

AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
Guidelines, Policies and Procedures

Policy Name	AKU Admissions Policy
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1.0 General Information

The Admission Policies of the University are in line with the vision, mission, and core values of the University.

1.1 Vision

Aga Khan University will be an autonomous, international institution of distinction, primarily serving the developing world and Muslim societies in innovative and enduring ways.

1.2 Mission

Aga Khan University is committed to the development of human capacities through the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, and application through service.

It seeks to prepare individuals for constructive and exemplary leadership roles, and shaping public and private policies, through strength in research and excellence in education, all dedicated to providing meaningful contributions to society.

1.3 Core Values

The AKU operates on core principles of quality, relevance, impact and access. The University is committed to building an environment that fosters intellectual freedom, distinction in scholarship, pluralism, compassion, and the collective responsibility of humanity to sustain the physical, social, and cultural environment.

2.0 Admission Policy

2.1 The following admissions policy is applicable to all applicants. To be eligible for consideration for admission at any level, an applicant must meet minimum standards including: minimum high school credits, competence in English.

2.2 The University will have minimum admission requirements compliant with NCHE standards and guidelines, 2014 (PROG/STD/09).

2.3 The following policy shall govern the process of admissions:

2.3.1 The Aga Khan University is open to all academically qualified candidates of either gender, regardless of religion, race, creed, colour, or domicile and no such person shall be denied the privileges of the University on the grounds of gender,

religion, creed, race, class, colour or domicile.

2.3.2 Unless otherwise specified:

- Students from any geographic region may apply to any programme offered by the University,
 - Admission to the University's academic programmes is based on merit and potential for leadership.
 - There are no quotas and no reserved seats.
 - There are no admissions against donations.
 - There are no arbitrary lower or upper age limits for admission.
 - Selection procedures are prescribed by the faculty and approved by the Academic Senate of University.
 - Possession of minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee selection. Candidates should be advised to read carefully the programme brochures available on the website www.aku.edu where detailed information on admissions is also available.
3. Selection of students is made with great care and concern, and decisions are irrevocable and non-negotiable.
 4. A deliberate effort is made to select students from diverse economic and educational backgrounds. This is done in the belief that diversity in the student body greatly enriches the educational experience.
 5. Applicants must be able to demonstrate competence in English comprehension and expression, both written and verbal as the medium of instruction is English.
 6. Applications for Admission are accepted within a specified time frame. Applications received after the closing date will not be accepted.
 7. The following will be the responsibility of the applicant and will be made aware that:
 - Application requirements should be completed according to the eligibility requirements, instructions and time schedule provided for the programme being applied to.
 - Complete, correct, and timely information should be provided to the Admissions Office. Incomplete Applications cannot be processed for final selection.
 - Documents submitted at the time of application/admission are not returned to the applicant. Copies of documents submitted should be retained.
 8. Presentation of incorrect/false/forged/fraudulent information or document(s) to complete eligibility/admission requirements is a disciplinary offence, is unethical and will disqualify the application/admission. The University reserves the right to initiate necessary action against the student.
 9. The University reserves the right to change dates and deadlines for admissions. These changes are notified through the website www.aku.edu and remains the responsibility of the applicant to view these changes periodically on the AKU online application portal.
 10. In order to confirm admissions, students will be required to pay the tuition and registration fee as provided in the offer letter. Details of tuition and fees are also available on the website www.aku.edu

11. Deferment of Admissions

Students may request to defer an admission if unable to join the year of application. Policy # UG 011 must be adhered to.

12. Transfer Students/Credit Transfer

The Aga Khan University will accept “Transfer students.”

This refers to undergraduate and graduates from other recognized Universities and Colleges who have applied for a programme at the Aga Khan University and would like credits from another programme transferred.

Maximum credits transferable will comply with the credit transfer policy of NCHE and in line with the AKU policy UG 002.