

FOUNDING SUPPORT CAMPAIGN

INVESTING IN SYRIAN INNOVATION

Syria's future needs its researchers.

The world needs their contributions.

Access. Guidance. Connections.

Approximately six months · \$30,000 operating floor · \$50,000 full goal

Building the people, research, and systems behind Syria's AI future.



SAIF

المؤسسة السورية للذكاء الرقمي

Syria AI Foundation



What Syria needs—and what global research stands to gain.

From Syria and the Levant — for the Arabic-speaking world, and for more representative AI everywhere.

WHY SYRIA

Rebuild capability at home.

Researchers help strengthen institutions, develop technical expertise, and address problems grounded in Syria's own needs.

WHY THE WORLD

Make AI more representative.

Today's AI under-represents Arabic, and especially the Levant. Syrian researchers bring language expertise, local knowledge and data needed to help close that gap.

When talented researchers are disconnected from tools, peers and publication pathways, valuable research may never be tested or shared.



Access. Guidance. Connections.

SAIF helps move work from a promising question to evidence that can be reviewed and shared.

01

Access

Appropriate compute, data, tools and practical research resources.

02

Guidance

Mentoring, clearer questions, sound methods, evaluation and preparation for review.

03

Connections

Introductions to researchers and institutions in Syria and abroad for feedback, review and collaboration.

Paid coordination makes these services dependable and keeps work moving.



From a research question to a documented contribution.

Researchers retain scholarly credit; SAIF records what support was delivered.

01

Intake

A researcher explains the question and support needed.

02

Scope

Agree the work, next milestone and responsibilities.

03

Resources

Coordinate tools, expert guidance and access.

04

Progress

Deliver support; follow milestones and evaluate.

05

Share

Document results and prepare appropriate artifacts or submissions.

The aim at every step: work strong enough to be reviewed by the wider research community.

An institution already established—with relevant delivery experience.

The campaign builds on a registered institution, delivered training and signed cooperation.

186

trainees attended SAIF AI training courses delivered at Bareeq Foundation and Damascus University.

2026

registered as an independent Syrian nonprofit; publicly launched on 11 July.

SCS

signed cooperation on Syrian data and digital knowledge resources.

Scientific direction: Dr. Hassan Sawaf, Founding Scientific Director and Chair, Advisory Council.



Scientific, technical, program and financial leadership.

A founding team to coordinate research support and account for its use.

SCIENTIFIC DIRECTION

Dr. Hassan Sawaf

Founding Scientific Director
Chair, Advisory Council

Samer Hamwi

Founding Executive Director

Kamal Al Mounajed

Founding Strategy Lead

Roula Alajeh

Founding Institutional Partner

Mohamad Sharara

Founding Infrastructure Lead

Abdallah Najjar

Founding Programs Lead

Radwan Iskenderani

Treasurer / Finance Lead



Independent SAIF. Complementary collaborators.

Each collaborator has a defined role and status.

INDEPENDENT NONPROFIT

SAIF

Owns program and reporting;
does not speak for the state.

SIGNED AGREEMENT

Syrian Computer Society

Cooperation on Syrian data and
knowledge resources.

TRAINING COLLABORATOR

Bareeq Foundation

Contributes in training/facility
lanes. Separate U.S. giving
control is on slide 11.

IN DEVELOPMENT

Wider research network

Connections with international
researchers and institutions, built
project by project.

Make research support dependable now. Build deeper collaboration next.

This campaign funds the first stage. Each later stage depends on demonstrated results.

NOW

Six-month founding phase

Paid coordination, access, mentors and documented research progress.

NEXT

As capacity grows

Select joint research projects with clear roles, research credit and shared responsibilities.

LONGER TERM

Ambition

A trusted, internationally connected hub with sustained programs and shared resources.

SAIF FOUR ENDURING FIELDS

Applied Research & Trusted Data · Agentic Systems · Training & Capability-Building · Standards & Responsible Adoption



A measurable route toward research that can be shared.

Three working targets, reported to donors every quarter.

WORKING SIX-MONTH TARGETS	\$30k FLOOR	\$50k GOAL
Researchers receiving substantive support	10	15
Projects advancing an agreed milestone	6	10
Documented research outputs or submissions	3	5

Toward publishable work: credible experiments, reviewed outputs and manuscripts/submissions—not guaranteed acceptance.

Also tracked: access barriers resolved, mentor/resource contributions, milestone follow-up and quarterly reporting.



\$30,000 establishes the floor. \$50,000 expands its reach.

A six-month investment in the researchers, tools and connections behind Syrian innovation.

\$30,000

OPERATING FLOOR

10 researchers · 6 projects
advancing · 3 documented
outputs or submissions

\$50,000

FULL GOAL

15 researchers · 10 projects
advancing · 5 documented outputs
or submissions

WORKING SIX-MONTH BUDGET

	\$30k	\$50k
Operational staff, coordination & contributor stipends	\$9,000	\$14,000
Research, training, coaches & advisors	\$5,000	\$9,000
Facilities, rent & shared operational services	\$5,000	\$7,500
Compute, GPU/equipment, software & systems	\$6,000	\$10,000
Outreach, engagement & communications	\$1,500	\$4,000
Finance, governance, reporting & contingency	\$3,500	\$5,500
TOTAL	\$30,000	\$50,000



Rigorous research support. Clear financial accountability.

Clear ownership, credit, fund control and reporting.

Named project ownership

Each project has agreed milestones, a named owner and documented progress.

Scholarly credit

Researchers retain credit for their actual contribution and research.

Independent fund control

U.S. gifts are received by Bareeq Development Inc., a separate U.S. 501(c)(3), under the SAIF–Bareeq agreement. Bareeq Development Inc. retains independent legal and financial control over contributions for approved SAIF charitable work.

Quarterly reporting

Donors receive progress and use-of-funds updates. SAIF reports support delivered separately from research outcomes.

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