The U.S. Agency for International Development is in the process of developing a US-Egypt Higher Education Partnership program. The program will develop partnerships among Egyptian businesses and business associations, and US and Egyptian universities and technical and vocational education and training organizations.

Priority sectors for partnerships are expected to include:

- Applied and technological science (water, energy, agriculture and health)
- New frontier sciences (nanotechnology and MEMS)
- Industrial sciences (food, chemicals, advanced manufacturing)
- Services sciences (information and communication technologies)
- Public policy (innovation, resource management, higher education planning)

In each priority sector, partnerships will participate in a range of activities that are expected to include:

- Build skills and knowledge of Egyptian university and technical college students and faculty members
- Strengthen instructional techniques in Egyptian universities and technical and vocational educational institutions
- Modernize curricula in Egyptian universities and technical and vocational educational institutions
- Develop dual degree programs with US institutions
- Arrange sabbaticals between US and Egyptian tertiary institutions
- Develop professional exchanges for faculty members
- Undertake research projects in priority R&D topics, for faculty and students
- Fund PhD studies in the US for qualified Egyptian faculty