palestine Polytechnic University Hebron.
- We have 40 Palestinian and five British staff members.

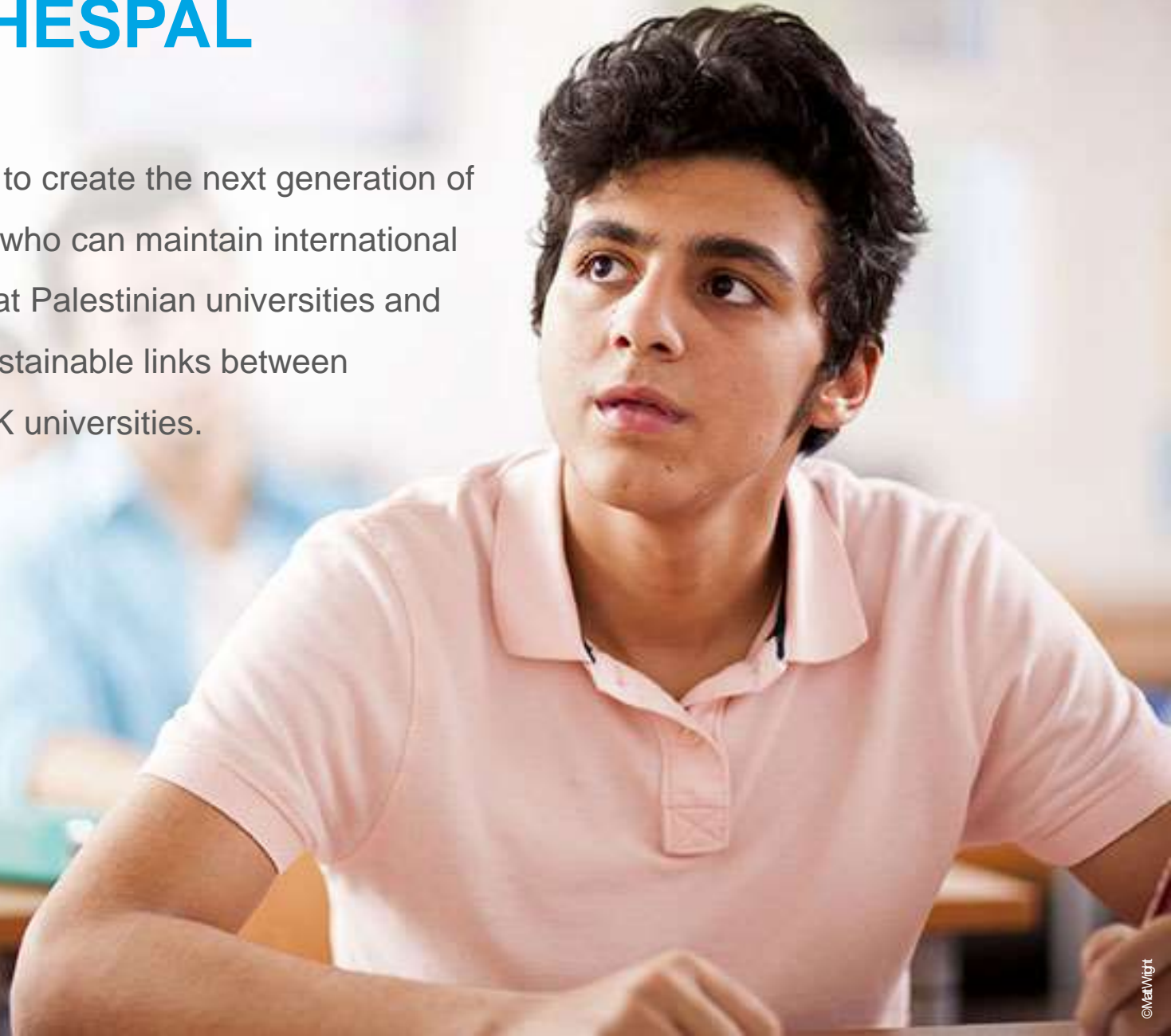


OUR OFFICES AND CONTACT POINTS IN WEST BANK AND GAZA



AIM OF HESPAL

The scheme aims to create the next generation of senior academics who can maintain international quality standards at Palestinian universities and develop further sustainable links between Palestinian and UK universities.



PROGRAMME DETAILS

HESPAL develops the capabilities of academic staff in Palestinian universities by offering them a chance to gain a Masters and PhD degree in their fields of study, and in accordance with the development goals of their universities.

Participating in the enhancement of quality higher education is a very important contribution to the Palestinian economy and society, through the transfer of knowledge from the scholars to their students.



WHAT DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

- Masters & PhD's scholarship academic fees (in the form of a fee waiver from participating UK HEIs);
- Scholars' living allowances and pre-departure.
- A period of up to 12 months' and it is not possible to extend these awards beyond 12 months



PRIORITY AREAS OF STUDY

Business, Economics and Finance; Educational Management; Political Sciences and International Relations; Human Rights and Governance; Agriculture; Engineering; Law, Management; Environmental Studies; Water management, Nursing, TSOL, Human Recourses, Economics, literature, Linguistics, IT, science programs, Environmental Sciences and Sustainable Infrastructure, Clean Energy and Conservation Strategies, MA Energy Management, Energy Conservation, Sustainable Energy, ICT, Nanotechnologies and Energy, educational technology, special Educational needs.



PARTICIPATING PALESTINIAN UNIVERSITIES

Al-Azhar University, University of Bethlehem, Birzeit University, Islamic University of Gaza, An-Najah National University, Palestine Polytechnic University – Hebron, University of Hebron, Al Quds Open University, Al Quds University, University of Palestine Gaza University College of Applied Sciences (UCAS), Gaza, Al-Aqsa University, Palestine Ahliya University, Palestine Technical University Kadoorie,



PARTICIPATING UK UNIVERSITIES

Essex, London School of Economics Studies (LSE) (2 scholarships), Sussex (2 scholarships), Kings College London, Oxford Brookes, Newcastle, Roehampton University (1 PhD per year), Cumbria, Leeds Trinity, Bristol, Goldsmiths, Dundee, Winchester, Chester, (1 PhD per year) Lincoln (1 PhD in any subject area), Nottingham, Edinburgh, Queen Mary of London, Birmingham, Glasgow (1 PhD), St Mary's Twickenham (subject areas Applied Linguistics and Bioethics), Birmingham City, Warwick, Newman in Birmingham, Westminster.



HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants complete HESPAL application form in collaboration with their university, indicating which subject area(s) they wish to study. Applicants should specify at least three and up to five UK HEIs in order of preference but there is no guarantee they will be placed in one of these institutions.
- To submit their application to the university with all supporting documents attached to their application.
- Each applicant should submit online application direct to the university they wish to apply to and it should be attached to HESPAL application.



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Applicants:

- Must be a resident citizen of Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem.
- Must be currently employed by the Palestinian university which nominates her/him, which must be one of the participating Palestinian universities.
- Could have a Masters degree from a Palestinian university with a minimum grade of very good (and equivalent to at least a 3.0 to 3.5 Bachelor's Degree from UK).
- Must sign a written undertaking to return to their Palestinian university within a time frame agreed with their university, normally one year.
- Must have IELTS certification appropriate for course and university (normally at least 6.5, sometimes higher), to be submitted with their application.



SELECTION PROCESS

- Each Palestinian university will nominate up to 10 scholars and will agree with their nominees the area of study.
- Palestinian universities send all applications to British Council Palestine to check eligibility requirements are met.
- British Council sends application forms and accompanying documents to all UK HEIs offering courses in the subject specified by applicant
- UK HEIs provide British Council with a list of applicants they would be willing to accept
- British Council is responsible for final placement of students.
- British Council informs successful candidates at which UK HEI they have been offered a scholarship.
- Successful applicants then deal directly with the UK HEI offering them a place
- Owing to the number of applicants we can not discuss the status of any individual's application.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Completed HESPAL application form (including details of 2 academic referees)
- Certified Proof of Palestinian nationality and Occupied Palestinian Territories residency including East Jerusalem ID's.
- Nomination letter from Palestinian university
- Proof of employment at university
- Proof of academic / work record – i.e. Transcript translated into English including grades for each year of study of bachelor's degree and certified copies of masters degree and degree certificates;
- Signed contract between scholar and their university declaring that they will return to Palestine to their university on completion of masters degree after 12 months

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

- Signed release form from scholar permitting the UK HEI to provide British Council and scholar's home institution with reports from their academic advisor
- IELTS certificate
- Online application that is submitted to the UKI.
- Completed Application forms and all other documentation must be submitted in hard copy each applicant should make copies of his/her application according to the number of universities he/she is applying for, eg. 5 universities,

We will not consider late or incomplete applications.

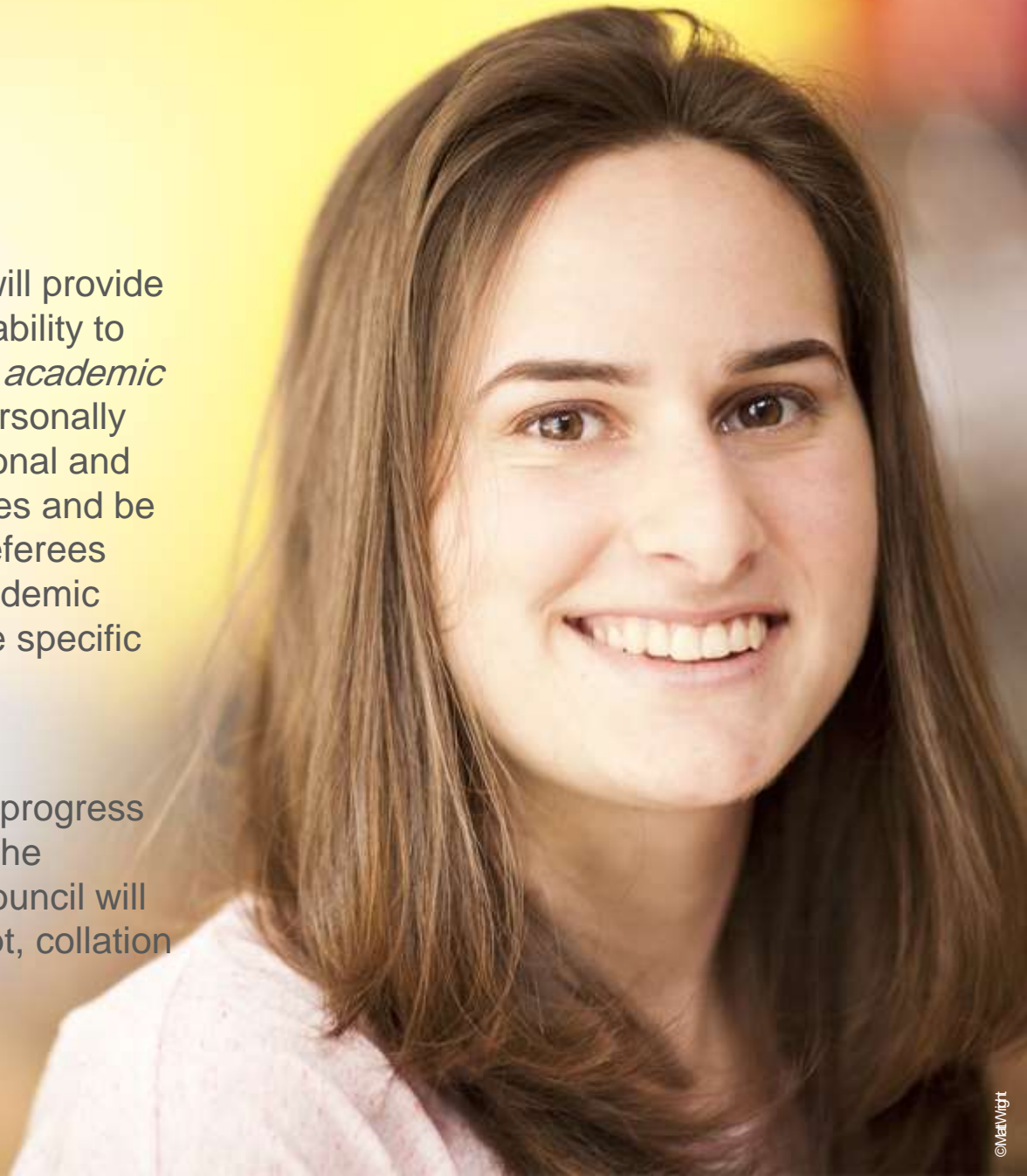
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Referees

You must name two people who will provide recent references about your suitability to study in the UK. These should be *academic* referees who should know you personally and be familiar with your professional and academic career and competencies and be able to comment on them. Your referees should also comment on your academic potential and your suitability to the specific course identified.

During scholarship

All masters scholars will submit a progress report and a final report outlining the outcomes of their study. British Council will be responsible for ensuring receipt, collation and dissemination of all reports.



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APPLICATIONS
FROM
STUDENTS
WITH
DISABILITIES.**



WHAT IT IS . . . EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY

Equality of opportunity is about:

- treating people fairly and without bias
- creating conditions at work that encourage and value diversity and promote dignity.
- ensuring that dealings with customers and suppliers are conducted in a constructive way
- ensuring that there is no unjustified discrimination for any reason



WHAT IT IS . . . DIVERSITY

- Diversity recognises that people differ from one another in many ways:
- gender, age, race/ethnicity, physical ability, mental capacity, religion and belief, education, economic status, personality, communication style and approaches to work.
- So there should not be any discrimination based on any grounds

A young man with dark, curly hair, wearing a light-colored button-down shirt, is smiling warmly. He is standing in a library or bookstore, with bookshelves filled with books in the background. Another person is partially visible in the foreground, looking towards the man. A blue horizontal bar is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text 'THANK YOU'.

THANK YOU

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IELTS 9-Band Scale

9	Expert user	Has fully operational command of the language: appropriate, accurate and fluent with complete understanding.
8	Very good user	Has fully operational command of the language with only occasional unsystematic inaccuracies and inappropriacies. Misunderstandings may occur in unfamiliar situations. Handles complex detailed argumentation well.
7	Good user	Has operational command of the language, though with occasional inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings in some situations. Generally handles complex language well and understands detailed reasoning.
6	Competent user	Has generally effective command of the language despite some inaccuracies, inappropriacies and misunderstandings. Can use and understand fairly complex language, particularly in familiar situations.
5	Modest user	Has partial command of the language, coping with overall meaning in most situations, though is likely to make many mistakes. Should be able to handle basic communication in own field.
4	Limited user	Basic competence is limited to familiar situations. Has frequent problems in understanding and expression. Is not able to use complex language.
3	Extremely limited user	Conveys and understands only general meaning in very familiar situations. Frequent breakdowns in communication occur.
2	Intermittent user	No real communication is possible except for the most basic information using isolated words or short formulae in familiar situations and to meet immediate needs. Has great difficulty understanding spoken and written English.
1	Non user	Essentially has no ability to use the language beyond possibly a few isolated words.
0	Did not attempt the test	No assessable information provided.

IELTS Academic or General Training?

Academic:

- Entry to University / College / professional registration / recruitment
- Assesses ability to study or train at undergraduate or postgraduate level

General Training:

- Immigration, vocational, secondary education, language training and work experience
- Assess survival skills in a broad social and educational context

Test Format

Total test time

2 hours 44 minutes
(+ 10 minutes transfer time)

Academic Module

Listening
30 minutes,
4 sections, 40 items

Reading
60 minutes,
3 sections, 40 items

Writing
60 minutes, 2 tasks

Speaking
11 - 14 minutes,
3 parts

General Training Module

Listening
30 minutes,
4 sections, 40 items

Reading
60 minutes,
3 sections, 40 items

Writing
60 minutes, 2 tasks

Speaking
11 - 14 minutes,
3 parts

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IELTS Test Report Form


INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH LANGUAGE TESTING SYSTEM
Test Report Form ACADEMIC

NOTE: Admission to undergraduate and postgraduate courses should be based on the ACADEMIC Reading and Writing Modules. GENERAL TRAINING Reading and Writing Modules are not designed to test the full range of language skills required for academic purposes. It is recommended that the candidate's language ability as indicated in this Test Report Form be reassessed after two years from the date of the test.

Centre Number: G8509 Date: 30/OCT/2004 Candidate Number: 000051

Candidate Details

Family Name: SOOMBS
First Name: MARTIN
Candidate ID: 00068720122824





Date of Birth: 24/10/1956 Sex (M/F): M Scheme Code: British Council
Country of Origin: France First Language: French

Repeating IELTS (Y/N): N Previous Test Date: Previous Test Centre:



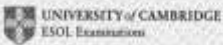
Test Results

Listening	7.0	Reading	6.0	Writing	7	Speaking	8	Overall Band Score	6.3
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Administrator Comments

Centre stamp:  Validation stamp: 

Writing Examiner Number: 040199 Administrator's Signature: _____
Speaking Examiner Number: 040199 Date: 12/11/2004 Test Report Form Number: 04000000100005504

The validity of this IELTS Test Report Form can be verified online by recognising organisations at <http://ielts.scolis.org.uk>

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- Up to five Report Forms sent free to receiving organisations

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- For courses overseas you can contact your local British Council office for advice - details of all our offices worldwide:
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/home-contact-worldwide.htm>



Any questions?