

1.3 University anti-poverty programmes

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Cairo University has a dedicated **Social Solidarity Fund (also referred to as the Social Care Fund or Takaful Fund)** specifically to provide financial support and social care to students who are unable to cover their university expenses.

Key aspects of the programs and initiatives:

- **Social Solidarity Fund:** This is the primary internal mechanism at both the central university level and within individual faculties to offer financial aid to "unable university students". Students must demonstrate financial need to be eligible for support, which can help cover small annual fees, books, and other costs that might otherwise be a barrier to their studies.
- **Targeted Support:** The fund specifically aims to promote equal opportunities among all students by supporting those facing financial hardships, using clear rules and simple application procedures. Students apply for this support from their first year, and assistance can continue until they graduate.
- **External Scholarships:** In addition to its internal fund, the university collaborates with external organizations on scholarship programs that often target socio-economically disadvantaged students. An example is the Pathways to Higher Education project, in collaboration with the British Council and the Centre for the Advancement of Post-Graduate Studies (CAPSCU), which offers training scholarships and aims to increase access to post-graduate studies and enhance career chances for marginalized students. The university also promotes other external scholarships, such as those from USAID, which encourage applications from underprivileged backgrounds.

These programs and funds collectively form a system designed to help low-income students successfully complete their studies by alleviating financial barriers.

Serial	Year	Programmes or initiatives to assist poor students	Link
1	2023-2024	programme	1) https://cu.edu.eg/old/ar/Cairo-University-News-14910.html

	Running And Permanent Programmes	s or initiatives	<p>2) https://cu.edu.eg/ar/Cairo-University-News-15180.html</p> <p>3) chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/Images/181079-egypt-improving-opportunities-for-employability-and-further-study.pdf</p> <p>4) https://youthadmin.eng.cu.edu.eg/ar/%D8%B5%D9%86%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%82%D8%B1%D8%B9%D8%A7%D9%8A%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%A8%D8%A8%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%83%D9%84%D9%8A%D8%A9/</p> <p>5) https://cu.edu.eg/Cairo-University-Faculty-News-11814.html</p> <p>6) https://cu.edu.eg/Cairo-University-News-11994.html#:~:text=News%20Date%20%3A202017%2D08%2D,students%20until%20they%20are%20graduated.</p> <p>7) chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://www.cbe.org.eg/-/media/project/cbe/page-content/rich-text/financial-inclusion/reports/integrating-gender-and-women-financial-inclusion-into-the-cbe-framework.pdf</p>
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