

THE AWARDS ASIA 2021

Outstanding Leadership and Management Team

Institution name	An-Najah National University
Submission title or project name	UniGov project
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URL	https://www.unigovproject.eu/
Submission	<p>Palestinian Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) are relatively recent, established in the late 1970s – bylaws and internal regulations have not witnessed any major amendments since then.</p> <p>In a globalized context, universities found it imperative to adapt to internationalization requirements in terms of world ranking, quality assurance, research development, and other academic standards, whereas governance and management upgrades have often been forgotten, or not prioritized. This subsequently induced a huge gap between the academic and administrative pillars of the universities and in many instances impeded endeavors.</p> <p>To that end, and in order to bridge the gap between academia and management, a UniGov project of international cooperation – coordinated by ANNU – was selected for co-financing under the Erasmus + Capacity Building program in Higher Education during the period 15 October 2016 - 14 October 2020. The project addressed weaknesses in the existing governance systems across HEIs in Palestine.</p>