



AAU XVI

Momentum Earned, Excellence Renewed

Sixteen Strategic Dimensions of Institutional Excellence

AL-Ahliyya Amman University

Annual Report 2025-2026

1. AAU: Proud of Today, Ready for Tomorrow

Built on continuity. Guided by purpose. Committed to shaping futures.



Prof. Dr. Ahmad Hamdan, President of Al-Ahliyya Amman University

At Al-Ahliyya Amman University, this has been a year of continuity and forward motion in equal measure. Following the conclusion of Professor Sari Hamdan's second term as President, the Board of Trustees entrusted me with the responsibility of University President, with Professor Bashar Al-Tarawneh serving as my deputy. I am honored to carry this institution's momentum forward, and I extend, on behalf of the entire University, our gratitude to Professor Hamdan, who now continues to serve AAU as an advisor, for the foundation of academic and institutional strength he leaves in trust.

The 2025-2026 academic year has affirmed that AAU's rise on the international stage is not a single achievement but a sustained trajectory. The University advanced to position 643 globally in the QS World University Rankings 2027, up from the 761-770 band the year before, while retaining its place in the 401-500 band of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, first among Jordanian universities for the second consecutive year. For the first time, AAU entered the Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects 2026, placing within the 301-400 global band in both Artificial Intelligence and Electrical and Electronic Engineering, and ranking first among Jordanian universities in each. These are not incidental results. They are the outcome of a deliberate, multi-year investment in research quality, faculty recruitment, and academic infrastructure.

Sustainability remains a defining pillar of our institutional identity. Through structured governance, measurable climate action, and continued expansion of renewable energy capacity, AAU advances steadily toward its declared ambition of carbon neutrality ahead of the United Nations' 2030 target.

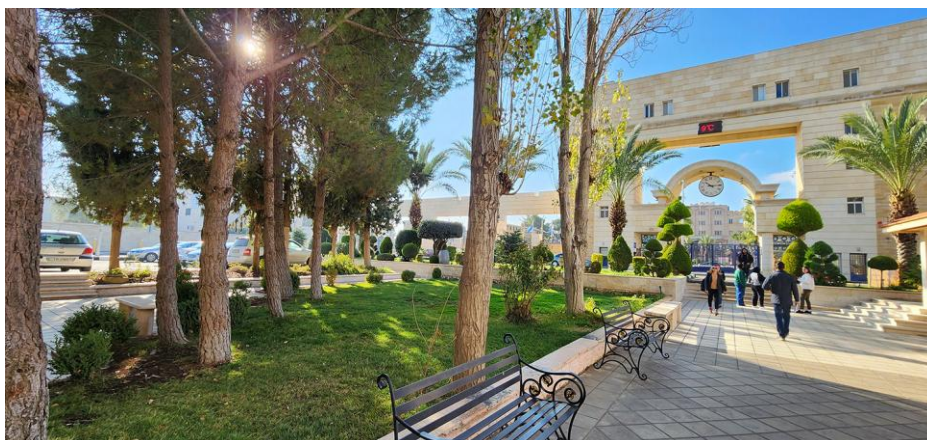
Looking to the year ahead, AAU continues to strengthen its international accreditations, broaden its global partnerships, and deepen the diversity of its student community, while developing academic programs aligned with the evolving needs of the regional and global economy. We do this with confidence in what has already been built, and with clear resolve for what remains ahead.

Prof. Dr. Ahmad Hamdan

President of Al-Ahliyya Amman University

2. AAU at a Glance

A snapshot of AAU's scale, reach, and influence across education, research, and community engagement.



The Al-Ahliyya Amman University campus, Amman

In 2025/2026, Al-Ahliyya Amman University enters its academic year building directly on the momentum of the previous cycle, with 15 faculties spanning engineering, health sciences, computing, business, law, education, arts, and the technical and vocational disciplines introduced through the Faculty of Technical Education. AAU now delivers more than 60 academic programs across Bachelor's, Master's, and technical diploma levels, together forming a comprehensive academic ecosystem aligned with international standards and national development priorities.

Global recognition continues to strengthen. AAU is ranked 643rd globally in the QS World University Rankings 2027 and 32nd in the QS Arab Region Rankings 2026, retaining its status as the leading private university in Jordan. In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, the University holds the 401-500 global band, first among all Jordanian universities, and 132nd in the THE Asia University Rankings, a rise of 54 places on its 2025 result. AAU also achieved its first-ever entry into the Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects 2026, placing within the 301-400 global band in both Artificial Intelligence and Electrical and Electronic Engineering, first among Jordanian universities in both fields.

On sustainability, AAU's Times Higher Education Impact Rankings position, at 28th globally, reflects sustained institutional performance across the Sustainable Development Goals, including 3rd worldwide in Quality Education (SDG 4) and 7th worldwide in Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), supported by a structured sustainability governance model and continued progress toward carbon neutrality.

Growth remains both quantitative and structural. Student enrollment grew by 10% in 2025/2026, building on the momentum established in 2024/2025, and the University's academic staff base continued to expand in step with rising enrollment, with international students continuing to represent a substantial share of the student body, reinforcing AAU's evolving role as a regional education hub. Digital transformation continues to define this phase of AAU's development, with the Virtual University model advancing beyond its first phase, and artificial intelligence increasingly embedded across academic delivery, assessment, and institutional analytics.

3. A Year of Achievement

Celebrating the milestones that advanced AAU's position in education, research, and community contribution.



AAU representatives at a national awards ceremony recognizing the University's institutional achievements

The 2025-2026 academic year carried forward the elevation AAU achieved the year before, and in several respects surpassed it. The University advanced from the 761-770 band to position 643 globally in the QS World University Rankings 2027, a substantial single-year gain that reflects sustained investment in research output and international visibility.

The most notable new milestone of the year was AAU's debut in the Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects 2026, where the University placed within the 301-400 global band in Artificial Intelligence and in Electrical and Electronic Engineering, ranking first among Jordanian universities in both fields. Board Chairman Dr. Maher Al-Horani described the achievement as the fruit of the University's long-term investment in scientific research, while University President Prof. Ahmad Hamdan noted that the results reflect AAU's commitment to quality research in advanced engineering and technical specializations.

AAU also retained its position within the 401-500 global band of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2026, first among Jordanian universities for a second consecutive year, an achievement the University's leadership marked with a formal delegation to the THE awards proceedings in October 2025.

On the community and international-recognition front, Professor Dr. Yazan Gammoh, of the Optometry Science Department in AAU's Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences, was selected in September 2026 to represent the Arab world on the steering committee of the World Health Organization's SPECS 2030 initiative, a global program to expand access to vision correction services. The recognition reflects his contribution to school vision-screening programs across Jordan and affirms AAU's commitment to linking research with public health impact.

Institutional expansion also continued, with the Faculty of Technical Education, inaugurated the previous year, completing its first full academic cycle and reinforcing AAU's commitment to applied and vocational learning aligned with national workforce priorities.

4. Education That Empowers

Delivering education that builds knowledge, confidence, and the ability to lead in a changing world.



AAU students showcase their robots after winning the University's Fire-Fighting Robot Contest

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to operate within a comprehensive quality ecosystem grounded in internationally recognized standards. Multiple academic programs across engineering, pharmacy, business, and the humanities hold prestigious global accreditations, reflecting rigorous alignment with global benchmarks in curriculum design, learning outcomes, governance, and continuous improvement. The Faculty of Pharmacy continues to advance through the final stages of its international accreditation process, while additional faculties progress toward similar recognition as part of the University's structured quality roadmap.

AAU has embedded the Sustainable Development Goals into its academic programs and learning outcomes, ensuring that sustainability is integrated into teaching, research, and student projects rather than treated as a peripheral initiative. Graduation projects remain increasingly aligned with national priorities, industrial challenges, and societal needs.

The University's commitment to modernization continues to extend to the transformation of learning environments and pedagogical approaches. Laboratories and simulation facilities have been further upgraded across disciplines, and teaching methodologies increasingly incorporate experiential learning, interdisciplinary collaboration, and industry-linked projects. Artificial intelligence tools continue to be integrated into academic delivery, assessment systems, and institutional analytics, enhancing personalized learning pathways, academic advising, and data-informed decision-making.

The Virtual University model, launched in its first phase the previous year, continues to expand flexible and cross-border learning opportunities, strengthening digital accessibility and reinforcing the University's readiness for a globally connected academic landscape.

5. Advancing Knowledge & Innovation

Transforming ideas into impactful research, innovation, and knowledge that serve society and industry.



Winning student teams celebrate on stage at AAU's Impakathon 2026, hosted by the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

At Al-Ahliyya Amman University, research continues to be treated not as a traditional academic output but as a defining institutional identity and a strategic engine for global positioning. The 2025-2026 academic year affirmed this direction most visibly through AAU's first-ever placement in the Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects, in Artificial Intelligence and Electrical and Electronic Engineering, a milestone that signals growing international recognition of the University's research depth in advanced technical fields.

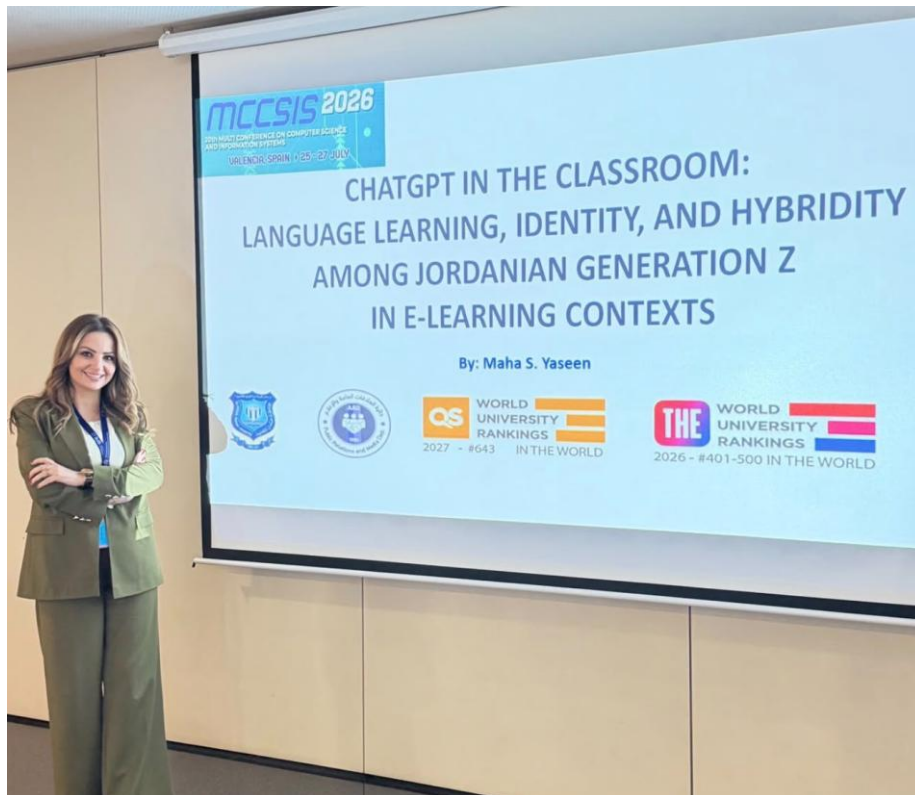
AAU's research vision continues to extend beyond knowledge production to knowledge protection and activation. Intellectual property and patent development remain integral pillars of the University's innovation strategy, building on earlier achievements such as the drug patent secured by Professor Mohammad Al-Tannani, Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences, registered both locally and internationally.

The Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship continues to play a central role in connecting academic research with venture creation, incubation, and commercialization pathways. Through structured mentorship, business acceleration, and industry engagement, the Center enables research-driven ideas to evolve into scalable ventures, reflected in AAU students' continued strong performance in international competitions, including advanced placements in IEEE cybersecurity contests.

In alignment with global digital transformation, AAU continues to integrate artificial intelligence across its research ecosystem, enhancing advanced data analytics, modeling capabilities, and solution development in health, sustainability, cybersecurity, and emerging technologies. Sustainability remains deeply embedded within AAU's research agenda, with research themes and funded projects increasingly aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

6. AAU on the Global Stage

Expanding global presence through international partnerships, academic collaboration, and growing global recognition.



Dr. Maha Yaseen presents AAU's research at the MCCSIS 2026 international conference in Valencia, Spain.

Al-Ahliyya Amman University's global presence continues to be a strategic pillar of its institutional development rather than a complementary dimension of it. The Global Engagement Center continues to lead an integrated institutional framework dedicated to managing international partnerships, externally funded projects, and academic mobility with leading universities, research centers, and professional institutions worldwide.

AAU maintains and continues to expand its network of strategic partnerships across Europe, Asia, and North America, encompassing joint research initiatives, academic exchange programs, and internationally funded projects. Student mobility remains a visible expression of this global reach, with AAU students participating in international forums and summits, including a 2026 appearance representing the University at an international youth leadership summit built around artificial intelligence, where AAU's flag stood alongside those of leading global institutions.

On the digital front, the University continues to strengthen its online academic presence and open-access dissemination, an evolution that supports the University's continued advancement in global web-visibility rankings and reflects institutional digital maturity aligned with international ranking expectations.

AAU's global positioning continues to rest on three interconnected foundations: high-value international partnerships, advanced digital presence and research visibility, and a human capital base that represents the institution with competence and distinction on the world stage.

7. Creating a Sustainable Tomorrow

Advancing environmental responsibility and sustainable practices to support future generations and society.



Students and staff gather beneath the AAU clock gate ahead of a campus sustainability initiative

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to embed sustainability as a strategic institutional pillar guiding decision-making and shaping its long-term trajectory. Through the Sustainability and International Ranking Center, the University maintains an integrated framework aligning planning, implementation, impact measurement, and continuous improvement with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and internationally recognized governance standards.

This institutional commitment continues to be reflected in AAU's standing in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2026, where the University holds position 28 globally, achieving notable sub-rankings that include 3rd worldwide in Quality Education (SDG 4) and 7th worldwide in Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10), alongside strong performance in Responsible Consumption and Production and Clean Water and Sanitation. AAU's most recently confirmed UI GreenMetric World University Ranking result placed the University 447th globally, its strongest showing to date in that index; the 2026 UI GreenMetric results have not yet been released and remain pending at the time of writing.

Sustainability at AAU extends beyond rankings into tangible, operational models of circular-economy practice. In Mafrqa Governorate, the University continues to operate integrated farms and manufacturing facilities that form a closed-loop value chain, from the cultivation of fodder, olives, and fruit through livestock feeding to dairy production within university-affiliated processing facilities.

AAU's renewable energy infrastructure remains one of its most significant sustainability milestones. The University continues to generate the full extent of its electricity demand through solar energy systems, with surplus energy fed back into the national grid, and remains committed to achieving carbon neutrality ahead of 2030. The Car-Free Campus initiative continues to reduce transportation-related emissions and encourage electric vehicle adoption within the University community.

8. National Impact & Community Trust

Contributing to national development while building long-term trust with the communities we serve.



AAU honors 28 outstanding Saudi scholarship students under the patronage of the Saudi Ambassador to Jordan

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to believe that institutional value is measured not solely by academic and research achievement, but by the depth of its national impact and the trust it earns within its community. During 2025-2026, AAU signed new cooperation agreements, including a partnership supporting flexible digital payment services for students in collaboration with the Jordanian financial-technology sector, and renewed its long-standing partnership with the Jordan News Agency (Petra), reinforcing the University's role in public information and academic-media cooperation.

AAU maintains strategic partnerships with leading national institutions, including the King Hussein Cancer Center, spanning clinical training, joint research initiatives, and community health programs that strengthen the national healthcare ecosystem. The University also continues its collaboration with the Jordanian Royal Court on mobile healthcare outreach initiatives supporting underserved communities, and its blood donation campaigns and Ramadan humanitarian initiatives continue as structured, recurring commitments.

At the regional level, the University continues to welcome first-generation higher-education students from Palestine, Iraq, Syria, the Gulf countries, and beyond, affirming its commitment to empowering Arab youth. AAU also continues to demonstrate its commitment to educational equity through tuition discounts and scholarships ranging from 50% to 100%, supporting high-achieving students, underprivileged families, humanitarian cases, and members of national security institutions.

9. Strategic Global Partnerships

Positioned within the international knowledge ecosystem.



AAU representatives take part in an Erasmus+ international mobility and vocational training exchange

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to approach international partnerships as a strategic lever for institutional internationalization and measurable research impact. Building on its 2021-2025 network of more than 1,418 academic, research, and industrial institutions worldwide, AAU continued to expand its collaborative footprint in 2025-2026, including participation in Erasmus+ program exchanges supporting vocational training and staff mobility across Europe.

This network continues to include leading research institutions across Europe, North America, Asia, and the Middle East, spanning collaborations in oncology, clinical sciences, pharmaceutical development, biotechnology, engineering applications, and AI-driven medical innovation. The partnership ecosystem remains governed through the Deanship of Scientific Research, which oversees international research engagement and monitors performance indicators tied to co-publications, citation impact, and field-weighted citation performance.

Beyond academia, AAU maintains strategic industrial collaborations with multinational corporations, strengthening technology transfer, applied research, and industry integration. At the regional level, AAU continues to lead the Consortium of MENA Universities for Sustainability, a strategic alliance the University initiated to coordinate collaborative research, policy dialogue, and institutional capacity-building in sustainable development across the region.

10. Students Who Lead

Preparing graduates with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to lead in a dynamic global environment.



AAU students celebrate their award at the English Language Olympiad for Universities 2025

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to place the student at the heart of its strategic vision, not merely as a recipient of knowledge but as a co-creator of impact and a future leader. During the 2025-2026 academic year, AAU students continued to distinguish themselves in national and international competitions. A University team earned recognition at the English Language Olympiad for Universities 2025, held under the patronage of the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, competing alongside students representing institutions from across the region.

AAU students also continued to represent the University in international forums built around emerging technologies, including a 2026 appearance at a global youth leadership summit centered on artificial intelligence, reflecting the growing confidence and international readiness of AAU's student body.

International exposure remains a core pillar of student development. Through student exchange programs, including Erasmus+ mobility opportunities, and international training placements, students continue to gain cross-border academic and professional experience. International students continue to represent a substantial share of the total student population, a clear reflection of the University's expanding regional trust.

The University's impact continues to extend well beyond graduation. AAU alumni hold leadership and professional positions across healthcare, engineering, industry, finance, and international institutions, and many distinguished students are recruited and employed even before completing their studies, a continuing testament to their competence and market readiness.

11. Excellence Starts with People

Investing in talent, leadership, and professional development to sustain institutional excellence.



Dr. Maher Al-Horani, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Al-Ahliyya Amman University

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to believe that institutional excellence begins with people, from its faculty members and academic leaders to its administrators, researchers, and every individual who contributes to the academic ecosystem. Under the continued chairmanship of Dr. Maher Al-Horani and the leadership of University President Prof. Ahmad Hamdan, the University has maintained a comprehensive human capital strategy centered on selective recruitment, continuous development, empowerment, and leadership cultivation.

The academic body continues to include distinguished scholars from across the Arab region alongside faculty members from Europe, the United States, Australia, Canada, and Pakistan, reflecting the University's continued global openness and integration of international expertise. The University continues to sponsor teaching assistants pursuing postgraduate studies at reputable international universities, ensuring academic renewal and elevating research and teaching qualifications across colleges.

To advance research excellence, the University continues to provide direct financial incentives for high-quality research publications in leading international journals, complemented by major annual research awards recognizing highly cited publications, Q1 journal outputs, interdisciplinary research, and sustainability-aligned scholarship. The University also places continued emphasis on women's empowerment, with female representation ranging between 45 and 50% in academic, administrative, and leadership positions.

12. A Smarter Campus, A Better Experience

Leveraging technology and smart systems to create a connected, efficient, and future-ready university environment.



The Arena Sports and Cultural Complex, Al-Ahliyya Amman University

Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to represent a forward-looking model of a smart campus that integrates modern infrastructure, digital transformation, environmental sustainability, and quality of campus life. The campus features the Arena Sports and Cultural Complex, which includes bowling facilities, swimming pools, fitness centers, the largest university theatres in Jordan, specialized sports fields, cafés, libraries, and collaborative learning spaces. Fully serviced on-campus housing continues to be supported by secure transportation to all regions of the Kingdom.

The University continues to enhance graduate employability through its Alumni Employment Platform, which connects graduates directly with a wide network of companies and institutions based on workforce needs, complemented by field training opportunities within leading banks, hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, technology and telecommunications firms, and international hotel chains.

Sustainability remains a central pillar of campus operations. The University continues to generate the full extent of its electricity through clean energy sources and applies intelligent water-management systems utilizing well extraction, rainwater harvesting, and smart resource consumption. Institutional satisfaction surveys continue to indicate that student and staff satisfaction exceeds 95%, reflecting the strength of the academic environment, service quality, and overall campus experience.

13. Sustaining Excellence

Ensuring long-term success through strong governance, responsible management, and strategic planning.



Al-Ahliyya Amman University's official 2026/2027 ranking summary: QS #643, THE #401-500, THE Asia #132, THE Impact #28

The sustainability of Al-Ahliyya Amman University continues to be grounded in an advanced institutional governance framework built on transparency, accountability, risk management, and data-driven decision-making. The University continues to hold internationally recognized certifications, including ISO 9001 for Quality Management and ISO 31000 for Risk Management, and undergoes regular independent financial audits, reinforcing trust, institutional credibility, and alignment between financial stewardship and long-term strategic objectives.

AAU continues to adopt a diversified financial sustainability model based on multiple revenue streams, including tuition, research income, industry-funded projects, and investment in university facilities such as cafés and the Arena Sports Complex. Additional income continues to be generated through university-developed technological systems, emerging spin-off ventures, and specialized research centers, including the Animal House and the Smart Agricultural House.

At the same time, AAU continues to maintain a careful balance between financial sustainability and social responsibility, providing essential community services without charge, including services offered by the Hearing and Speech Center and the Smoking Cessation Clinic. Sustaining excellence at AAU therefore remains an integrated institutional model that links responsible governance with strategic innovation.

14. Stories of Impact & Inspiration

Inspiring journeys that show how AAU transforms lives, knowledge, and communities.



Prof. Dr. Yazan Gammoh, Optometry Science Department, Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences

Behind every institutional achievement lies a human success story. This year's most notable new addition to that tradition is Professor Dr. Yazan Gammoh, of the Optometry Science Department in AAU's Faculty of Allied Medical Sciences, who in September 2026 was selected to represent the Arab world on the steering committee of the World Health Organization's SPECS 2030 initiative, a global program advancing access to affordable vision-correction services. His selection recognizes years of work on school vision-screening programs across Jordan, supporting early detection and providing glasses to children in need, and stands as a clear example of AAU's conviction that knowledge achieves its highest value when it serves people directly.



H.E. Ahmad Mohammad Al-Safadi, AAU alumnus and Speaker of the Jordanian House of Representatives

Graduates of Al-Ahliyya Amman University continue to demonstrate their presence in positions of leadership, public service, and strategic decision-making. Among them remains H.E. Ahmad Mohammad Al-Safadi, who served as Speaker of the Jordanian Parliament, representing a model of national leadership and legislative responsibility, alongside graduates who have distinguished themselves in diplomatic service, hospitality entrepreneurship, media, technology, and international sport.

The spirit of institutional vision continues to be reflected in the leadership of Dr. Maher Al-Horani, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, whose strategic foresight has helped connect schools, the University, agricultural enterprises, and hotels within a sustainable national development framework. These stories represent only a selection of a continuing journey. Among today's students, researchers, and academic and administrative leaders, new stories of achievement continue to be shaped.

15. The Future of AAU

Building the next chapter of AAU through innovation, global engagement, and academic leadership.



The Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center, Al-Ahliyya Amman University

Al-Ahliyya Amman University advances with confidence toward strengthening its position as a world-class academic institution, where academic excellence, research impact, innovation, global engagement, and human responsibility converge within one integrated strategic vision. The University's first entry into the Shanghai Ranking of Academic Subjects in 2025-2026 marks the beginning, rather than the culmination, of its pathway toward broader inclusion in the Shanghai Academic Ranking of World Universities.

High-quality research remains at the core of this direction. The University continues to expand its presence in leading journals indexed in Clarivate's Web of Science Core Collection and Scopus, while increasing publications in high-impact specialized outlets, including IEEE journals in engineering and technology. Beyond knowledge production, AAU remains committed to transforming research into tangible economic and societal value, through strengthening patent ecosystems, advancing incubators and innovation accelerators, and deepening partnerships with industry.

The strategic deployment of artificial intelligence across education, research, and institutional operations continues to form a central pillar in building a digitally empowered academic ecosystem. Positioned strategically at the crossroads of Europe, the Gulf, the Levant, and North Africa, AAU continues to play a bridging role in regional knowledge exchange and international academic collaboration.

AAU does not wait for the future. It actively builds it.

Knowledge that endures.

Impact that advances humanity.

A future we help create.