

Orascom Construction Celebrates 25 Years of Sponsorship and Over 100 Scholars Through the Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program

Orascom Construction is proud to announce that it has awarded full scholarships to three outstanding Egyptian students under the *Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program*. The students will pursue undergraduate and postgraduate degrees at the University of Pennsylvania.

This year marks the 25th consecutive cycle of the *Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program*. Since its launch in 2000, and in partnership with the Sawiris Foundation for Social Development, the program has awarded 102 scholarships to Egyptian students. Previous recipients have studied at leading U.S. institutions including Harvard University, Stanford University, the University of Chicago, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The *Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program* supports both undergraduate and graduate students in fields that contribute to Egypt's economic development. The scholarship covers full tuition, living expenses, travel allowance, and health insurance. Students are selected based on merit, need, and character, demonstrated through academic excellence, extracurricular engagement, and entrepreneurial initiative.

Orascom Construction believes that education plays a critical role in the positive development of Egypt. As such, the *Onsi Sawiris Scholarship Program* requires students to return to Egypt upon completion of their degrees.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.onsisawirisscholarship.org/>.

Biographies of the Scholarship Recipients for 2025-2026:

Hazem Hassan- University of Pennsylvania

Hazem is an ambitious leader and community-oriented graduate from STEM High School for Boys in 6th October, a top and selective public boarding school he describes as his "second home."

Hazem led three school clubs (physics, math, and English) while mentoring students in another two (astronomy and research). With an interest in physics, Hazem ranked #1 nationally in multiple competitions like Physics Brawl, the International Astronomy and Astrophysics Competition, and the International Scientific Physics Olympiad. He also co-founded a free-of-charge physics competition, the International Physics Realm, with thousands of participants to date.

Hazem is an advocate for scientific research; he built five engineering and research-based projects at school then wrote a how-to guide, which he instructed to younger classes at his school with the help of his peers. He also did research in astrophysics through the prestigious Pioneer Research Program, after which he volunteered at his school's research organization, Youth Science Journal, to share what he learned.

Beyond his academic interests, Hazem founded a college applications community and resource hub to guide thousands of Egyptian students. He also co-founded his school's chess club.

Hazem intends to earn a BSE in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania and to return to dedicate what he has learned to the country and its people.



Karim Guindy- University of Pennsylvania

Karim Guindy is an incoming undergraduate student at the University of Pennsylvania, where he will pursue a bachelor's degree in Economics. A driven problem-solver with a strong analytical foundation, Karim is committed to using technology and policy to spark large-scale impact. His goal is to help position Egypt as a regional leader in innovation by advancing smart cities, improving public education, transforming healthcare, and elevating the tourism sector. He ultimately hopes to channel this mission through entrepreneurship by building ventures that address these critical challenges.

He currently serves as a regional representative in the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime Youth Network for the MENA region, where he contributes to shaping youth-centered strategies for drug prevention and awareness. Over the past year, Karim has worked closely with Egypt's Ministry of Social Solidarity and the Fund for Drug Control, helping design and implement national outreach and reintegration programs for recovering addicts. His passion for education led him to intern at UNICEF, where he worked on policies to improve access and learning outcomes across public schools in Egypt.

In high school, he combined academic excellence—being ranked no.1 nationally in A-Level Psychology—with leadership, serving as Student Body President and co-founding the Charity Committee to lead student-driven efforts that uplifted underserved communities.

David Magdy- University of Pennsylvania

David Magdy earned the Public School Scholarship Fund (PSSF) scholarship to study at the American University in Cairo, where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in Entrepreneurship.

After graduation, he worked as a research assistant at AUC, where he published three peer-reviewed papers on triboelectric nanogenerators, contributing to the field of nano energy harvesting. Driven by his fascination for astronomy and passion for aerospace engineering, he interned at the Egyptian Space Agency, where he engaged with departments focused on orbits, thermal studies, and payload systems, solidifying his commitment to the aerospace field.

To finance his academic pursuits and gain diverse experience, he balanced a full-time role in supply chain management at Al-Ahram Beverages Company, with part-time positions as a teaching assistant at AUC and entrepreneurship instructor at Ascend Now.

Planning to pursue a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics at the University of Pennsylvania, David aims to concentrate in nanotechnology and materials science, focusing his research on aerospace systems within these concentrations. He plans to return to Egypt to contribute to the country's growing aerospace sector through advanced engineering solutions. His ultimate aspiration is to become the first Egyptian astronaut aboard the International Space Station, serving as a symbol of national pride and innovation.



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