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BUILDING BRAINS: Establishing Neuroscience Research Infrastructure in the Developing World

ABSTRACT:

Although developing countries lack the basic infrastructure for education and healthcare, imagine that you had the unrealistic idea of building neuroscience research in one of these countries! What will be the series of steps that you should take to accomplish that? What should you expect in the course of events? In 2009, we've developed an integrative Palestinian Neuroscience Initiative at Al-Quds University-Palestine that tackles major brain health problems, scientific research, and training the next generation of Palestinian biomedical researchers and health care professionals. We focused our research and training endeavors on major brain healthcare challenges that affect Palestinians. Despite the hardships and hostile political climate, five years later, the Palestinian Neuroscience Initiative is making and will continue to make formidable contributions to scientific research, educational programs and healthcare in Palestine.