

1.3 University anti-poverty programmes

1.3.3 Cairo University provides support (e.g. food, housing, transportation, legal services) for poor students.

Cairo University provides various forms of support for students with financial needs, primarily through its **Social Solidarity Fund**. This support includes financial aid, housing, food, and free medical services.

Key support services for poor and disadvantaged students include:

- **Financial Aid:** The university's Central Social Solidarity Fund and faculty-specific funds provide direct financial support to cover study fees and other essential expenses for students from low-income families, orphans, and those with chronic diseases.
- **Housing and Food:** University hostels are available and provide accommodation and food services, sometimes at very low fees for eligible students (e.g., as low as five pounds per month for accommodation and food in the past, though current specific rates may vary). Students in need, including visually impaired students, can receive aid to cover hostel fees.
- **Healthcare:** The Students' Hospital provides free medical detection, therapy, and operations for students, including those with chronic cases or who need prosthetic devices or medical headphones.
- **Exemption from Fees:** The university president has previously issued decisions to exempt orphan and "unable" students from study fees.
- **Transportation:** While direct free transportation services for all poor students are not explicitly mentioned as a standalone service like the others, the provision of hostels and general financial aid helps manage living and movement costs.

Students who require support can apply to the Social Solidarity Fund, with social specialists reviewing their cases based on criteria like family income, orphan status, and chronic diseases. The goal is to ensure deserving students receive support throughout their studies until graduation.

Serial	Year	The university provides support poor students	Link
1	2023-2024	On-Campus Residence	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) https://cu.edu.eg/ar/Cairo-University-News-14699.html2) Statistical Bulletin 2023/2024: pages 55 – 603) https://cu.edu.eg/ar/page.php?pg=contentFront/SubSectionData.php&SubSectionId=23

			4) https://cu.edu.eg/old/page.php?pg=contentFront/SubSectionData.php&SubSectionId=23
2	Permanent	CU Solidarity Office	5) https://cu.edu.eg/Cairo-University-News-11994.html#:~:text=Work%20in%20social%20solidarity%20fund,university%20students%20with%20social%20care.
3	Permanent	Education and Students Affairs Sector	6) https://cu.edu.eg/page.php?pg=contentFront/SubSectionData.php&SubSectionId=194#:~:text=For%20the%20first%20time%2C%20this,complete%20studying%20in%20the%20university.