



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

Transform Lives: Support the Next Generation of Doctors Medical College, Pakistan



The Aga Khan University's (AKU) Medical College in Pakistan aims to transform quality of life through the advancement of healthcare. At the heart of the Medical College are its students who become conscientious, socially responsible and empowered leaders. Its alumni make an impact in the communities they serve nationally and around the globe.

The Medical College has been at the forefront of Pakistan's COVID 19 response and vaccine deployment with many of its alumni leading the way. During the pandemic, its doctors and faculty members have been advising national governments, leading public advocacy efforts and providing technical advice on patient care, risk management and policy matters.

Over the next several years, the Medical College 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. However, with the growing cost of living in Pakistan, students from across the country now require additional support to attain world-class education without the fear of a heavy burden of debt.

Scholarships and financial assistance help students from large metropolitan cities like Karachi with its high cost of

living, as well as students from remote areas such as Gilgit, Chitral and Ghizer, where affordability and access remain an acute challenge. As the number of students who apply to the Medical College increases, so does the proportion of financial assistance required to support these bright young minds. Without these initiatives, incredibly deserving students may miss out on an AKU 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 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.

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

Facts

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out of 170 medical colleges by the Pakistan Medical Commission

48.3%

of MBBS graduates are women[†]

30%

of students receive financial assistance*

19%

increase of enrolled MBBS students from rural cities in Pakistan^{**†}

64%

average financial assistance provided per student with need

*In the 2019-20 academic year

**In 2020, across Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Gilgit-Baltistan

†MBBS is Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery



“I am extremely grateful for all that AKU has done for me and I am proud to be one of its alumni donors. As a faculty member at the University, I have also seen first-hand how much AKU does to improve human welfare in Pakistan and globally. This is why AKU is always my first choice for giving. I hope more alumni give to AKU to support its students and its mission.”

Dr Anita Zaidi '88

Giving Opportunities

Named Endowed Scholarship Fund*
providing, in perpetuity, partial tuition for one student

from USD 100,000

Named Scholarship
providing partial tuition for one student

USD 5,000
(each year for 5 years)

Financial Assistance
supporting tuition, living expenses, educational resources and student hardship

Any gift amount

*The gift of an endowment fund will support scholarships at AKU, in perpetuity. Donors may choose to name an endowed scholarship for themselves or in honour or memory of someone else who is important to them.

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.



“The financial assistance I received from AKU enabled me to obtain the best medical education possible and provided the stepping stone for my entire career. AKU empowers its students to compete at a global level and achieve their highest

potential. It does not limit admission for students who cannot afford the fees, and thus attracts the brightest students from all over the country, regardless of their background or financial circumstances.”

Dr Mustafa Iftikhar '16



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