

The American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon, invites applications for the full-time professorial faculty position of **Director of the Issam Fares Institute for Public Policy and International Affairs (IFI)**. The Issam Fares Institute is a research-based, policy-oriented institute that aims at harnessing, developing, and initiating high-quality policy-relevant research that informs policy-making processes in Lebanon and the Arab region.

Reporting to the Provost, the Director is the responsible head of the Institute leading and managing all the Institute's operations, including research, planning, budgeting, fundraising, partnership development, media and public relations, personnel, and assessment. He/She is responsible to set and operationalize the strategic directions of the Institute that are in tune with AUB's strategy and its direction to create impact in society. He/She provides leadership by shaping the Institute's research agenda and initiating new policy-relevant collaborative projects. He/She mentors the researchers of the Institute and provides quality control for the Institute's research plans and outputs.

The Issam Fares Institute has seven major policy research programs working on issues relevant to Lebanon and the Arab region. It comprises over 37 staff members from inter-disciplinary backgrounds. The Institute is committed to increasing and deepening knowledge production in, and about, the Arab region; and to creating an intellectual space for the interdisciplinary exchange of ideas among researchers, civil society actors and policy-makers. More information is available at <https://www.aub.edu.lb/ifi/Pages/default.aspx>

Applications should include a statement of interest, a detailed curriculum vita, and the names and addresses of five referees. Screening of applications will commence **early February 2020** but the search will continue until the position is filled. The anticipated startdate is **September 1, 2020**. Applications are accepted on AUB Career Portal: <https://hrweb.aub.edu.lb/careers/Main.aspx>

AUB is an Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Employer. Founded in 1866, AUB is a private, independent, non-sectarian institution of higher learning operating under a charter from the State of New York and accredited by the *Middle States Commission on Higher Education*(MSCHE). It is a leading university in the Middle East, and an institution open to qualified students without regard to race, gender, religion, economic status or political affiliation. AUB offers a rigorous curriculum in the American liberal arts tradition and world-class professional programs. The University's faculty (914 full-time, 286 part-time) serve 9,468 students in PhD (166), Master's (1,475), Bachelor's (7,338), and medical (432) degree programs. The university's seven faculties/schools include: the Faculty of Agricultural and Food Sciences, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS), the Suliman S. Olayan School of Business, the Maroun Semaan Faculty of Engineering and Architecture, the Faculty of Health Sciences, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Rafic Hariri School of Nursing. Also, AUB has a Medical Center that educate medical students and professionals, provide clinical care, and conduct research. The university's degrees are registered with both the New York State Education Department and the Lebanese Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

AUB possesses a Beirut campus of 61.2 acres and a 247.5 acre facility in the Beqaa Valley. The university has at its disposal 350,954 m<sup>2</sup> of building space in Beirut and 15,281 m<sup>2</sup> in Beqaa. The AUB campus includes the Charles W. Hostler Student Center, five libraries, computer labs, dormitories, an archaeological museum, art galleries, a natural history museum, athletic fields, a private beach, a repository of native and non-native trees and shrubs, and one of Lebanon's few geological collections. As such, it has become a much-loved feature of the city of Beirut. In addition, AUB maintains a 247-acre Advancing Research Enabling Communities Center (AREC) located in Lebanon's Beqaa Valley. To reaffirm its commitment and responsibility as a custodian of its natural environment, AUB designated its campus as a botanic garden in 2016. The Issam Fares Institute building was designed by the late Zaha Hadid and won the Agha Khan Award for Architecture in 2016.

Additional information is available at [www.aub.edu.lb](http://www.aub.edu.lb)

## Qualifications

Candidates must have an advanced degree, preferably PhD, in public policy, international affairs or a relevant social sciences field. They need to demonstrate substantial scholarly and research experience in public policy and international affairs, and extensive knowledge of Lebanese and Arab/Middle East affairs and policy issues. They need to have extensive experience in managing staff at research centers or public policy institutes, and proven history in maintaining and building partnerships, including the current and potential donors to the Institute. Candidates need to have a strong public profile and extensive experience in working with governmental and non-governmental actors as well as with the media; and to demonstrate excellent communication skills in English and Arabic.