



## **ESANA**

*Egyptian Student Association  
in North America*



*For Egypt ... United we can do*

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### **ESANA goals**

ESANA has three primary goals:

#### **1. A Union Goal:**

- Uniting members of the Egyptian community in different North American cities, with graduate students at the focus.
- Helping Egyptians since their arrival to North America, through the strong community established by ESANA.
- Caring for the affairs of ESANA members; by analyzing and doing our best to solve their problems, as well as, representing them in front of official and non-official organizations on all levels.

#### **2. A Promotional Goal:**

- Promoting for the true civilized image of Egypt to American, Canadian and international societies. This is achieved through organizing different cultural events and dialogue forums.

#### **3. A Scientific Goal:**

- Helping Egyptian colleagues in Egypt and sharing expertise with them, through specific research forums.
- Enhancing the scientific collaboration between universities, institutions and research centers in Egypt from one side and the US & Canada on the other side.
- To contribute to scientific research development in Egypt by trying to provide research solutions as much as ESANA's resources allow.

## About ESANA

### **What is ESANA?**

The Egyptian Student Association in North America (ESANA) is the largest Egyptian Student Association (ESA) representing Egyptian students and researchers abroad, with current members exceeding **1500** distributed over **50** local chapters (units) in both USA and Canada. ESANA was established in 1972.

### **Who can be a member of ESANA?**

All Egyptian students in USA and Canada are eligible to ESANA membership. In addition, all Egyptians living in USA and Canada can be affiliated members and can participate in ESANA activities.

### **Structure of ESANA?**

Members of each ESANA chapter annually elect a local executive committee headed by the president, who is considered the unit's representative at the ESANA General Assembly (GA).

ESANA GA is the highest authority in ESANA according to its constitution and is composed of local units' representatives who discuss different ESANA issues and vote on different constitutional modifications and amendments. The GA members convene (physically) once a year in January during the Annual Meeting that takes place at the official headquarters of ESANA; the Egyptian Cultural Bureau in Washington DC. During this meeting the ESANA National Executive Committee (EC) is elected. The EC is responsible for managing ESANA projects and activities, in addition to executing the GA decisions.

## ESANA projects

There are 2 types of ESANA projects; projects aiming at helping Egyptians seeking studying in North America (SiNA, Link) and projects aiming at helping universities and colleagues in Egypt (The Book campaigns, the Research project and ESANA in Egypt project);

### **SiNA (Studying in North America):**

This project helps our colleagues in Egypt during the application process by;

- Providing relevant information about graduate schools and their programs.
- Maintaining a database for professors, departments, and schools that are recommended by ESANA members.
- Helping our colleagues to have competent applications.

### **Link:**

This project aims at helping Egyptians who are about to arrive in North America, through;

- Providing an estimate of living expenses.
- Finding accommodation prior to arrival.
- Pick-up service from the airport.

### **The Book Campaign:**

This project deals with collecting donated books and journals from all disciplines to update the libraries of the Egyptian universities. Every year, ESANA members collect donated books, references and periodicals worth about one million dollars and ship them to an Egyptian university that only pays the shipping expenses of these materials (about 15,000 dollars). The project has been active in both USA and Canada since 1997 and 2006, respectively.

### **ERS (ESANA Research Support):**

This project aims at providing support and scientific advice to fellow researchers in Egypt, which includes:

- Advice on useful research materials.
- Advice on useful online resources for different research areas.
- Promoting collaboration between Egyptian universities and research centers and their peers in North America.

### **ESANA in Egypt:**

This project aims at representing ESANA in front of different Egyptian organizations and keeping the connection with Egypt.

### **VESA (Voice of the ESA):**

The ESANA official magazine that expresses members' ideas.

## ESANA activities

**Organizing events:** Social, cultural & scientific under the supervision of ESANA Units' Affairs Officer

**ESANA official website:** ([www.esana.org](http://www.esana.org))

The main source for ESANA related information, activities and projects. It also hosts important links and documents. It represents the main exposure for ESANA. It is managed by the ESANA IT Officer.

**Social and Emergency Funds:** Although ESANA has limited resources, we partially reimburse ESANA members for uncovered health-care bills. Also, we help Egyptians in-need, in case of unfortunate emergency situations.

