

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

PhD Application Process

Step by Step Summary

The admission process varies by programme. The following stages describe the admission process applicable to programmes that follow the AKU PhD admission and supervisor/project-based selection process. Candidates should refer to the relevant programme admission information for programme-specific requirements, timelines and assessments.
<https://www.aku.edu/admissions/Pages/doctoral-programmes.aspx>

Stage I

- A. Apply Online:** Candidates should refer to the AKU Key Admission Dates page and the relevant programme admission page for the current application deadline <https://www.aku.edu/admissions/key-dates/Pages/home.aspx>.
- Apply online by logging on to: www.aku.edu/apply-online
 - Make sure you have an active email account, a password that you can remember and your CNIC/Passport handy.
- B. Documents to upload to complete the online application:**
- Paid Fee Challan (application fee is Rs 9000/- In Pakistan and US\$ 165 for candidates overseas).
 - A Passport size Photograph- showing your full face.
 - CNIC/Passport in case of foreign national.
 - Attested SSC / O levels marksheet or equivalent qualification; Equivalence from IBCC, in case of foreign qualification.
 - Attested HSSC / A levels marksheet or equivalent qualification; Equivalence from IBCC, in case of foreign qualification.
 - HEC attested Undergraduate, Graduate Transcripts and Degree/s as applicable. For unattested documents, upload HEC receipt as evidence. **This is a mandatory requirement.**
 - Equivalence from HEC, if applying with Post-RN BScN degree or foreign degree. For Graduate programmes: 16-years of HEC equivalence; For PhD programmes: 18-years of HEC equivalence.
 - Experience letter (*as applicable*)
 - Curriculum Vitae
 - Reference letters* (*should be received from Referee directly*)

Upon successfully submitting the application, as confirmation, candidates will receive a copy of their submitted application in their registered email inbox.

Applications that remain incomplete after the deadline will not be processed. Payment of the application fee alone does not constitute submission of an admission application. An application will only be considered submitted once the admission application form has been completed and formally submitted.

- C. Issuance of Admit Card to write the Admission Test:** Admit cards to write the Admission Test are sent to candidates who complete all online application requirements. The admit card will be available on the candidate's online portal and on their registered email account.

Stage II

- D. Admission Test Results:** Admission Test Results are sent to all candidates.

E. Shortlisting:

- Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit a valid Higher Education Aptitude Test (HAT) score with a minimum of 50%.
- Candidates who meet the University's shortlisting threshold are invited for interviews.
- Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit requested copies of documents via mail.

For candidates failing to submit pending or attested documents upon shortlisting, the University reserves the right to cancel their application without any further reference to the candidate.

Final Selection

- F. Offer made:** Final selection is based on an overall assessment of the candidate's dossier, which is approved by the University's Admission Review Committee(s).

* These letters should be emailed directly by your referee. For PhD in Health Sciences at phd.query@aku.edu & for PhD Education at ied.ro@aku.edu