

# Newsletter

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### President's Message

The arrival of the new year serves as a reminder that genuine institutional progress is not measured by temporal milestones alone, but rather by the continuity of vision, clarity of purpose, and capacity for cumulative achievement. At Al-Balqa Applied University, we regard the new year as an extension of a path we have embarked upon with confidence, rather than a departure from what preceded it.

The past year witnessed collective efforts that yielded significant accomplishments in the advancement of academic programs, the strengthening of technical and applied education, and the expansion of international cooperation. Substantial progress was also achieved in modernizing infrastructure, supporting students, and empowering both academic and administrative personnel. These achievements would not have been possible without a shared commitment to the University's mission and a spirit of unified collaboration.

As we commence this new year, we reaffirm our commitment to the continued development of the University in alignment with national directives in higher education, and to strengthening the institution's role as an effective educational entity in service of society, the labor market, and sustainable development.

As we turn one page and open another, we place our confidence in the people of this University: students, faculty, and administrative staff, who constitute the true foundation of any achievement. Al-Balqa Applied University shall remain, God willing, an exemplar of a national institution that harmonizes tradition with innovation, and responsibility with aspiration.

**President of Al-Balqa Applied University**

**Professor Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni, Ph.D**



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### Media Department's Message

With the dawn of a new year, Al-Balqa Applied University opens another chapter in its academic and developmental journey, building upon a legacy of diligent work and embracing a phase that holds new opportunities for growth and achievement. January arrives not merely as a chronological beginning, but as a moment of deliberate reflection upon what has been accomplished and a compass for what lies ahead.

The past year represented a milestone marked by achievements that enhanced the University's standing at both the national and international levels, whether through the development of academic programs, the expansion of international partnerships, the support of scientific research, or investment in infrastructure and technical training, all in alignment with national directives aimed at modernizing higher education and strengthening its connection to the labor market.

In this context, the Department of Media and Communications continues to fulfill its role in documenting this journey and presenting an authentic representation of the University: a dynamic educational institution that advances with steadiness and conviction, guided by the belief that knowledge is a mission, and that development is an ongoing process that does not conclude with a single accomplishment.

In this edition of the newsletter, we share with the University community, its partners, and its readers the highlights of our work at the beginning of the year, with the hope that the new year will serve as a continuation of an approach grounded in quality, openness, and social responsibility.

May Al-Balqa Applied University continue to grow in presence and influence with each passing year.

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### Vision

A scientifically leading and globally competing applied university, distinguished in creativity, innovation, applied scientific research and leadership for the purpose of compounding knowledge economy and society.

### Mission

Providing high quality applied and technical education, and furnishing competitive, incubating and stimulating environment for innovation, creativity, research, development and leadership in order to contribute to attaining sustainable development and knowledge economy.



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### Youth English Language Training Program Launched

In partnership with the Ministry of Youth, the University will implement a training program to develop English communication skills for youth aged 12-17. The program will serve 520 participants across 26 youth centers throughout the Kingdom.

### Minister of Culture Emphasizes Universities' Cultural Role

Minister of Culture Mustafa Al-Rawashdeh visited campus to discuss expanding cooperation in implementing cultural programs for students and the local community. President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni affirmed the University's commitment to integrating culture into the educational process.





## Parliamentary Education Committee Visits Campus



The Parliamentary Education Committee visited campus to assess developments in higher and technical education. President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni emphasized the University's role as Jordan's national pillar for technical education, highlighting specialized programs in artificial intelligence, data science, and cybersecurity aligned with Fourth Industrial Revolution demands. Committee members commended the institution's academic programs and infrastructure.



## Fulbright Program Delegation Welcomed

President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni received Fulbright fellows participating in academic programs at Princess Alia University College. The meeting addressed their academic experience and contributions to educational enrichment and cultural exchange. The University continues to prioritize international exchange programs to foster knowledge sharing and cross-cultural engagement.



## EU Research Grant Secured for Climate Research

The University has been awarded a €2.7 million research project funded by the European Union under the PRIMA program. The initiative will establish a platform for measuring carbon sequestration in Mediterranean Basin wetlands through collaborative partnerships with research universities in Italy, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, and Tunisia. This award demonstrates the University's competitiveness within selective European funding programs.



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### \$10 Million KOICA Joint Project Concludes

The University has concluded its joint project with the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to advance technical education at Irbid and Karak University Colleges. The initiative focused on curriculum modernization, capacity building, and infrastructure development. University President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni described the project as a successful model of international partnership that strengthens technical education and labor market alignment.

### President Meets Staff at Karak University College



President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni met with administrative and academic staff at Karak University College to review operations and address employee needs. Al-Ajlouni emphasized the vital role of both teams in supporting the educational process, noting that institutional development begins with investing in human resources and fostering a work environment based on fairness, transparency, and equal opportunity.



### **Medical Education Partnership Established**

The University signed a memorandum of understanding with the Jordanian American Physicians Association to enhance cooperation in medical education, research, and training. The agreement facilitates joint research, seminars, educational material development, and clinical training opportunities for students in the United States.



### **President Chairs Private University Colleges Council Meeting**

President Dr. Ahmad fakhri Al-Ajlouni chaired the Council of Deans of Private University Colleges to discuss curriculum development and technical education modernization. The meeting addressed faculty promotion procedures, comprehensive exam development, and instructor capacity building.



### **ASEZA Partnership Discussions Advance**

University leadership met with the Aqaba Special Economic Zone Authority to explore academic and training cooperation. Discussions addressed student housing at Aqaba University College, local development support, educational outcomes aligned with labor market needs, and student training opportunities within Aqaba's institutions.





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### TechForward Initiative Launched with intaj Partnership

The University signed a memorandum of understanding with the Information and Communications Technology Association (intaj) to implement the TechForward initiative. The program enables students to complete applied capstone projects in partnership with technology companies, enhancing professional readiness and labor market competitiveness.

### President Visits Ma'an University College

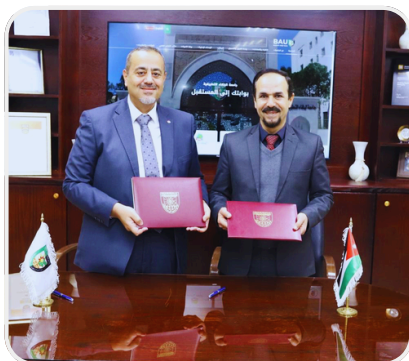
President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni visited Ma'an University College, congratulating staff on obtaining their quality assurance certificate. He announced support from the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company (JD 20,000) and the Governorate Council (JD 200,000) for constructing an external wall and cafeteria. Governorate MPs commended his efforts in developing the University and supporting the college.





### Quality Assurance Certification Achieved

Ma'an University College and Aqaba University College have been awarded four-year Jordanian Quality Assurance Certificates. This certification reflects the University's sustained commitment to comprehensive quality standards and institutional governance.



### Digital Education Partnership Established

The University entered into a memorandum of understanding with United for Educational Production to strengthen collaboration in digital education, educational technology, and applied training. Vice President Dr. Haitham Al-Shibli executed the agreement, furthering institutional objectives in digital transformation.



### New Dean of Scientific Research and Innovation Appointed

The Board of Trustees has appointed Dr. Shadi Mohammad Abdul Karim Al-Khatib as Dean of Scientific Research and Innovation. University President Dr. Ahmad Fakhri Al-Ajlouni affirmed the university's commitment to advancing research and innovation as fundamental priorities for applied education development and strengthening partnerships at local and international levels.



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### Arbor Day Celebrated with Tree-Planting Initiative

Aqaba University College marked Arbor Day by planting 500 seedlings on campus in partnership with Aqaba Agriculture Directorate. The event promoted environmental awareness and sustainability as part of the college's ongoing environmental initiatives.

### Virtual Exchange Program with Miami Dade College



The University partnered with Miami Dade College on "Earth Stories," a virtual exchange program focusing on digital storytelling and cultural dialogue. The program engaged 380 Jordanian and American students and facilitators, enhancing critical thinking and teamwork skills through innovative educational approaches.





### **King's Birthday University Championship Held in Aqaba**

The BAU Staff Club organized the "King's Birthday University Championship" celebrating His Majesty King Abdullah II's birthday, with participation from four Jordanian universities. The tournament aimed to strengthen ties among university staff and promote sports culture. The University of Jordan Staff Club claimed first place, with BAU Staff Club finishing second.



### **Vice President Visits National Training Center**

Vice President for Centers and Community Service Dr. Khaled Al-Zoubi visited the National Training and Trainer Qualification Center to discuss future plans and strategies for enhancing the center's role in serving the community and supplying qualified personnel to the labor market.

### **Vice President Reviews Final Examinations at Amman University College**



Vice President Dr. Zaid Al-Anbar visited Amman University College to review first-semester final examinations. The visit included a tour of classrooms and laboratories, during which he commended staff for maintaining academic standards.



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### Workshop Addresses Curriculum Alignment with Labor Market

The College of Artificial Intelligence hosted a workshop on updating curricula to meet labor market demands. Participants discussed linking capstone projects with real-world challenges, engaging the private sector in curriculum development, and encouraging students to pursue professional certifications.

### University Participates in Exhibition in Saudi Arabia



The University participated in the Jordanian Universities Exhibition held in Riyadh and Tabuk, Saudi Arabia. Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Khalaf Khatatneh represented the institution, presenting academic and technical programs to prospective students and parents.





### Smart Learning Initiative Launched

The Center for Learning and Teaching Technology held a series of webinars under the "Smart Learning in Twenty Minutes" initiative to train faculty on integrating artificial intelligence tools into teaching practices.

### Career Development Center Visits Vocational Training Corporation



The Career Development Center for Northern Region Colleges visited the Vocational Training Corporation to explore training programs for graduates and strengthen collaboration to enhance graduate employment opportunities.



### UCAM University of Spain Visits Under Erasmus+ Program

The University received Dr. Paul O'Donnell from UCAM University in Spain to strengthen academic cooperation under the Erasmus+ program. The visit focused on exploring future collaboration opportunities and student and faculty exchange.

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### Rainwater Harvesting Guides Launched

The International Center for Water, Environment and Energy Research launched a comprehensive training manual and operational handbook for rainwater harvesting and greywater systems. The publications were developed in partnership with the Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development (JOHUD) and UN-Habitat, funded by the Adaptation Fund.

### Dean Participates in Body Engineering Symposium at Cairo University



Dr. Ashraf Al-Rjoub, Dean of Irbid University College, participated in a specialized symposium on body engineering at Cairo University. The symposium examined the role of body engineering in advancing medical and therapeutic sciences.



### Game Design Week Launches January 11

Game Design Week begins January 11, offering a free educational program for youth ages 9–17. Participants will explore video game design and development through workshops, creative labs, and competitive challenges that emphasize innovation, technology, and teamwork.

### Ajloun University College Hosts Political Modernization Dialogue



Ajloun University College held a dialogue session titled "Modernization Visions: Youth Are the Focus" in cooperation with the "Yalla Nsharik Yalla Nethazib" initiative. The session addressed youth empowerment, civic engagement, political awareness, and national efforts supporting political modernization in Jordan.

### Electronics Technology Students Present Projects at Open Day



Al-Karak University College hosted an open day featuring projects by Electronics Technology students. Participants demonstrated innovative applied projects that showcased their ability to translate theoretical knowledge into practical applications. The event attracted strong academic attendance.





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### Associate Nursing Students Conduct Health Awareness Activity

Nursing students at Al-Karak University College organized a health awareness activity titled "My Cleanliness and My Health... My Responsibility" at Beit Al-Karak Model Kindergarten and School. The activity aimed to strengthen children's health awareness and reinforce personal hygiene concepts.

### Digital Content Creation Course Concludes

The University concluded an electronic content creation course organized by the Development and Local Community Service Unit in cooperation with the "We Are All Jordan Youth Commission." The course covered essential and advanced skills in digital content design and production, building participants' technical capabilities to strengthen their digital presence.





## Language Center Hosts Virtual Reality Event

The Language Center organized a virtual reality event for students in cooperation with the U.S. Embassy. The event featured a virtual tour of SoFi Stadium and an introduction to California culture, held in conjunction with the Jordanian national team's World Cup qualification.



## Applied Biology Students Conduct Field Visits

Students from the Department of Applied Biology visited the National Seed Bank, Genetic Engineering Laboratories, and the Slaughterhouse Department at the Greater Amman Municipality during the first semester of 2025-2026, integrating academic learning with practical experience.

## Academic Excellence Scholarship Recipients Announced



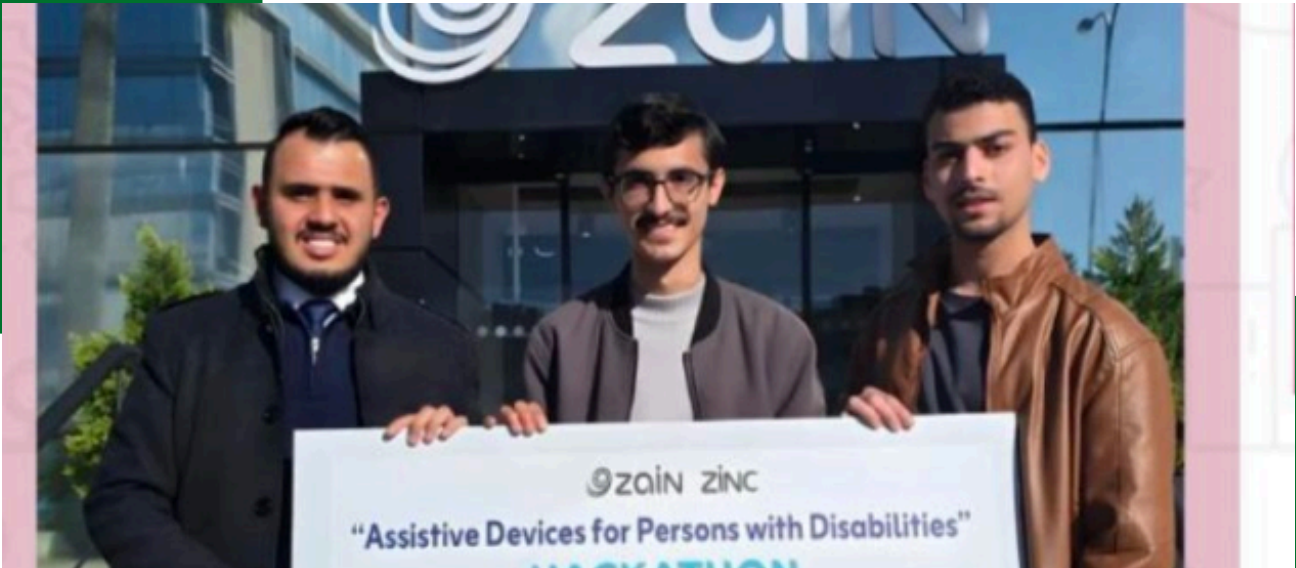
The Faculty of Graduate Studies announced recipients of Academic Excellence Scholarships for the first semester 2025-2026. Five scholarships were awarded to outstanding master's students across various programs. Dean Dr. Shahira Zeitoun affirmed that the University continues offering these scholarships based on competitive criteria ensuring fairness and equal opportunity.





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### IEEE Student Team Wins Disability Empowerment Hackathon

A student team from the Faculty of Technological Engineering won the Disability Empowerment Hackathon with a smart watch that detects environmental hazards for deaf and hard-of-hearing users, converting warning sounds into vibrations and visual alerts.

### STEAM.E Innovation Club Launched

The Faculty of Technological Engineering inaugurated the STEAM.E Club, a scientific innovation initiative serving employees' children and the local community. The club enrolls 40 students and offers practical workshops integrating theoretical sciences with applied learning.





### **Princess Alia University College Contributes to UI GreenMetric Rankings**

Under the direction of University President and with oversight from Dean Dr. Tariq Ziad Abu Hazim, graduate students in the Total Quality Management in Educational Institutions course implemented field projects reflecting quality and environmental sustainability concepts for the 2025 UI GreenMetric World University Rankings.



### **Princess Alia University College Participates in Career Day**

Students from Princess Alia University College attended a career day organized by the Deanship of Student Affairs in cooperation with the Ministry of Labor, providing opportunities to learn about labor market requirements and available positions.



### **Nursing Students Participate in Hospital Health Initiative**

Nursing students from Karak University College participated in a health initiative at Karak Government Hospital's obstetrics and gynecology department to promote health awareness and enhance students' field experience and professional competencies.



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### Associate Nursing Students Take Professional Oath

The Department of Applied Sciences at Aqaba University College held a professional oath ceremony for Associate Nursing students, marking the students' commitment to nursing ethics and professional standards.

### Blood Donation Campaign Held with Military Oncology Center



The University, in cooperation with the Military Oncology Center, organized a blood donation campaign to support the national blood bank. The initiative drew participation from students, faculty, and staff.





### **Ajloun University College Celebrates Arbor Day**

Ajloun University College organized an environmental event celebrating His Majesty King Abdullah II's birthday and Arbor Day, planting cypress and chinaberry trees at Princess Basma Building. Dean Dr. Wael Al-Rabadi emphasized the role of educational institutions in promoting environmental awareness.



### **Scientific Day on Virtual Reality in Education**

Zarqa University College, in collaboration with the United Company for Educational Production, organized a scientific day on virtual reality technologies in education. Dean Dr. Zaid Suleiman Al-Adwan emphasized that VR represents a qualitative shift in teaching and training methods.



### **Al-Huson College Participates in IEEE Chapter Launch**

Al-Huson University College participated in the inaugural meeting launching the IEEE Antennas and Propagation Society (AP-S) Jordan Chapter. This participation reinforces the college's research presence within the IEEE community and marks the second chapter of its kind in Jordan.





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### Digital Skills Training for Employees' Children

The Jordanian Korean Information and Communications Technology Center, in collaboration with IEEE BAU Student Branch, organized a "Digital Skills" training program for children of university employees. The program aims to build next-generation capabilities in modern technology.

### Engineering Technology Faculty Graduates STEAM.E Club Cohort



The Faculty of Engineering Technology, in collaboration with Ibtikar Association for Creativity Development, concluded STEAM.E Club activities. Participants gained skills in science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics within an interactive learning environment.



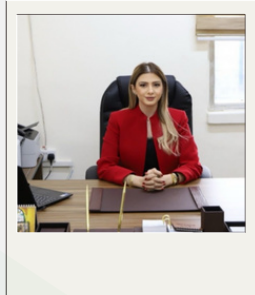
### M&E Expert Sought for EU-Funded Project

The University is recruiting an independent Monitoring and Evaluation expert for the EU-funded "My Community" project, which aims to enhance youth participation in local development in Jordan. The role supports implementing an effective MEAL system ensuring data quality and reporting accuracy.

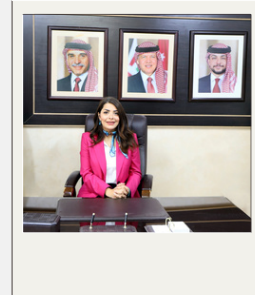


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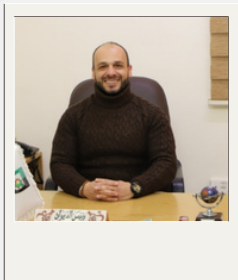
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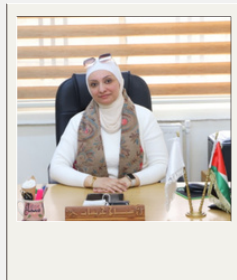
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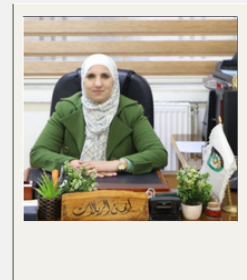
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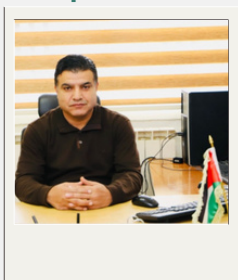
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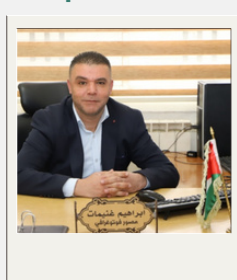
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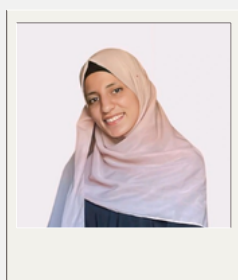
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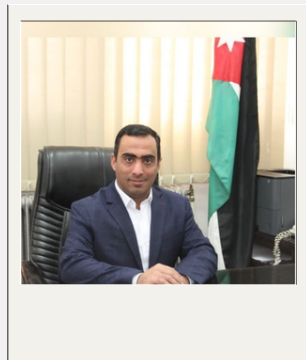


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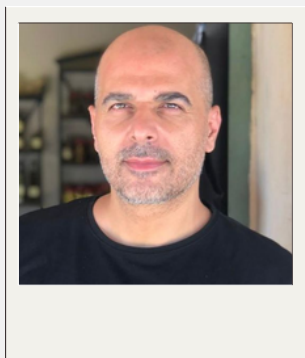


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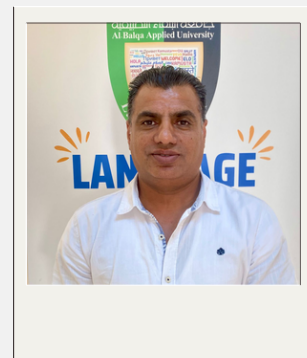
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