



# Ibn Khaldun Scholarship Program

Towards Deeper Understanding... and a More Cohesive Palestinian Society

## About the Program:

The Ibn Khaldun Graduate Scholarship Program is a national initiative launched by the **Isnad Foundation - IFPSS**. It offers **200 fully funded scholarships for Palestinian students pursuing master's and PhD degrees in sociology and psychology**, either in Palestine or abroad. The program aims to build a generation of academic leaders equipped to address Palestine's psychological and social challenges through scientific research and evidence-based solutions.

## Why Ibn Khaldun Scholarship Program?



### SHORTAGE OF EXPERTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

Local reports point to a significant gap in the number of qualified academics and researchers in sociology relative to the scale of socio-economic challenges that require specialized research-based interventions.



### RISING SOCIAL FRAGMENTATION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE

Emerging behavioral patterns indicate that a significant portion of Palestinian youth are experiencing forms of family or social disintegration due to war, displacement, and unemployment. This calls for analytical research efforts to understand and address shifting social dynamics.



### SPECIALIZED RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS CONTROLLED BY THE OCCUPATION

The occupation invests heavily in psychological and sociological studies of Palestinian society as tools of control, using this knowledge in strategies of soft colonization—such as psychological and media warfare.



### WEAK LOCAL RESEARCH IN SOCIOLOGY

Less than 3% of Palestine's annual research output focuses on the social sciences. A major disconnect exists between real societal issues and academic production capable of interpreting and addressing them.



### LIMITED GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN RELEVANT FIELDS

Palestinian universities offer a very limited number of master's and doctoral programs in sociology or related fields. These programs often lack practical training and effective integration of theory with real-world social contexts.



### WEAK INTEGRATION OF RESEARCH AND PUBLIC POLICY

Outputs of social research are rarely used in decision-making. There is a clear lack of coordination between universities and state institutions, which significantly limits the ability of researchers to influence the development of social and developmental policies.



## Our Goals

- Provide 200 scholarships for outstanding Palestinian students.
- Develop scientific expertise in psychology and sociology.
- Promote local knowledge production that supports national development.

## Ibn Khaldun Scholarship Offers Financial Support Through Two Main Pillars



**University Tuition Fees:** Covers the cost of academic tuition across various disciplines, **with an average annual support of \$3,000 per student.**



**Monthly Financial Stipend:** Provides an average **monthly allowance of \$200** to support students' basic living needs, such as housing and transportation, **totaling \$2,400 annually.**

