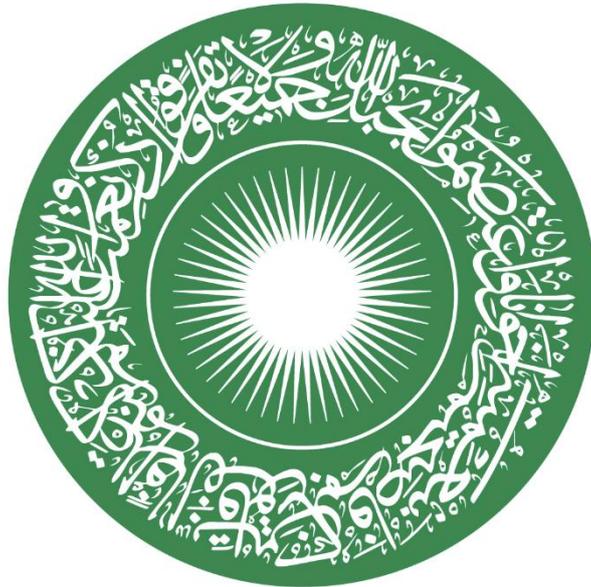


THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



23RD CONVOCATION

UGANDA

FEBRUARY 7, 2026

PROGRAMME

Academic Procession

Anthems

Tilawat-e-Quran-e-Pak

Invocation

Welcome Address

Convocation Address

Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Diploma in General Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Midwifery

Institute for Educational Development

Master of Education

Graduate School of Media and Communications

Master of Arts in Digital Journalism

Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation

Medical College

Master of Medicine

Valedictorian Address

Presentation of University Awards

Academic Procession

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 DIPLOMAS

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

DIPLOMA IN GENERAL NURSING

Akorebirungi Marvin
Ariyo Prim
Atwiine Lynn
Babirye Josephine
Bubolo Patrick
Chandini Sandra Patricia
Award for Academic Excellence
Kaakyo Delicate
Kahunde Irene
Kasana Peter
Kasasa Immaculate
Katwesige Lydia
Kisakye Monica
Kisakye Raymond
Kusiima Felicia
Kuteesa Sarah Namugenyi
Kyenda Naome
Matovu Ashirafu
Mbeiza Lynn Felicia
Award for Academic Excellence
Mbuya Hellen
Mivule Paul
Muhindo Fredrick
Munaba Priscilla
Nabuzaale Hadijah
Nakalanda Hildah
Nakato Deborah

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

DIPLOMA IN GENERAL NURSING

Nakato Leya
Nakawooya Patricia
Nakaye Phoebe
Award for Academic Excellence
Nakazzi Sylvia
Nakibuuka Mable
Nakyejjwe Caroline
Nalukwata Josephine
Nalwoga Viola Ruth
Nambi Margaret Ssebunya
Nambuya Lydia
Nampiima Joaniter
Nandawula Asiah
Nandudu Joyce
Nankabirwa Faridah
Nanono Racheal
Nantume Mariam Joan
Nayiga Susan
Njuki Julius Isa
Okiror Silver Collins
Okoth Peter
Possible Charity
Ssemwezi Andrew
Thembo Benard
Yoacel Monica
Zziwa Jimmy

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Abalinabyo Deborah

Ahimbisibwe Aggrey

Ainembabazi Privato

Akwero Joyce

Aryon Innocent

Chekwoti Lucy

Award for Academic Excellence

Esme Rashid

Award for Academic Excellence

Kemirembe Gladys

Kisakye Joan Precious

Kunihira Angela

Emilio Masereka

Naamara Assumpta

Nabasa Patience

Nabatuusa Brenda

Award for Academic Excellence

Nagawa Fausta

Naggayi Agnes

Nakimbugwe Zaa

Namale Beatrice

Nambejja Angella Maria

Nambi Salama

Nampuuga .B. Dorothy

Nankya Stella

Navvubya Prossy

Ochola Jacqueline Trudy

Thombu Piranok Franco

Twinomukama Fulgensia

Walulya Charles

Award for Academic Excellence

Wamani Marvin

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MIDWIFERY

Ajenga Irene
Anyijukire Dorothy Grace
Apolot Evelyn
Kisakye Constance
Nabulya Maureen
Nakabiri Joyce
Nakalema Teddy
Nakibuuka Annet Ritah
Naluyima Sarah Dorcus
Namakoola Katushabe Glori
Nassozi Sandra
Best Performance Award
Wadumaga Falida

UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

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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

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Dr Afaf Meleis

Mr. Justice Agha Faisal

Mr. Amin Mawji, OBE

Dr António Rendas

Mr. Badaruddin F. Vellani

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Dr Lisa Anderson

Dr M. Elizabeth Cannon, OC

Honorable Mohamed Chande Othman

Mr. Naguib Kheraj, CBE

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin

AKU UGANDA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Mr Amin Mawji, Chairperson

Ms Rehema Nakiryia Ssemyalo

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin

Professor Michael Mawa

Dr Rosalind Parkes-Ratanshi

Dr Zohray Moolani Talib

Mr Paul Kavuma

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 40th 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) 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.

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.

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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.

UGANDA NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh Uganda! May God uphold thee,
We lay our future in thy hand.
United, free,
For liberty
Together we'll always stand.

Oh Uganda! The land of freedom.
Our love and labour we give,
And with neighbours all
At our country's call
In peace and friendship we'll live.

Oh Uganda! the land that feeds us
By sun and fertile soil grown.
For our own dear land,
We'll always stand,
The Pearl of Africa's Crown.

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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