



INTRODUCTION

The Palestinian Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (PalUROP), now in its fifth year, is designed to foster the formation of collaborative research projects involving faculty and students from Palestinian universities and abroad.

This program is modeled on a system used at MIT and many other US institutions. In its current form, the program is funded by grants from MIT's Jameel World Education Lab (<https://www.jwel.mit.edu>), the McMillan-Stewart Foundation (<https://mcmillanstewart.org>), and generous contributions from MIT alumni.

Some Details

- **Eligibility and scope:**

Each project must involve a Palestinian faculty member and at least one Palestinian student. Projects may be in any academic specialization and must be based on a well-defined research idea suitable for undergraduate participation. Projects involving international faculty and students (not limited to MIT or the U.S.) are prioritized; in such cases, a local faculty member must serve as a partner or local coordinator.

- **Proposal submission and evaluation:**

Each faculty member may submit only one project proposal per PalUROP cycle. Proposals must describe the student's expected activities and clearly specify intended deliverables (e.g., artifact, dataset, report, paper, or public outreach).

Proposals are submitted and managed through the PalUROP website (<https://purop.birzeit.edu>) and are evaluated by the PalUROP committee. Faculty with accepted proposals will be notified accordingly.

- **Student compensation and reporting:**

Each student shall be compensated at a rate of \$6 per hour, subject to a maximum of \$1,000 per student.

Students must submit documented working hours and a brief report of completed tasks and achieved outcomes. Compensation is processed through an agreement with Birzeit University.

Success Stories:

The PalUROP website presents many success stories of research projects. Upon completing this cycle, we hope yours will be a success and published there! Best wishes!

PalUROP Committee:

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For further clarification:

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How to apply:

Register on the following website and submit your project proposal:
<https://purop.birzeit.edu>

Notes:

1. If several students are proposed, their respective responsibilities must be specified; however, preference will be given to smaller teams for reasons of efficiency.
2. For projects recruiting more than one student, the total allowable compensation per project shall not exceed \$1,000 for one student, \$1,500 for two students, \$1,750 for three students, and \$1,875 for four students. A student may not participate in more than one project per cycle.