How could you help us? And which impact has your contribution on achieving our goal?

- **Financial support:**
  
  If you subscribe with us with the minimum monthly amount of just 5 euro for a period of 2 years you will be contributing to cover 1% of the student’s expenses for one year or 14% of her/his monthly expenses. You might think your contribution is small but be sure it makes big impact and it moves us a step forward to reach our goal.

- **Mentoring support:**
  
  Be part of our network of academics and students to help Syrian students and applicants to support them getting an opportunity to complete their tertiary education. You can fill out a form to tell us how could we cooperate by visiting our website.

- **Join our team:**
  
  We are a group of students who work voluntarily on developing this initiative and we are open to new members; If you want to volunteer with us and join our team, please visit our website for possible joining opportunity.

Don’t hesitate to send us an email in case you have a project idea or a suggestion.

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What is Academpower?

Academpower is an initiative that aims to empower Syrian students towards achieving their higher education goals. The initiative is based on the conviction that investing in individuals is important in order to equip them with the right tools to face the challenges of Syria’s future.

Who we are?

We are a group of students and academics who believe in the right of each person to get a decent education and who have decided to gather our expertise and knowledge to establish Academpower. We assume that higher education represents a catalyst, an agent of change and development for individuals and societies.

Our projects

Our main idea is to create a network of academics and students in order to support Syrian students in their access to higher education and in their education process. To do so, we have firstly launched our pilot project, Academic Empowerment Scholarship.

Academic Empowerment Scholarship AES.

Our group of young scholars and researchers is based upon the conviction that an academic scholarship is a life changing opportunity. Therefore we launch our pilot project: Academic Empowerment Scholarship (AES).

The particularity of our Scholarship

AES aims to grant a scholarship to one master student from Syria by covering her/his living expenses and tuition fees in order to study in a German University for maximum period of 2 years.

Our Scholarship achieves sustainability by relying basically on a collaborative and solidary crowdfunding. We aim to finance a big part of the scholarship through monthly subscriptions of (€ 5, €10, €25...) to raise 50-60 percent of the money needed to finance the scholarship; this would require the contribution of 140-170 individuals with an average subscription period of one year, or an equivalent donation of one-time.

The Scholarship will:

- Promote and provide financial support to one student;  
- Support the scholarship holder with the information necessary to deal with the new educational environment;  
- Lead a collaborative network of community and educational partners aligned to support the student’s preparation and persistent till degree completion.

Secondly, we are planning to create a mentoring program based on building a platform to network academics and students with Syrian students. This platform aims to be useful for Syrian students to support them during the pre-studies and their study phase:

- **Pre-study phase:** searching for a study place, to apply to universities or to scholarships, giving advices and providing resources to improve the language skills, etc.
- **Study phase:** getting familiar with the new educational system, dealing with learning difficulties, supporting in linguistic difficulties during the studies, offering a support in research methodologies, etc.

This scholarship is basically made by Syrian students who got a scholarship in 2015 to complete their studies in Germany, and feel the responsibility to pass the chance they got to other students – among those who are struggling to get an opportunity to complete their studies – in order to study in Germany. This is a way of sustaining and regenerating the opportunity they had, and to do their part in empowering others.