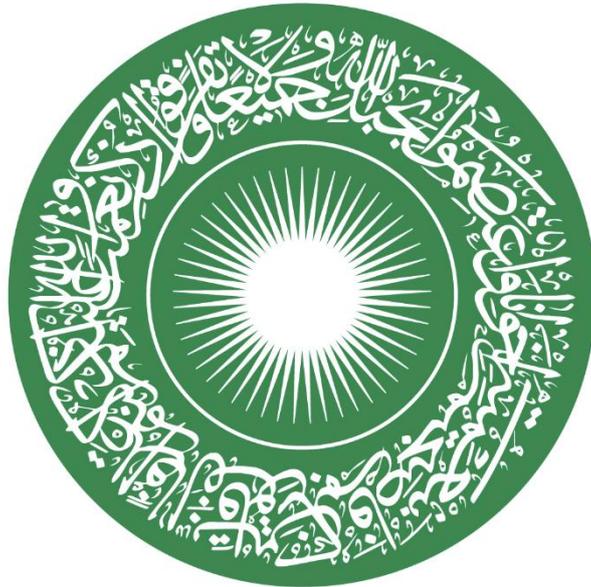


# THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



22<sup>ND</sup> CONVOCATION

KENYA

FEBRUARY 14, 2026

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Master of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing  
Master of Science in Advanced Practice Midwifery  
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

***Medical College***

Master of Medicine  
Fellowship

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Master of Arts in Digital Journalism  
Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation

***Institute for Educational Development***

Master of Education

***Medical College, Pakistan***

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## GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Aga Khan University, a university dedicated to empowering people with the knowledge, skills and values to guide their own destinies, and to make their rightful contributions as members of a global community. From the mandate of its charter, to the reality of its people, programmes and sites, AKU is an international university, operating in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom. An agency of the Aga Khan Development Network, the University has built a reputation for excellence in teaching, learning, research and health care delivery, and for catalyzing positive change. We are proud of the role our graduates play in improving institutions and quality of life around the world.

Our faculty and staff share in the pride of our graduates, as today we recognize their mastery of their field of study, which, at AKU, means mastery at an international standard. To the graduates and their families: this is a day of great celebration. We know that you have earned your degree through dedication, hard work and meritorious performance. Congratulations.

**CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND AWARDING OF CERTIFICATES**

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING**

**Bernard Wambua Mbithi**

*Award for Research Excellence*

**Bole Muse Ado**

**Cecilia Wanjiru Ndungu**

**Dorcas Atieno Miyombe**

**Emily Njeri Muchina**

**Lola Wanjiru Ndirangu**

**Nancy Njeri Kamau**

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ADVANCED PRACTICE MIDWIFERY**

**Daniel Kyalo Muthiani**

**Mercy Wanja Mukubwa**

**Suada Hassan Ibrahim**

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Anguka Velma Awino  
Beatrice Auma Achieng  
Beatrice Gathigia Githinji  
Brenda Jepkosgei Yator  
Caroline Magiri Mwangi  
Caroline Wangui Maingi  
Caroline Wanjiru Kamau  
Carolyne Mmboga Kimiya  
Catherine Kavenge Kilonzo  
Catherine Mary Njoki Thairu  
Catherine Wambui Thanji  
Daniel Kioko Maingi  
Edelqueen Itenya  
Elizabeth Wambui Njagi  
Esther Nyanguthii Gachoya  
Evelyne Bukachi  
Geoffrey Kiiru Wangui  
Geofrey Mandela Kengere  
Getrude Mualuko  
Hawo Ali  
Isaac Namulata Makheti  
Jackline Jebichii Cherutich  
Jackline Nabwire Mukanda  
Jacqueline Wanjiku Gitau  
Jane Muthoni Muchina  
Jenniffer Wanjiku Chege

# **SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY**

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

Joseph Karani Mghanga  
Joyce Chemutai  
Lawrence Munyao Muvela  
Linda Achien'g Wanga  
Lucy Wanjiru Nguya  
Lydia Mnani Kimaro  
*Award for Academic Excellence*  
Magdalene Mwende Mwangangi  
Margaret Mukiria  
Margaret Musume  
Mercy Wanjiru Mburu  
Mirriam Waceke Wambui  
Monicah Njeru Macharia  
*Award for Academic Excellence*  
Morine Gathoni Kwamba  
Morris Atetwe Imbaya  
Moses Otieno Ouma  
Ndungu Zablon Kinuthia  
Noella Sitioli Situma  
Pamela Nakhumicha Laleyo  
Pamela Nkatha Kithuci  
Patrick Kimutai Too  
Sarah Njeri Irungu  
Shelmith Njoki Kiruma  
Silas Saitoti Njanja  
Simon Kathumo Muema  
Susan Wanja Gitonga  
Tracy Kwamboka Mogaka  
Winnie Nyanjiru Njeri

# **MEDICAL COLLEGE**

## **MASTER OF MEDICINE**

### **Anaesthesiology**

Ivy Njeri Wanyoike

*Outstanding Resident - Sustained Excellence in Academics*

### **Anatomic Pathology**

Okech Sarah Atieno

### **Clinical Pathology**

Simelane Tandzile

### **Family Medicine**

Alex Mulinge Makau Muia

Cecilia Muthoni Njoga

*Outstanding Resident - Sustained Excellence in Clinical Service*

Donnah Barney Goga

Mohamed Azamkhan Soulthy

### **General Surgery**

Charbel Ngigi Kamau

Monica Adongo Nyikal

### **Imaging and Diagnostic Radiology**

Barasa Lynet Wairimu

Naomi Chirindo Chikuro

Sarah Muthii Kibe

*Outstanding Resident of the Year – Class of 2025*

# **MEDICAL COLLEGE**

## **MASTER OF MEDICINE**

### **Internal Medicine**

Effie Nailah Kamadi  
Sandra Obaje Maseno  
Swafiya Salim Busaidy

### **Obstetrics and Gynaecology**

Felix Mogire Nyagaka  
*Outstanding Resident - Sustained Excellence in Research*  
Justus Wambugu Muthoni  
Maina Michael Muriithi  
Nyaga Elaine Murugi

### **Paediatrics and Child Health**

Ahimbisibwe Joan K  
Lynnette Muthoni Mwangi  
Maureen Wambui Kigara  
Vanessa Minsari Ogega

# **MEDICAL COLLEGE**

## **FELLOWSHIP**

### **Cardiology**

Chepii Kipkorir Kipkulei  
Hazel Wanjiku Kariuki  
Nadeem Mehboob Kassam

### **Haemato-Oncology**

Karishma Sharma

### **Infectious Diseases**

Duncan Wekesa Nyukuri

### **Neonatology**

Marion Wanjiku Muhia

### **Neurology**

Eunice Nyakerarie Nyambane  
Jamil Abdulkadir Said

### **Nuclear Medicine**

William Kane Olwit

# **MEDICAL COLLEGE**

## **FELLOWSHIP**

### **Oncopathology**

Brian Mike Ochieng Ayara

### **Paediatric Cardiology**

Abdikadir Mohammed

Nasra Adan

### **Paediatric Gastroenterology**

Achieng' Adem

### **Paediatric Neurology**

Bill Kigathi

Catherine Mwendu Mwalimu

Gakuru Angelique

Mwajuma Mwikali Mwangi

Peninah Muthoni Mwangi

### **Paediatric Pulmonology**

Samson K. Mugane

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDIA  
AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**MASTER OF ARTS  
(DIGITAL JOURNALISM)**

Daisy Akori Ejeem  
Doreen Wahu Wainainah  
Gathoni Geoffrey Kinyanjui  
*Award for Research Excellence*  
Jacinta Wanjira Mutura  
Jael Mboga  
John Njoroge Githinji  
Julia Wanjiku Ndungu  
Katorobo Bershaza  
Mercy Murengu Indeché  
Ngotho Samuel Waweru  
Okoth Brian Ogello  
Oryem Alfred  
*Award for Academic Excellence*  
Purity Walter Dzuya  
Rose Reuben  
Salome Wambui Muiruri  
Wetaka Ahmed

**EXECUTIVE MASTERS  
IN MEDIA LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION**

Julian Mwine  
*Award for Academic Excellence*  
Kaburu M Lewis  
Kennedy Osir Olwal  
*Award for Research Excellence*

# **UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

## **AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Recognise individuals who have contributed constructively and consistently to the development of the University

Dr Syed Ather Enam  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Unab Inayat Khan  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Hussein Lesio Kidanto  
*Medical College, East Africa*

Dr Lukoye Atwoli  
*Medical College, East Africa*

Dr Mansoor Saleh  
*Medical College, East Africa*

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING**

Recognise sustained excellence in teaching and teaching leadership at the University

Dr Sadaf Khan  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Faisal Wasim Ismail  
*Centre for Innovation in Medical Education, Pakistan*

# **UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION**

## **AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH**

Recognise research achievements and contributions to the development of  
a strong research culture at the University

Dr Jai Kumar Das  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Anthony K. Ngugi  
*Medical College, East Africa*

## **INNOVATION IMPACT AWARD OF DISTINCTION**

Recognise significant contributions to bring impactful change in the University

Dr Saulat Hasnain Fatimi  
*Medical College, East Africa*

Ms Melaine Perpetual D'Cruze  
*Research Office, Pakistan*

# **UNIVERSITY CAREER RECOGNITIONS**

## **DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR**

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr Rodney Adam  
*Medical College, East Africa*

## **DEAN EMERITUS / DEAN EMERITA**

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr Yasmin Noorali Amarsi  
*School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan*

Dr Robert Walter Armstrong  
*Medical College, East Africa*

## **PROFESSOR EMERITUS / PROFESSOR EMERITA**

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr Anwar-ul-Hassan Gilani  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Hakimuddin Razi Ahmad  
*Medical College, Pakistan*

Dr Nancy Kunyiha  
*Medical College, East Africa*

# **GLOBAL STUDENT AWARDS**

## **STUDENT AWARD FOR RESEARCH EXCELLENCE**

Recognise graduate and undergraduate students who excel in research and innovation.

**Hammad Atif Irshad**

*Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Medical College, Pakistan*

**Arusa Nasirudin Lakhani**

*Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences (Nursing), School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan*

**Yasir Maqbool Qadir**

*Master of Philosophy in Education, Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan*

## **STUDENT AWARD OF DISTINCTION FOR IMPACT AND INNOVATION**

Recognise a student or team of students who make an impact on, and serve, the University and/or the community AKU serves, well beyond meeting academic requirements.

**Kashif Khowaja**

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan*

**Chowoo Willy**

*Master of Arts in Digital Journalism, Graduate School of Media and Communications, East Africa*

# **GLOBAL STUDENT AWARDS**

## **STUDENT AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP**

Recognise outstanding academic achievement combined with commendable co-curricular contributions to the University that enhance the quality of the student experience.

**Madiha Ejaz**

*Bachelor of Education, Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan*

**Nizar s/o Amin**

*Master of Philosophy in Education, Institute for Educational Development, Pakistan*

## **STUDENT AWARD FOR ENVIRONMENT SUSTAINABILITY**

Recognise a student or team of students who have contributed to significantly protecting the environment in sustainable ways and demonstrated environmental activism.

**Anmol Altaf**

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing, School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan*

# **UNIVERSITY CHANCELLOR**

**His Highness The Aga Khan**  
Chancellor

**Princess Zahra Aga Khan**  
Pro-Chancellor

## **UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Mr. Zakir Mahmood, Chairman

Dr Afaf Meleis

Mr. Justice Agha Faisal

Mr. Amin Mawji, OBE

Dr António Rendas

Mr. Badaruddin F. Vellani

Dr Julie A. Freischlag

Dr Lisa Anderson

Dr M. Elizabeth Cannon, OC

Honorable Mohamed Chande Othman

Mr. Naguib Kheraj, CBE

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin

# **AKU KENYA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

**Mr Moyez Alibhai, Chairperson**

**Dr Elizabeth Cannon**

**Ms Nasim Devji**

**Mr Amin Mawji**

**Dr Julius Kipng'etich**

**Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin**

## **GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS**

Congratulations on your graduation and for completing a challenging journey embarked upon years ago.

Although your days as a student at AKU may officially be over, you will always remain a valued member of the AKU family.

At this landmark 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Convocation, we welcome you as a member of the Aga Khan University Alumni Association. Its membership includes all graduates of AKU, who are making an impact in more than 50 countries around the world. As an alumnus/alumna you will benefit from this extraordinary community of AKU alumni that will provide lasting friendships, and opportunities for professional and social networking.

The Office of Alumni Affairs looks forward to staying in touch as you embark on this exciting new journey. Working closely with alumni, we organise a rich variety of programmes, activities, and reunions for our alumni community.

We also keep you updated through diverse communications, including the AKU alumni webpages ([www.aku.edu/alumni](http://www.aku.edu/alumni)) and through social media, where you can follow news from your campus. We encourage you to create a LinkedIn profile which will help you to expand your professional links with AKU and with your fellow alumni.

AKU benefits enormously from the continuous involvement of its alumni. Many are faculty and staff, others are volunteers, mentors, and donors, who share their expertise, advice and support to advance the mission of their alma mater.

Today, as you join a community of inspiring and outstanding alumni, we know that you, in your own way, will make an impact and carry forward the mission and values of AKU.

Congratulations, once again!

To reach us anytime, please email us at [alumni@aku.edu](mailto:alumni@aku.edu).

# THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

The Aga Khan University is a pioneering institution of higher education, research and health care delivery that works to improve quality of life in Asia, Africa and beyond. It educates leaders, addresses important challenges through its research and sets an example that raises standards in the societies in which it works. AKU empowers women, serves the disadvantaged, enhances appreciation of pluralism and partners with renowned organizations and the public sector to improve health and education.

A not-for-profit institution, AKU was founded in Pakistan in 1983 by His Late Highness the Aga Khan IV, who charged it with “preparing men and women to play constructive, worthwhile and responsible roles in society,” and with “setting the highest standards possible, whether in teaching, in research or in service.”

AKU began life as a health-sciences university. With Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, Medical Colleges and an array of health-focused research centres, it has been ranked among the world’s leading universities in several fields of medicine, and has had a transformative impact on the nursing profession.

AKU has undergone a significant geographic and academic expansion since its founding. It now operates health care institutions and/or academic programmes in Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom. It is also well-known for its efforts to improve primary and secondary education through its Institutes for Educational Development and the AKU Examination Board; for the scholarly excellence of its Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations in London; and for the journalists and media leaders educated by the Graduate School of Media and Communications in Nairobi. The University’s newest academic entity, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in Karachi, offers a multidisciplinary undergraduate education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences. AKU has approximately 18,000 faculty and staff, 4,000 students, seven hospitals and 350 outreach health clinics.

Research at AKU focuses on pressing issues facing low-income countries. The University’s research has shaped policy and practice nationally and globally. Two dozen AKU faculty members, many of whom are also AKU alumni, have been ranked among the top 2 percent of scientists in their fields globally.

# THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

The Aga Khan University health system is among the largest private health care providers in Pakistan and East Africa, caring for nearly 2.5 million patients annually in total. In addition, AKU manages the French Medical Institute for Mothers and Children in Kabul, a leading maternal and child hospital. In the countries in which it operates, AKU's hospitals have been the first to achieve numerous international accreditations from organizations such as the Joint Commission International in the United States. This demonstrates that the care they provide meets international standards.

AKU has awarded more than 21,000 diplomas, degrees and postgraduate medical certificates since its inception. Today, the University is led by its Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan V. Princess Zahra Aga Khan serves as AKU's Pro-Chancellor.

The University's alumni go on to make a difference in their home countries and to study, teach, research, practice and lead at nationally and internationally renowned institutions. AKU is proud of its graduates, who inspire it to continue striving to fulfill His Late Highness's vision of a university "on the frontiers of scientific and humanistic knowledge, radiating intelligence and confidence, research and graduates, into flourishing economies and progressive legal and political systems."

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## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



The Seal of Aga Khan University is a visual representation of the principles inherent in the founding of the University.

The circular form of the Seal, with its different levels of imagery contained in concentric circles, has its visual roots in the rosettes of early Islamic periods.

The circle also symbolises the world and reflects the internationality of Aga Khan University. At the centre of the Seal is a star, or sun. Light is a universal symbol for the enlightenment that education provides. The light emanating from the star is also symbolic of Nur (Divine light).

The star incorporates 49 points to commemorate the University's founding by His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims.

The outer ring circumscribes a Qur'anic Ayat (3:103) rendered in classic Thuluth script and reads as follows:

*And hold fast,  
All together, by the rope  
Which God (stretches out for you),  
And be not divided among yourselves,  
And remember with gratitude  
God's favour on you:  
For ye were enemies  
And He joined your hearts  
In love, so that by His grace,  
Ye became brethren*

## ACADEMIC REGALIA

Aga Khan University's academic regalia is a unique interpretation of the traditional academic cap, gown and hood. The University's head gear and gowns are called the Jamiapoash. This term is derived from the Arabic *jamia*, meaning 'institution of higher learning', and the Persian *poash*, meaning 'apparel'. The Jamiapoash comprises a Khila'at, meaning 'robe of honour' in Arabic and a Sirpoash, meaning 'headwear' in Persian.

The Khila'at is the outer robe, very much like a *qabaa* or *jubba*, worn in many countries of the Middle East and North Africa, or a *chugha*, worn in parts of Pakistan and India. It is an unpleated, unflared, calf-length overgarment, with bell-shaped short sleeves, which can be closed at the front if desired.

The Sirpoash brings together a turban and a *kulah*, the two most distinctive forms of headwear worn historically throughout the Islamic world, with a tassel on the right.

The Jamiapoash has been designed to symbolise the identity of the University. The basic colours of green and white have been derived from the official seal of the University while the decorative elements have been taken from the calligraphy, motifs and designs used in the architecture and interior design of the institution.

Distinctive motifs have been embroidered along the front of the Khila'at, on the arms and cuffs, and on the back using different colours on a variety of backgrounds. Their arrangement serves to identify the ranks of members of the University such as the graduands, members of faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, the Chief Guest and the Chancellor.

Graduate and undergraduate gowns have a six-centimetre braid bearing a green motif on a white background with heavy gold lines on either side of the braid running along the face, back collar and continuing around the base of the gown and cuffs. Each arm bears a vertical green motif on a white background trimmed in gold. The Master's gown is distinguished from the Bachelor's gown by adding a second set of heavy gold lines; the Doctoral gowns have a third set of gold lines that run along facing, back collar and the base of the tunic and cuffs. Diploma graduands wear a green tunic with a white fabric trim. The robes of the members of faculty have an additional braid in gold along the front and on the cuffs, with a gold motif on the arms and at the back. The Board of Trustees' gown has a second gold band on the front and on the cuffs alongside the decorations of the faculty dress. The Chief Guest's robe is distinguished by very elaborate gold embroidery on a teak brown background. The Chancellor's gown is unique in its gold embroidery on a white robe.

The colour coding of the Sirpoash for each rank follows the colour combination of the Khila'at and its embroidery, with the higher ranks being distinguished by gold bands. The regalia is worn during Convocation, graduation and other formal and ceremonial occasions.

## KENYA NATIONAL ANTHEM

Ee Mungu nguvu yetu  
Ilete baraka kwetu  
Haki iwe ngao na mlinzi  
Natukae kwa Undugu  
Amani na uhuru  
Raha tupate na ustawi.

Amkeni ndugu zetu  
Tufanye sote bidi  
Nasi tujitoe kwa nguvu  
Nchi yetu ya Kenya  
Tunayoipenda  
Tuwe tayari kuilinda

Natujenge taifa letu  
Ee, ndio wajibu wetu  
Kenya istahili heshima  
Tuungane mikono  
Pamoja kazini  
Kila siku tuwe na shukrani

O God of all creation  
Bless this our land and nation  
Justice be our shield and defender  
May we dwell in unity  
Peace and liberty  
Plenty be found within our borders.

Let one and all arise  
With hearts both strong and true  
Service be our earnest endeavor  
And our homeland of Kenya  
Heritage and splendor  
Firm may we stand to defend

Let all with one accord  
In common bond united  
Build this our nation together  
And the glory of Kenya  
The fruit of our labour  
Fill every heart with thanksgiving.

## EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY ANTHEM

### *Chorus*

*Jumuiya Yetu sote tuilinde  
Tuwajibike tuimarike  
Umoja wetu ni nguzo yetu  
Idumu Jumuiya yetu.*

Ee Mungu twaomba ulinde  
Jumuiya Afrika Mashariki  
Tuwezeshe kuishi kwa amani  
Tutimize na malengo yetu.

Uzalendo pia mshikamano  
Viwe msingi wa Umoja wetu  
Natulinde Uhuru na Amani  
Mila zetu na desturi zetu.

Viwandani na hata mashambani  
Tufanye kazi sote kwa makini  
Tujitoe kwa hali na mali  
Tuijenge Jumuiya bora.

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