

# Government of Iraq Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (GOI MoHESR) Programs

## Program Overview:

- Currently, there are about 200 students in the United States in the three programs described below. GOI MoHESR hopes to award 1000 scholarships to Iraqi students for Master's and PhD studies in 2011-2012 and wants to increase the number of students studying at U.S. universities.
- All students sign a contract that obligates them to pay back the money spent on the scholarship package if the student does not complete the program or does not return to Iraq.
- Study Missions (Scholarship) Program: In 2009, the GOI MoHESR awarded scholarships for Master's and PhD studies to the top student in each program in each public university; in 2010, it awarded scholarships to the top 3 students in each program. Students obtain their own placement at a university, but U.S. and western-European universities are preferred. Most students apply for Conditional Admission; students take the GRE test while studying ESL at the U.S. university. Funding covers tuition and fees, salary and family allowances (50% of salary for spouse), books, travel expenses, conferences, and health insurance.
- University Study Leave (Scholarships): Staff of the GOI MoHESR and Iraqi universities receive funding for Master's and PhD degrees at U.S. universities. Same benefits as Study Missions Programs.
- Short-Term Research Grants: Students receive grants to do short-term research (3 to 6 months) at overseas universities for their PhD and post-doctorate studies.
- International Scholarships Program: International universities, governments and other organizations provide grants to the GOI MoHESR for full or joint scholarships through cultural exchange and bilateral agreements. Same benefits as Study Missions Program above.
- Short term Training courses from staff from all ministries.

## Student Eligibility and Selection:

Program	Ministry Study Missions (Scholarships)	University Study Leave (Research Fellowships)	International Scholarships
Minimum Scores	80%	65%	70%
Age	Masters – 40 years PhD – 45 years	Masters – 45 PhD – 50	Master's – 40 PhD – 45
Program Length	Masters – 2 years PhD – 3 years	3 to 6 months	Varies
Period of service upon return	2 years	2 years	2 years
TOEFL Score	Not Required	Depends on Field of Study	University Discretion
English Language Instruction	1 year in USA (\$10,000)	Proficiency Certificate	Proficiency Certificate

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