



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

Supporting the Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Educating leaders

In September 2023, Aga Khan University (AKU) will welcome 100 students to its inaugural undergraduate programme in the arts and sciences. The mission of the newly created Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) is to broaden AKU's impact in Pakistan and beyond, through the creation of learned, dynamic, community-minded leaders. It is here that our students will encounter the necessity of critical thought and open dialogue, the beauty of pluralism and tolerance. The ideals of a just and open society that are fundamental to AKU's mission provide the foundation for the degree programmes in FAS.

Responding to today's needs

FAS is launching a four-year undergraduate degree programme in the following four areas: Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Social Development Studies; Politics, Philosophy and Economics; and Human and Environmental Biology. With a focus on critical thought, communication, creativity and service, the programmes will actively nurture an entrepreneurial mindset and empower students to live meaningful, ethical lives.

Co-curricular activities will offer opportunities for self-discovery and collaboration, allowing students to cultivate friendships and learn new skills. Under the mentorship of our world-class faculty, FAS students will enjoy a life-changing educational experience unlike any other in Pakistan.

Moreover, students will engage in reflexive community engagement. The programme features internship placements in diverse community settings, a Development Lab enabling problem-solving knowledge, and a wide variety of on-campus and community-based co-curricular activities.

A key goal of FAS is to educate leaders who can drive positive change in society. These leaders are characterised by personal integrity, intellectual excellence and a commitment to the communities in which they live. A great education in the arts and sciences prepares students

for a range of professions and careers in an increasingly technological and data-driven world. It provides them with the experience and skills to excel in any professional and academic path.

Attracting and supporting the best and brightest students

We rely on a thriving financial assistance programme to help us attract, accept and retain high-achieving students from across the region. Our goal is to remove financial barriers for those in need, increase diversity on our campus, and ensure that students with merit – across all geographies including those from peri-urban and rural areas – have access to high-quality education.

Your generosity will give talented students, across diverse backgrounds, access to an AKU education that will prepare them for a life of service and leadership, and enable them to become agents of positive change, as embodied in our mission.





“In an ever-changing world, an education in the arts and sciences gives students the ability to create and collaborate. It prepares them to be open to multiple viewpoints and accept diversity in society. These are the capabilities and dispositions that are critically important in youth as citizens and leaders of tomorrow.”

Professor Anjum Halai
Regional Vice Provost and Dean,
Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Giving Opportunities

Partial Student Scholarship <i>Educating one student for one year of the programme</i>	USD 14,000
Full Student Scholarship <i>Covers the education of one student for the full four-year programme</i>	USD 56,000
Programme Scholarship <i>Covers the education of 100 students for one programme for the duration of the programme (4 years)</i>	USD 1,400,000

Notes:

At full capacity, by 2027, FAS will have 400 students.

A merit-based, open-access admissions process is linked to a needs-sensitive financial assistance programme. This approach supports AKU’s guiding principle of diversity across its student body, and in particular at FAS. This diversity fosters opportunities for students to grow and develop.

About AKU

Founded in 1983 as Pakistan’s first private university, AKU is a not-for-profit institution aiming to improve quality of life in the developing world and beyond. We educate students for local and global leadership through world-class teaching. We deliver solutions to pressing problems through cutting-edge research. We empower women, promote diversity and strive to ensure that everyone has access to life-changing opportunities.



“What is required today is an educational approach that is the polar opposite of indoctrination – one that nurtures the spirit of anticipation and agility, adaptability and adventure.”

His Highness The Aga Khan, Chancellor AKU