

University: University of Al-Mustaqbal

Country: Iraq

Web Address: <https://uomus.edu.iq/en/default.aspx>

SDG1 No Poverty

1.3.2 Does your university as a body have graduation/completion targets for students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country? (domestic)

Link to the public evidence

https://sustainability.uomus.edu.iq/SDG_Hub/Goals/1

AI Hackathon for Sustainable Development at Al-Mustaqbal University

Under the patronage of the Governor of Babylon and the supervision of the President of Al-Mustaqbal University, the university announced the results of the “**AI Hackathon for Sustainable Development**”, held as part of the *Future Ambassadors for Sustainability Camp*. The initiative reflects the university’s strategy in artificial intelligence, its commitment to digital transformation leadership, and its vision to promote a knowledge-based economy and student-driven innovation for community service and sustainable growth. The competition aimed to inspire university students to design **AI-powered solutions** addressing key development challenges across vital sectors, including **engineering and technology, smart agriculture, climate change solutions, health and nutrition, clean water, renewable energy, and smart governance**. A total of **38 student teams** participated, developing innovative AI-based projects evaluated according to sustainability impact, innovation, market feasibility, and presentation quality. The university awarded **financial prizes** to the winning teams in recognition of their creativity and contribution to sustainable progress. Ten winning teams were selected from five main categories — *clean energy, smart agriculture, clean water, health and nutrition, and multi-purpose smart applications*. The award ceremony was attended by local officials and university leadership, who commended the students’ efforts and their dedication to applying artificial intelligence to achieve the **UN Sustainable Development Goals**.

This event marked a **milestone in student engagement with AI for sustainability**, underscoring Al-Mustaqbal University’s commitment to nurturing young talent and empowering future innovators to shape a more sustainable and prosperous future for Iraq.





Universities play a vital role in achieving social justice and empowering all segments of society, including students from low-income backgrounds. In this context, our university strives to provide a supportive educational environment and enhance graduation opportunities for students belonging to the bottom 20% of the household income group in the country. Below are some initiatives undertaken by the university to achieve this goal:

1. Provision of Scholarships and Direct Financial Support

The university offers scholarships that cover tuition fees either fully or partially, along with financial support to cover living expenses, transportation, and books. These initiatives aim to alleviate the financial burden on low-income students, allowing them to focus more on their studies. For more information, you can visit [this page](#).

2. Academic Support Programs and Personal Guidance

The university provides comprehensive academic support programs, including additional tutoring sessions and personal and academic guidance, which help low-income students overcome academic challenges and achieve success. For more details about available courses and workshops, you can visit [the designated page on the university's website](#).

3. Provision of Training Programs and Part-Time Job Opportunities on Campus

The university offers professional training programs and part-time job

opportunities within the campus, helping students to develop practical skills and earn additional income to support themselves during their studies.

4. Early Career Guidance and Practical Training Opportunities

The university provides early career guidance programs and practical training opportunities for students, enhancing their practical experiences and improving their job prospects after graduation. For more information about summer training programs, you can visit [this page](#).

5. Awareness Campaigns on Scholarships and Financial Aid

The university organizes regular awareness campaigns to inform students about available scholarships and financial aid, aiming to empower them with knowledge about all options for supporting their education. To learn more about related activities, you can visit [this page](#).

6. Development of an Inclusive and Supportive Environment

The university is committed to creating an inclusive and supportive educational environment for all students, fostering a sense of belonging and helping low-income students achieve academic success. For more information about the university's efforts in this area, you can visit [this page](#).

Through these initiatives, our university aims to achieve graduation and completion targets for all students, especially those facing financial challenges, reflecting our commitment to inclusive and sustainable education.