"...there is no better investment that individuals, parents and the nation can make than an investment in education of the highest possible quality. Such investments are reflected and endure, in the formation of the kind of social conscience that our world so desperately needs."

His Highness the Aga Khan, Chancellor, Aga Khan University

Osh, Kyrgyzstan, 2002

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES
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2019-2020
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The University

Chartered in 1983, the Aga Khan University (AKU) is an international private university that currently operates in South and Central Asia, East Africa and the United Kingdom.

AKU occupies a pivotal place in the Aga Khan Development Network, a group of development agencies working under the leadership of His Highness the Aga Khan, and contributes in major ways to social development. AKU prioritises higher education and research initiatives relevant to the problems of the societies in which it operates, generally in the developing world.

Through on-going partnerships with prestigious institutions worldwide, AKU brings international expertise to bear upon the establishment and enhancement of its current and future programmes and services. With a growing programme offering, in addition to our existing six campuses spread over three continents, we are planning three new faculties and six graduate schools to deliver a range of educational choices in an environment that respects cultural diversity.

Our merit-based, transparent admissions process and need-sensitive financial assistance programme attempts to ensure that a diversity of high calibre students are able to attend the programmes at AKU.
ADMISSION TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

Under its charter, AKU is open to all academically qualified candidates without consideration to gender, religion, race, creed, colour or domicile. Students from anywhere in Pakistan and overseas may apply. There are no quotas, reserved seats or admissions against donations. Merit-based admissions are open to candidates from around the world.

Admission to the Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery (AKU-SONAM) is based on merit and potential for leadership. Merit will be assessed by several criteria including scholastic achievements, performance on an admission test and panel interviews, productive use of time and other experiences indicating potential for leadership. There are no reserved seats. There are no admissions against donations. Students from anywhere in Pakistan and overseas may apply. There are no international/geographical/regional quotas. The gender ratio for admission to the BScN and the Post RN-BScN programmes are in accordance with the regulations of the Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC).

Fulfilment of basic eligibility requirements or a high academic score in any single discipline or any other outstanding achievement alone will not be sufficient for selection. Selection to the AKU-SONAM is made with great care and concern. Its decisions are irrevocable and are not negotiable.

Experience over the years has shown that competition for admission is intense. Candidates are advised in their own interest to apply to other institutions as well. 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.

As English is the medium of instruction at AKU, candidates must be able to demonstrate competence in English comprehension and expression, both written and verbal.

It is in the best interest of students, particularly from overseas, to have a working knowledge of Urdu. The University would also make necessary arrangements for acculturation and strengthening of language skills through coaching, where possible.

WHO CAN APPLY?

Candidates in Pakistan or overseas, who have successfully completed or are completing their HSSC/graduate/postgraduate education by the summer of 2019 and meet the eligibility criteria for the relevant programme as indicated in this brochure may apply.

PROVISIONAL APPLICATIONS

The Aga Khan University will accept provisional applications from candidates who will be writing their Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) examination/graduation/postgraduate examination until the summer of 2019. All such applications will be evaluated for admission on a provisional basis. In cases where provisional admission is granted, applicants will be required to submit their (pending) HSSC examination or their graduation/postgraduate examination results in accordance with the minimum eligibility requirements by the dates specified in this University brochure. If the HSSC/graduate/postgraduate examination result of a provisionally admitted candidate is less than the minimum eligibility requirement and is not submitted within the due dates, the admission offer made by University will stand cancelled.
It is the candidate’s responsibility to ensure that pending results are received in the Admission Office according to the published schedule. Reminders will not be sent from the Admission Office.

**REPEAT APPLICATIONS**

Applicants not successful in their first attempt may apply again with additional information supporting their application. A candidate’s most recent formal academic qualification will be used for evaluation purposes.

A fresh application together with necessary documentation must be submitted for a particular admission session. The University does not have a policy of automatically carrying forward applications from one session to the next.

**AN IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL APPLICANTS**

Applicants are requested to ensure that they have complied with the instructions provided in this brochure. Incomplete applications cannot be processed. It remains the responsibility of the candidate to complete the application requirements according to the published instructions and time schedule. Once acknowledged, an application will not be returned. An application is incomplete if required documents are not included with the application.

Aga Khan University reserves the right to admission; to revoke admission and registration if an application form is discovered to be inaccurate or incomplete, or if supporting documents are discovered to be fraudulent. Any candidate who presents a fraudulent document in support of an application for admission may be identified to other universities and colleges.

**ADMISSION PROCESS SUMMARY**

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Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery was established in 1980, three years prior to the establishment of the University. It became the first operational academic unit of Aga Khan University and the first School of Nursing and Midwifery in the country to be affiliated with a university.

The School of Nursing and Midwifery has also accomplished many other firsts in Pakistan. It was the first to start a two-year Post Registered Nurse Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN) programme for diploma qualified nurses in 1988, the first to start a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) in 1997, and the first to begin a Master of Science in Nursing (MScN) programme in 2001. In 2012, it was the first to start a Post RN Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post-RN BScM) and in 2014, the first to begin a PhD in Nursing in Pakistan.

The University’s Founder and Chancellor, His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, provides the vision for School of Nursing and Midwifery, which in his word is “to raise the standard and standing of the profession itself, so that it is accorded the recognition and prestige earned and deserved by the women whose working lives are dedicated to the demanding and honourable task of caring for the sick.”

The School of Nursing and Midwifery aspires towards becoming a centre of excellence in the region, providing the highest level of education, promoting and disseminating knowledge and technology, and providing education, research and service with particular relevance to the development of Pakistan, developing nations and the Muslim Ummah. Following the University’s international mandate, the School of Nursing and Midwifery is currently working towards improving the access to and quality of nursing education initiatives in Pakistan, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Afghanistan.

In order to meet its goal to achieve the highest international quality, the School of Nursing and Midwifery has forged mutually beneficial and long-term partnerships with important universities such as McMaster University, University of Alberta, and the University of California San Francisco. In collaboration with its partners, the School of Nursing and Midwifery has been able to provide unique higher education opportunities to prepare its faculty members for distinguished careers in academics and has also been able to bring international expertise to bear in developing innovative curricula and evidence-based pedagogies.

The School combines the talents of national and international faculty with educational and professional experiences from Pakistan, Africa and North America. Faculty expertise in clinical practice, education, management and research enriches nursing education of students across all programmes. Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery motivates young men and women from all over Pakistan, and overseas, to choose nursing as a career in order to strengthen the delivery of healthcare services. In the process, these young individuals are encouraged to play a more meaningful role in their nation’s development, and advancement for women, which is in harmony with the traditions of Islamic society.

Aga Khan University School of Nursing and Midwifery offers the following undergraduate programmes:

I. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN)
II. Post RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN)
III. Post RN Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post-RN BScM)
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES AT SONAM

I. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Degree Programme

This is a four-year academic programme and an additional one year mandatory internship. At the conclusion of five years, students become eligible to apply for the PNC licensure examination and receive the license as a Registered Nurse.

This programme equips students with knowledge, skills and attitude needed to practice nursing. It is designed to prepare clinically competent professional nurses. Upon completion of the programme, nurses are able to utilise critical thinking in providing holistic nursing care and play a role as change agents in nursing practice and education in any health care setting.

II. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN) Degree Programme

The Post RN-BScN programme is a two-year programme designed to give experienced registered nurses an opportunity to acquire in-depth knowledge and skills needed to practice nursing care as clinically competent professional nurses. Graduates will be able to provide leadership and influence the development of the nursing profession in Pakistan. Upon completion of the programme, nurses are able to utilise critical thinking in providing holistic nursing care and play a role as change agents in nursing practice and education in any health care setting. Both full time and part time study options are available.

III. Bachelor of Science in Midwifery (Post-RN BScM) Degree Programme

The Post-RN BScM programme will prepare its graduates to provide comprehensive, evidence-based midwifery care essentially to healthy women throughout pregnancy, childbirth, postpartum care, neonatal care and family planning.

The comprehensive educational standards developed by the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) will be the guiding framework for the programme. The curriculum has been designed with the objective of producing clinically competent graduates and clinical leaders who meet the knowledge, skills and standards set out at national and international levels and also to respond to the socio-cultural, ethical and the legal frameworks in the country.

The programme spread over two years comprises four semesters, 18 weeks each of full-time study. The programme comprises midwifery and related courses offering in a unique blend of face-to-face and distance-learning approaches for theory and practice.

The programme is offered every alternate year. This will now be offered in 2020.
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

I. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSCN) PROGRAMME

In line with Pakistan Nursing Council’s [PNC] ruling of April 3, 2017, candidates may apply for the Four-year BScN Programme if their age is $\geq$ (greater or equal to) 17 and $\leq$ (less than or equal to) 25 on January 1, 2020. Marital status is not a consideration.

**Academic Eligibility**

Candidates applying to the BScN programmes should have completed HSSC in the pre-medical group with a minimum of 50% or equivalent from other systems of education * and Secondary School Certificate/ O-Level in the Science group with biology.

These requirements are applicable to candidates who have completed their HSSC in the British*, American*, Canadian* or any other system of Education in Pakistan and overseas*.

Candidates who have completed two years in college, or have an undergraduate or graduate degree are also required to have achieved a minimum aggregate of 50% or equivalent in their HSSC in the pre-medical group.

*Applications will not be processed for final selection without required equivalence certificates.

**OBTAINING AN EQUIVALENCE CERTIFICATE FROM IBCC**

All applicants to the School of Nursing and Midwifery, local and foreign, who have certificates of education other than the Pakistani Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), are required to submit an equivalence certificate of their HSSC from the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). The equivalence must state that the qualification is equivalent to an overall aggregate of at least 50% HSSC pre-medical qualification in Pakistan.

IBCC offices are located in Karachi and Islamabad. They may be directly contacted on the following addresses:

**Islamabad:** Plot No. 25, Street 38, G-10/4, Near Federal Government Employees Housing Foundation, Islamabad. Tel: +92 51 9106631

**Karachi:** Located in Sindh Board of Technical Education, Block 6, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, Karachi, Sindh. Tel +92 21 99244121

Please visit their website for more details: [www.ibcc.edu.pk](http://www.ibcc.edu.pk)

To apply for an equivalence certificate of their qualification, applicants overseas are required to submit the completed Equivalence application form to IBCC, Islamabad together with the following documents:

1. Original General Secondary Education Certificate and transcripts Grade 9 and 10 (in native language). Candidates are required to provide an English translation from an authentic source.
2. Higher Secondary Certificate and transcripts, Grade 11 and 12 (in native language) with English translation from an authentic source.
3. Educational documents identified in point 1 and 2 above must be attested by Ministry of Education, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Pakistan Embassy in the home country.
4. A No Objection Certificate [NOC] from their relevant home country Embassy in Islamabad. This NOC should state that they have no objection if the student is studying in Pakistan/AKU.
5. Admission Offer letter.
6. Copy of Passport or/and visa as applicable.

II. **POST-RN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAMME**

To be eligible to apply, candidates must fulfil the following requirements and criteria:

2. Complete RN diploma.
3. Hold current/valid registration/license in their country of residence.
4. Have achieved at least a second division in the Provincial Nursing Board examination. Overseas applicants must submit evidence of successfully passing their National Nursing Registration/Licensure examination.
6. Complete RM diploma or any post basic speciality; candidates writing their final exams in 2019 may apply provisionally. Candidates are required to submit admission/enrolment letter from the Institution they are enrolled for RM/specialization.
   Admissions will be confirmed upon receipt of the RM diploma/specialisation with a minimum second division by January 1, 2020. Candidates applying from overseas must have RN & RM/ Specialisation equivalence in Pakistan.
7. All Registered Nurses (RN/ RM) must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Institution where RN/RM has been completed. The NOC must verify that the institutions and/or affiliated Hospital has No Objection if the candidate pursues higher education at the Aga Khan University for the academic session 2019.

In line with Higher Education Commission [HEC] requirements, candidates should have completed the mandatory courses of English, Pakistan Studies and Islamic Studies/Ethics and Religion at BSc level.

Candidates must achieve a competitive score on the AKU-SONAM Admission Test. Students may be required to attend supplementary English classes/or Nursing Knowledge at the discretion of the Admission Committee.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate qualities of communication, leadership and a commitment to the nursing profession. Candidates must also have sufficient nursing knowledge and skills appropriate for study at the baccalaureate level. These qualities will be evaluated through the admission test, letters of reference and a personal interview with each candidate.
THE AKU ADMISSION TEST

All applicants to the BScN degree programme are required to write the AKU Undergraduate Admission Test. The Test is administered in English and consists of multiple choice questions designed to test recall, application of knowledge, deductive reasoning and problem solving ability.

TEST COMPONENTS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) Degree Programme: The Test comprises sections in English language, Mathematics Reasoning, Chemistry, Biology and Physics. Please see sample test paper for details.

Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-RN BScN) Degree Programme: The Test comprises two sections: English language and Nursing knowledge. Please see sample test paper for details.

All applicants to the School of Nursing and Midwifery programmes are required to demonstrate proficiency in the English language.

For applicants residing overseas, the University will attempt to administer the Admission Test at a centre convenient to the applicant.

The University does not provide any special preparation for its Test nor does it endorse or authorise any publication or preparatory classes for this purpose.

The University reserves the right to evaluate the applications for shortlisting purposes on the criteria developed at the time.

ISSUANCE OF THE ADMIT CARD

Candidates who apply online will receive their admit card to enable them to write the test on their portal and through an email.

Candidates who submit a paper application will receive their admit card in the post. In cases where the admit card is not received 15 days before the date of the test; candidates must email the Admission Office at sonadmission.query@aku.edu for the required information and application details.

Please note:
To write the Test, candidates must bring:

- A hard copy of the admit card issued by AKU AND
- A valid current photo ID card/original CNIC/college ID card/enrolment card for identification.

Without these documents, AKU reserves the right to disallow you from writing the Test.
VALIDITY OF AKU ADMISSION TEST SCORES

The AKU Undergraduate Admission Test scores are valid for a period of two years from the date the test is written. For admission to the 2019 session, Admission Tests written in 2017 and 2018 will be considered valid. The test scores of previous years will be used for shortlisting purposes only in cases where applicants do not write the Admission Test in the year of application and inform the Admission Office in advance. Candidates applying to programmes in the School of Nursing and Midwifery in the 2019 academic year are encouraged and advised to write the Admission Test with adequate preparation even if they have written the Admission Test in the preceding two years.

SHORTLISTING

On the basis of the Admission Test scores, applicants are shortlisted and invited for interviews.

INTERVIEWS

Interviews are held at the Aga Khan University. Alternate arrangements are made in other cities in Pakistan if a sufficient number of applicants request for it. Each applicant meets a panel of two interviewers for approximately half an hour.

Applicants should note that interviews are a component of the application process and do not guarantee selection.

For all applicants who are residing overseas, interviews will be conducted on Skype. Information will be conveyed to the applicants.

DEFERRED ADMISSIONS

A request for deferred admission must be made in writing prior to the start of the academic session for a maximum of one year. The reasons for deferral are reviewed by a committee constituted by the Dean, before taking a decision. All decisions are final.

HOW TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION

Candidates are encouraged to complete their application through the online portal. The required documents may be uploaded through the portal. In cases where the online application is not accessible, candidates may request a paper based application form by emailing the Admission Office at sonadmission.query@aku.edu

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PAPER BASED APPLICATION:

BScN and Post RN BScN

a) Completed paper application form.
b) Two recent passport size colour photographs bearing your name and attestation on the back; for photographs specification, please review programme brochure.
c) Attested photocopies of mark sheets/official transcripts/general certificates as entered on the form. All documents must be in A4 size.
d) Birth certificate / Provisional certificate from school / Matric certificate.
e) Copy of B Form/CNIC/NICOP for candidates applying from Pakistan or relevant pages of passport for overseas applicants.
f) One attested copy of Domicile (Compulsory).
g) Applicants with overseas qualifications are required to obtain an equivalence certificate from IBCC. Admissions will not be finalised without equivalence certificates. (as applicable).
h) Last page signed by parent or guardian [applicable for paper application].
j) Original payment receipt of application fee.

**Additional documents required for candidates applying to the Post RN-BScN Programme**

a) Current RN Licensure of Pakistan Nursing Council or equivalent agency/authority.
b) Letters of recommendation from at least 3 people. Please download reference form for Post RN-BScN from [www.aku.edu/admissions/post-rnbscn](http://www.aku.edu/admissions/post-rnbscn). One of your referee’s must be your immediate supervisor or faculty and two others must be professionals you have known for at least 2 years (not relatives).
c) No Objection Certificate from employer / affiliated Hospital (refer to the eligibility requirements of the programme for details).
d) Attested copies of Work Experience Certificates to validate your statement in the application form.

For candidates submitting a paper based application; the application form together with the application fee and all required (attested) documents should be sent to the Admission Office only through registered post or through a reliable courier service to the following address:

**Office of the Registrar**  
**School of Nursing and Midwifery**  
Aga Khan University  
Stadium Road, Karachi 74800  
Pakistan  
+92-21-3486 5406/5435

**APPLICATION FEE (AS APPLICABLE)**

Candidates applying from AKU residential countries*: Rs. 6,300  
OR  
Candidates applying from AKU non-residential countries: US $ 306

*AKU residential countries: Afghanistan, Burundi, Kenya, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda

**PLEASE NOTE:**

The application fee is non-refundable; candidates must ensure that they are eligible to apply for the programme before applying. The application fee may be paid online or as a bank draft in favour of “The Aga Khan University”. Cash, money orders, postal orders and personal cheques are not acceptable. (Please see mode of payment section for more details).
MODE OF PAYMENT

Candidates may use following options to make payment. The original receipt should be uploaded on the AKU portal. Please do not upload the payment request slip.

1. ONLINE FUNDS TRANSFER TO UNIVERSITY’S BANK ACCOUNT

Banking Details for Pakistani Currency
Candidates in Pakistan may pay through online deposit to any branch of HBL or Soneri Bank.

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| Account with                  | Citibank N.A. New York, USA | Standard Chartered Bank, New York, NY 10048, USA |
| Swift Code                    | CITIUS33XXX               | SCBLUS33               |
| Beneficiary Account #         | 36394582                  | 3582-050996-001        |
| ABA Chips                     | -                        | UID 057048             |
| Beneficiary Bank              | Habib Bank Ltd, Head Office, Treasury, Karachi, Pakistan. | Standard Chartered Bank (Pakistan) Ltd, Karachi, Pakistan |
| Swift Code                    | HABBPKKA007               | -                      |

2. UNIVERSITY E-PAYMENT FACILITY

Candidates may choose to pay fee online through a credit/debit card via: https://payonline.aku.edu/

Please notify the Finance Office by emailing at student.finance@aku.edu when making e-payments. Student name, address, application tracking ID/student ID, amount, payment reference # and the purpose of payment should be clearly stated in the notification. The acknowledgement email received against e-payment must also be sent with the Application Form.
APPLYING ONLINE
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Follow the steps below to apply for an academic programme online:

You will need an email account to apply; if you don't have one, please create

Click on our online page www.aku.edu/apply-online

As a new AKU online user, click on "new user"

An acknowledgement email will be sent to your email address. Click on "here" to verify your account and move forward.

Provide personal information
Upload documents according to drop down list. DO NOT FORGET to upload Proof of fee payment
Save and submit online application

Create new application
Review for correctness before submission
You will receive an acknowledgement email to confirm receipt of online application

Select Country
Enter programme specific details
Within 15 days, you will receive a copy of your application and admit card on your portal and email

Select your programme of choice
Enter your qualifications. Provide complete details for each qualification

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**SPECIFICATIONS FOR UPLOADING DOCUMENTS:**

In order to complete your application online, you should upload the following documents:

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FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND ACCOMMODATION
TUITION AND OTHER CHARGES

AKU charges fees for all of its programmes. The tuition and fees structure and schedule for the 2019-2020 academic year will be available separately. Those responsible for a student’s financial obligations should plan accordingly.

The University categorises students as ‘residential’ and ‘non-residential’. AKU considers residential countries to include Afghanistan, Burundi, Kenya, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

Candidates categorised as ‘non-residential’ are required to pay their dues in US dollars only. The University reviews its tuition and fees annually to cover inflation and other cost increases. Students are advised to plan their financial obligations for the course of study accordingly.

Candidates shall be categorised as ‘non-residential’ (whether holding Pakistani or dual citizenship), if the candidate meets any one or more of the following criteria:

a) Residence of the principal wage earning member of the family; source of income during the previous three years is non-residential;

b) Whether the student was educated in AKU residential or non-residential countries during the three years prior to the application for admission;

c) Whether the student is eligible for State-supported education overseas;

d) Whether the candidate or principal earning member is reimbursed educational expenses by their employer.

Students holding Pakistani nationality, CNIC and/or passport should be aware that this does not guarantee an AKU residential classification for the payment of tuition fee and any other charges. The University’s conditions stated above for the application of non-residential fee status will prevail.

If the candidate’s parents are Pakistani citizens deputed to a government mission overseas, such students will be charged the fee prescribed for students in Pakistan. Documentary evidence will however, be required in such cases.

Candidates doubtful of their fee status should seek clarification from the Office of the Registrar before applying. The Registrar’s decision on fee status shall be final and binding.

Successful candidates are required to pay a component of the fee on acceptance to the programme and the balance over the year of study.

Students defaulting on payments within the due dates may be suspended and/or barred from classes and/or progression to the next year of study until the clearance of dues in accordance with the University’s policies and procedures.

Payments may be made in cash or through a bank draft in favour of “The Aga Khan University”. Personal cheques are not acceptable.
UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME

Admission into the University's academic programmes is based strictly on merit and on a needs-blind admission policy.

For students who are selected and are unable to pay for the cost of education, the University operates a needs-sensitive Financial Assistance Programme. Through this programme, the University extends financial support, to the extent possible, to students who secure admission to University programmes but are not able to pay tuition and other fees.

Financial assistance is offered on the basis of demonstrated need as evaluated by the University from data provided by the student, his/her family and other avenues that the University may deem appropriate. It is strongly recommended that every student desirous of receiving financial assistance from the University should thoroughly explore all other possible sources of assistance. Every student is required to make some contribution towards fees, living expenses and other costs so as not to totally depend on the University for assistance. Financial assistance decisions are finalised and communicated to the students before the commencement of the academic session.

The continuation of financial assistance is conditional upon a yearly assessment of the financial needs of the student. Financial assistance is awarded as a combination of grant-in-aid and student loan depending on the socio economic profile of the student as assessed by the University. Students are not required to repay the grant-in-aid portion of the assistance awarded. The student loan portion of financial assistance is interest free with only an administrative charge of 5% per annum levied from the time of the award of the student loan. The loan portion of financial assistance becomes payable one or two years after graduation, depending on the programme.

For University graduates who continue to work or study at AKU after graduation, the University offers a 50% waiver of the loan amount payable in that particular year provided all payment conditions have been met. The details of the policy are available on the University's website.

Applications for financial assistance for students admitted to the 2019-2020 academic year will be acceptable along with acceptance of admission offer letter. Application forms are available online at http://www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding/Documents/fa-application-new.pdf. These are also available from the Student Financial Assistance and Counselling Office.

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE

BScN Degree Programme

Students selected to the BScN programme are eligible to apply for the Aga Khan University Hospital sponsorship. Details will be made available to students with the admission offer letter.
SERVICE AGREEMENT

All students entering the four-year BScN programme are required to complete an additional one year of internship. This is a mandatory requirement for obtaining licensure from the Pakistan Nursing Council. The internship will begin after the completion of the fourth year of BScN studies in which the students are expected to work in the assigned units as nursing interns to strengthen their clinical experience.

AKU will be responsible to arrange internship of their graduates in AKUH/AKDN teaching hospitals approved by Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC). An internship programme will be planned between the school and the hospital to facilitate rotation in several clinical areas. The graduates will receive the basic salary of a staff nurse at AKUH or according to the policy of the Institution at the time of the internship. The internee will submit a formal letter/certificate issued by the Nursing Director upon the completion of the internship period to the Dean, School of Nursing and Midwifery. The said Dean will send the final list of eligible applicants to the PNC. All applicants will be required to write the PNC licensure examination to obtain the license to practice.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for undergraduate outstation students is arranged in the University hostels managed by the University. These hostels provide single and shared, furnished accommodation. Hostel space is only available for students who do not have residential accommodation in Karachi.

A fee is charged for all accommodation. Accommodation charges for the 2019-2020 academic session will be provided separately. Meals may be purchased separately from the University's cafeteria. All students living in the hostels are expected to conform to rules and regulations. Residence is conditional upon proper use and care of the property, considerate behaviour and periodic reappraisal of the student's need for such accommodation.
## Key Dates for 2019-2020 Admissions

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DISCLAIMER

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