



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES



THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

EDUCATING LEADERS AND CHANGING LIVES SINCE 1983



Founded in 1983, the Aga Khan University has campuses and programmes in Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom. The generosity of our alumni, friends and supporters has helped to make AKU a leader in higher education with global impact in teaching, research and health care.

Whether you choose to invest in our people, academic and research programmes, student life, medical care or facilities, you are advancing AKU's mission: to better prepare talented students for leadership in a complex world, to advance cross-cultural understanding, to promote innovation, to generate new knowledge and to improve the quality of life in the communities we serve.

You can make a gift of any amount to AKU. Every gift helps. There are multiple ways for you to donate, appropriate to your interests and ability, as detailed in the following pages.



Investing in Students and Faculty

At the heart of AKU are faculty, staff and students who are committed to making the world a better place. Our goal is to attract and retain world-leading scholars and the brightest and most promising students.

Endowed Professorships

Endowed professorships are the highest honour that AKU bestows upon its most distinguished faculty. These professors provide leadership for priority academic subjects and attract world-class researchers, scholars and graduate students.

Donors who endow professorships are supporting the core academic mission of AKU, and their impact will last in perpetuity. Professorships may be created in the donor's own name or in the name of someone he or she wishes to honour. Professorships may be established in any of AKU's Colleges, Schools or Institutes.

Fellowships

Fellows are distinguished academics or new Ph.D. recipients who enrich teaching and research. They can be affiliated with any academic programme across the

University and are appointed for periods ranging from three months to a year. Fellowships can be supported with a permanent endowment or funded on a time-limited basis.

Scholarships and Student Awards

AKU is committed to providing the finest education to the most qualified students, regardless of their financial circumstances. 75% of our students receive financial aid or tuition remission. Need-based scholarships and student awards are amongst the University's highest priorities, as they help attract and support talented applicants from diverse communities. They also allow students to focus on their academic studies without being distracted by the fear of financial hardship and debt. Donors may create named endowed scholarships that will last in perpetuity, impacting countless lives, or support an individual student for the duration of their degree.



Advancing Research and Teaching

AKU is a leader in a wide range of academic fields. Donors can provide critical support to faculty across our Colleges, Schools and Institutes by funding cutting-edge and innovative research, or by providing resources for teaching support, research assistants, specialised

equipment, research-related travel, conferences and seminars, etc. Gifts may contribute to an immediate project, provide support over a period of years, or may establish permanently endowed funds that last in perpetuity.

Enriching the Student Experience

AKU provides an excellent education. Equally important is providing students with a well-rounded and personally enriching student experience. This is achieved by offering opportunities outside the classroom for students to enjoy on-campus social activities and clubs, and to participate in sports, athletics, student exchanges, internships

and travel. University life can also be stressful, with students experiencing diverse personal challenges. Student Health and Wellbeing is a top priority, and includes the provision of medical care, counselling, advisory services and related support.

Providing Excellent Facilities and Building for the Future

We provide outstanding facilities, attractive physical environments and state-of-the-art equipment for the entire University community. Our campuses inspire and support our faculty, staff, students and patients, and provide sanctuaries for teaching, research, student life and patient care. We invest in buildings to accommodate new programmes and growth. We also need to continuously

upgrade our facilities, campus landscaping and gardens, information technology and equipment, to ensure that we meet the needs of our diverse users and that AKU remains competitive. There are attractive naming and gift opportunities across all of these areas on all of our campuses.

Annual Funds and Medical Appeals

Supported by gifts from our alumni, current and former staff, faculty, patients and friends, our Annual Funds and Appeals programmes provide crucial support that allows the University to launch new initiatives, capitalise on

unexpected opportunities, enrich teaching and research and enhance medical care. With support from generous donors, our Patient Welfare Programme assists more than 700,000 low-income patients every year.



Ways to Give

Annual Gifts

Annual gifts or multi-year pledges of any amount, particularly unrestricted, provide vital and flexible support for University priorities. They may also be dedicated to a specific College, School, Institute or the University hospitals. Many alumni and friends designate their gifts for purposes or programmes that are particularly meaningful to them.

Expendable Gifts

One-off or multi-year expendable gifts may be allocated to any project or priority area of University activity.

Capital Gifts

Funds donated towards capital projects support the construction of new buildings, the renovation of existing facilities, information technology or the purchase of specialised equipment. There are many naming opportunities associated with capital gifts.

Planned Gifts

Planned gifts include bequests, life insurance policies, gifts from qualified retirement plans and gifts of property and other assets. They can provide a donor with considerable tax savings and the greatest flexibility for his or her giving. They also provide vital long-term support for the University.

Gifts Towards the Endowment

Donors may make unrestricted gifts of any size towards the endowment. The endowment ensures long-term financial security for the University by providing a reliable and permanent source of income from its investments. Named endowed funds may be created across diverse areas of activity at AKU. They will last in perpetuity and may be in the donor's own name or in the name of someone he or she may wish to honour.

Giving Opportunities

Faculty, Teaching and Research

Named Endowed Professorships	\$2 million–\$2.5 million+
Named Endowed Fellowships	\$500,000+
Named Endowed Academic and Research Centres	\$5 million+
Named Endowed Research Funds	\$100,000+

Scholarships and Student Awards

Named Endowed Funds providing partial or full tuition for one student	\$100,000–\$500,000+ (depending on academic programme)
Named Student Award providing partial or full tuition for one student	\$5,000+ (each year over 2–5 years)

The Student Experience

Named Endowed Funds for social activities, sports and athletics, travel and health and wellbeing	\$25,000+
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Campuses, Buildings and Facilities

New buildings and facilities	Gift opportunities at various levels
Renovations of existing facilities	Gift opportunities at various levels
Specialised equipment	Gift opportunities at various levels
Named Endowed Library Funds	\$50,000+

Annual Funds / Medical Appeals	Gifts of any amount
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University Endowment	Unrestricted gifts of any amount
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For more information, or if you wish to discuss an area of special interest, or flexible ways of donating, please contact:

All figures above are in USD.

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“Developing a new university into an effective and respected centre of learning demands a far greater span of commitment and time than can ever be available from one man’s views, one man’s resources, and the allotted years of one man’s life. In particular, if it is to become an institution whose excellence and longevity are assured, then it must be guaranteed the capability of meeting its future material requirements. Otherwise it will be merely like a passing comet, which illuminates the sky for a few seconds of eternity, and then is gone.”

—
His Highness the Aga Khan
Speech Inaugurating the Faculty of Health Sciences, 1985



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