



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
(International) in the United Kingdom
Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations



Educating a Student to be a Future Leader

The Aga Khan University (International) in the United Kingdom, through its Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations (AKU-ISMC) aims to transform lives through the advancement of research, publications, graduate studies, and outreach. At the heart of AKU-ISMC are its students who, through its MA in Muslim Cultures and Dual MA Degree with Columbia University, become conscientious, socially responsible and empowered leaders. Its alumni make an impact in the communities they serve globally. AKU-ISMC aims to produce independent thinkers who share their knowledge and perspectives, to benefit the many.

Over the next several years, AKU-ISMC aims to increase the diversity of its student body by removing financial barriers for those in need. We are committed to supporting students with potential, in line with the vision of the University.

Supporting students with scholarships enables those with the greatest financial need to have a rewarding and worry-free experience at AKU, attain a world-class education, and graduate without the burden of debt.

Financial assistance also creates greater socio-economic diversity on our campus in London, enriching our learning communities with a variety of perspectives and life experiences. Without these initiatives, incredibly deserving students may miss out on an AKU-ISMC education which could transform their lives and the lives of their families and communities.

We rely on a thriving financial assistance programme to help us attract, accept and retain high-achieving students from across the world. 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 – have access to high-quality education.

Your generosity will give talented students, across diverse backgrounds, access to an AKU-ISMC education. This will prepare them to address complex challenges, shape the world around them, and enable them to become agents of positive change, as embodied in our mission.

Let's invest in the brilliance of these students and support the leaders of tomorrow.

“My experience at AKU-ISMC was rather extraordinary. The variety of course offerings and the perspicacity of the Institute's faculty were remarkable. This transformative experience has given me the confidence to apply for a PhD at some of the world's most prestigious universities. Being accepted by Harvard really is a dream come true.”

Walid Abdelaziz '18, AKU-ISMC alumnus

Facts

137
alumni

58%*
of alumni are female

90%*
of students receive
financial assistance

2.5M USD
distributed in financial
assistance since 2006

*Correct as of July 2020



SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Incorporated in England as a company limited by guarantee no. 4448389 | Registered Charity Number 1179136

Giving Opportunities

Tuition Scholarship providing tuition for one student for the duration of the MA programme	GBP 5,000
Full student scholarship covers the tuition, accommodation, and maintenance for one student for the duration of the MA programme	GBP 34,000
Programme Scholarship covers the tuition, accommodation, and maintenance for a full cohort of 15 students for the duration of the MA programme	GBP 500,000
Financial Assistance supporting student hardship, educational resources and shortfall	any amount

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.

AKU-ISMC is located in London and is a leading, research-focused institution that believes academic enquiry and education can enable understanding and positive social change.

Its focus is the study of Muslim cultures and contexts across the diverse Muslim societies of the world, past and present. It is through world-leading research, publications, education, and outreach that we aim to contribute to public discourse; enabling both citizens and leaders to address complex challenges and to shape the world around them.



“The opportunity to study at AKU-ISMC has changed the lives of so many students I have known over the years. Their own life experiences and perspectives have also built the ISMC into an institution with increasing recognition in the UK and internationally. None of this would have been possible without the generosity of our donors.”

Professor Sarah Bowen Savant, AKU-ISMC



Gifts can be made online at <https://checkout.justgiving.com/c/3333789>

For more information and to discuss giving options, email: ismc.operations@aku.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Incorporated in England as a company limited by guarantee no. 4448389 | Registered Charity Number 1179136