

## > American University of Beirut's President Khuri Leads Vision 2030: Further Strengthening this Unique Institution of Higher Education



President: Fadlo Khuri

Fadlo R Khuri is the 16<sup>th</sup> and current president of the American University of Beirut (AUB) and editor-in-chief of the medical journal *Cancer*. He is also affiliated with Emory University School of Medicine as a professor in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology. Khuri has been a trustee of AUB since 2014 and was appointed president of AUB in September 2015 and was officially inaugurated on January 25, 2016.

Khuri was born in Boston, Massachusetts and raised in Beirut, Lebanon. He attended AUB in 1981-82, received his bachelor's degree from Yale University in 1985, and his MD from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1989. After completing his training at the Boston City Hospital and Tufts-New England Medical Center, Khuri joined the faculty at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas in 1995 until 2002 when he joined the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. His research focus is the development of molecular, prognostic,

therapeutic, and chemopreventive approaches to improve the care of patients with lung and aerodigestive cancers. Khuri has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles, and his work has been cited over 16,000 times.

He has received many awards in recognition of his scholarly achievements including the 2013 Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Memorial Award by the American Association for Cancer Research. He was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2014, and a full member of the Lebanese Academy of Sciences in 2015.

Under Khuri's leadership, AUB has launched VITAL, its vision for 2030, to respond to the challenges of rapidly evolving national, regional, and international demands and changes over the next 10 years and more. The acronym stands for: Valuing communities and sharing AUB's values; Integrating a humanities, technology, and purpose-based education; Transforming the university experience; Advancing a world-class research agenda; and Lifting the quality of health

and medicine across the MENA region. The aim is to continue producing future leaders and create an inclusive campus that is also economically, environmentally, and ethically sustainable. There have already been significant developments at AUB as it works toward achieving this vision: a threefold increase in its financial aid budget during the last five years; the re-introduction of academic tenure; and the establishment of the Global Health Institute that is leading AUB's effort to better serve the population and clinical health needs of the region and the Global South.

President Khuri is leading BOLDLY AUB: The Campaign to Lead, Innovate, and Serve to secure some of the resources that the university needs to achieve its VITAL 2030 vision. The goals of this five-year, \$650 million fundraising campaign, the largest in AUB's history, are to enrich the educational and research experience of students and faculty; serve the healthcare needs of the region; prioritize innovation and entrepreneurship; engage with communities in the region to achieve real impact; and secure the university's long-term sustainability. ❖