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“... Our most important accomplishments are not measured by quantity, but by quality. It’s not so much that twelve thousand people were educated at AKU, but rather that one person was educated here – and that this individual life-transforming story has happened now some twelve thousand times.”

His Highness The Aga Khan
Chancellor
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Wherever on our extraordinarily diverse globe you are reading this, whatever your background or circumstances, I believe the Aga Khan University has something invaluable to offer you: an education that will expand your horizons, challenge your assumptions, equip you with new capacities, and prepare you for personal and professional success.

At AKU, students flourish in a supportive environment that fosters intellectual excellence, welcomes pluralism and encourages service to those in need. Admission to the University is based on merit, and financial assistance is available for qualifying students. Our internationally accredited academic programmes and teaching hospitals produce graduates who go on to study and work at renowned institutions in their home countries and abroad.

We believe, in the words of our Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan, that the key to social, economic and moral progress lies in "a spirit of openness to new expression and fresh insights." We work to attract the best and brightest regardless of faith, race, gender or geographic origin. Our classes encourage students to explore a wide range of perspectives, to apply theory to real-world problems and to develop their ideas through respectful discussion and debate. Students also benefit from AKU's numerous partnerships with leading universities and institutions, which afford them opportunities to connect with and learn from individuals around the world.

If you want to develop the tools to succeed in the global knowledge economy and to make a difference in the lives of your fellow citizens, I am sure you will find an AKU education uniquely exciting and enriching.

I hope to see you on one of our campuses soon.

Sulaiman Shahabuddin

President, The Aga Khan University

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST



AKU is a truly unique institution: A private, not-for-profit university, with campuses on three continents; undergraduate programmes in Nursing, Medicine, and Dental Hygiene; graduate programmes in Digital Journalism, Education, Nursing, Muslim culture, and Health Sciences; and postgraduate Medical Education programmes in Pakistan, Kenya, Tanzania, and Afghanistan.

We emphasize academic excellence in all that we do. Whether you choose to attend our programmes in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, or the United Kingdom, you will find our facilities, teaching, and overall learning environment, both stimulating and engaging.

With deep roots in educational history and culture, AKU is committed to encouraging personal and professional growth, developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as well as instilling a life-long love of learning. As the University's Provost and Vice President, Academic, I work closely with a diverse team of outstanding academic and non-academic leaders. We strive to create a supportive and challenging environment that prepares students to take on rewarding careers, in which they can engage as informed world citizens.

I invite you to explore the following pages to learn more about what we do and how you might become a part of the AKU family.

Carl Amrhein

Provost & Vice President, Academic



ABOUT AKU

The Aga Khan University is a pioneering, not-for-profit institution that works to improve quality of life in Asia and Africa, to contribute to the global quest for knowledge and to connect people across borders and boundaries of all kinds.

Founded in 1983 as Pakistan's first private university by its Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan, AKU is now one of the world's most international universities. In addition to Pakistan, it has programmes in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, the United Kingdom and Afghanistan, as well as partnerships with organizations in 20 countries. The University's 19,000 alumni – two-thirds of whom are women – can be found in leadership positions around the world.

In the words of its Chancellor, AKU's goal is to be "on the frontiers of scientific and humanistic knowledge, radiating intelligence and confidence, research and graduates, into flourishing economies and progressive legal and political systems."

AKU is known for its commitment to achieving international standards of excellence. In recent years, it has been ranked among the world's leading universities in several fields within the health sciences. Its hospitals and academic programmes have repeatedly been the first in their countries to meet the quality standards necessary for accreditation by international organizations. AKU's faculty includes award-winning researchers who are among the most influential in their fields globally.

The University offers an increasingly wide array of academic programmes. Applicants can select from more than a dozen undergraduate and graduate degrees in the health sciences, as well as approximately 70 residencies and fellowships. AKU also offers master's degrees in education, the study of Muslim civilisations, journalism and media leadership.

The University's newest academic entity is the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, which offers a wide-ranging undergraduate education in the social sciences, natural sciences and humanities. FAS students can major in Philosophy, Politics and Economics; Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Social Development Studies; or Human and Environmental Biology.

VISION

Aga Khan University will be an autonomous, international institution of distinction, primarily serving the developing world and Muslim societies in innovative and enduring ways.

VALUES

As an international institution, in achieving its Mission, Aga Khan University operates on the core principles of quality, relevance, impact and access.

Inspired by Islamic ethics, humanistic ideals and the philosophy of Aga Khan Development Network, the University is committed to building an environment that fosters intellectual freedom, distinction in scholarship, pluralism, compassion, and humanity's collective responsibility for a sustainable physical, social and cultural environment

MISSION

Aga Khan University is committed to the development of human capacities through the discovery and dissemination of knowledge, and application through service.

It seeks to prepare individuals for constructive and exemplary leadership roles, and shaping public and private policies, through strength in research and excellence in education, all dedicated to providing meaningful contributions to society.

To advance this Mission, AKU will:

- Offer programmes of international quality.
- Respond to identified needs in the countries and regions which it serves.
- Prioritise teaching and research which will inform and underpin intellectual innovation and change.
- Provide service to advance its educational and research mandate.
- Foster and develop leadership capacity through its education and research programmes.
- Assess its impact and effectiveness.
- Promote access and equity by taking positive measures to make the University inclusive of all socio-economic groups, addressing the particular needs and circumstances of the disadvantaged; promoting the welfare and advancement of women.
- Engage in knowledge networking and emerging technologies.
- Add value by promoting partnership and networking across the Aga Khan Development Network and with other national and international institutions.



WHY AKU?



A degree from the Aga Khan University will prepare you for a successful career and give you the opportunity to become leaders in your chosen field.

When you join us you will be a part of an international university where education transcends geographical boundaries and opens up a world of opportunities.

Our graduates are respected across the globe. They hold key positions in universities, hospitals, governments and non-government organisations.

The University is known for its quality in education, research, and the non-denominational, open merit-based admission policy; for our high quality faculty, dynamic learning environment and need-sensitive financial assistance policy.

Our student body is diverse and pluralistic, our alumni are global innovators and our faculty is renowned for both its ability to groom students to be trailblazers and for their pioneering work in the developing world.

In the countries in which we work, AKU is considered a leader in undergraduate and graduate level education.

AKU maintains partnerships with several world-renowned institutions including the University of Washington, the University of California, San Francisco, the University of Michigan and Johns Hopkins in USA; the universities of Alberta, Calgary, Simon Fraser, and British Columbia in Canada; the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in the UK; and the Catholic University of Portugal and NOVA University in Portugal.

PROGRAMMES OF STUDY

FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, PAKISTAN

Bachelor of Studies

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS, EAST AFRICA

Master of Arts in Digital Journalism

Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EAST AFRICA

Master of Education

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PAKISTAN

Doctor of Philosophy in Education

Master of Philosophy in Education

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF MUSLIM CIVILISATIONS, UK

Master of Arts in Muslim Cultures

MEDICAL COLLEGE, EAST AFRICA

Master of Medicine

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

MEDICAL COLLEGE, PAKISTAN

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences

- Biological Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Population and Public Health

Master of Philosophy in Biological and Biomedical Sciences

Master of Science in Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Master of Health Policy and Management

Master of Health Professions Education

Master of Science in Public Health

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, EAST AFRICA

Master of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing

Master of Science in Advanced Practice Midwifery

Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Post-RN/RM Bachelor of Science in Midwifery

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Direct-entry)

Diploma in General Nursing


SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, PAKISTAN

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences [Nursing]

Master of Science in Nursing

Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing



Our undergraduate programmes will prepare you to make meaningful contributions and improve the quality of life of those around you. You will learn to apply classroom theory and academic research to solve challenges in the developing world.

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, EAST AFRICA

www.aku.edu/sonamea



In response to the needs of the health sector in East Africa, the School of Nursing and Midwifery offers programmes to improve the quality of health care and to nurture professional nursing leadership in the region. The programmes ensure that health services are more responsive to the needs of the people. Through a dynamic model of professional education, the programmes build on the knowledge, skills and experience of nurses. An innovative curricular approach enables nurses to earn a degree while working.

Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Offered in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda

The Post-RN BScN programme is designed to give experienced registered nurses an opportunity to develop in-depth knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to provide holistic nursing care. The programme will enable its graduates to use the existing theories and research findings in the provision and promotion of health services, illness prevention and management of patients/clients in a variety of settings. It will further enable graduates to develop and integrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills into the practice of nursing.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Kenya

- Form IV level of education with a minimum aggregate score of C plain KCSE or Division II in KCE.
- Must be a holder of Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse (KRCHN) or Kenya Registered Nurse (KRN).
- A current registration and a valid practicing license.
- Must have a minimum of two (2) years of practice experience.

Tanzania

- Form IV level of education with aggregate score of Division IV in the Certificate of Secondary Education Examination.
- A minimum of 'D' grade in any five (5) non-religious subjects at O-Level.
- Diploma in Nursing with an average of "B" or a minimum GPA of 3.0 awarded by an institution accredited by the National Council for Technical Education (NACTE) or its equivalent.
- A certificate with Award Verification Number (AVN) as provided by National Council of Technical Education (NACTE).
- Current license and registration with either Tanzania or Zanzibar Nursing Council.
- A minimum of two years of experience in clinical care setting as a Registered Nurse with a midwifery / psychiatry qualification.

Uganda

Route A: EN-RN to Post-RN BScN

- Form IV level of education with a minimum aggregate of Division III in the Ordinary Certificate of Education with a "Credit" grade in the following mandatory subjects: English and Biology/Biological Sciences and a "Pass" grade in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics.
- Certificate of Registration in General Nursing (RN) with the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council.
- At least two years of working experience as a Registered Nurse.

Route B: RN to Post-RN BScN

- Form VI qualification with a Principal Pass in Biology/Biological Sciences in "A" Level.
- Certificate of Registration in General Nursing (RN) with the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council.
- At least two years of working experience as a Registered Nurse.

Post-RN/RM Bachelor of Science in Midwifery

Offered in Kenya and Uganda

The School's midwifery education honours the normalcy of women's lifecycle events, appropriate use of interventions and technology for current or potential health problems. Nursing and midwifery preparation believes in consultation, collaboration and referral with other members of the health care team as needed to provide optimal health care to women and their families. This programme prepares nurses to provide safe, competent, culturally responsive and quality care at all levels of the health care system with focus on reproductive, maternal, newborn and child health for the families and communities by integrating knowledge, skills and attitudes from humanistic, behavioural and natural sciences.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Kenya

Post-RN BScM

- The applicant must have attained a mean Grade of C plain at KCSE or Division II at KCE/EACE.
- Must be a holder of Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse (KRCHN) or Kenya Registered Nurse (KRN) and Kenya Registered Midwife (KRM) - (KRN and KRM) from a recognized training institution.
- Must be registered with the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) and hold a current practice license.
- Must have a minimum of two (2) years of practice experience.

Uganda

Post-RM BScM

Route A: EM/ECN to RM/RCN to Post-RM BScM

- Form IV education; "O" level, with a "Credit" in English and Biology or Biological Sciences, a "Pass" in Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics and a Division III minimum aggregate.
- Certificate of Registration issued by the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council.
- At least two years of working experience as a RM or RCN.

Route B: RM/RCN to Post-RM BScM

- "A" Level with a "Principal Pass" in Biology or Biological Sciences.
- You must have a Certificate of Registration issued by the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council.
- At least two years of working experience. Registered Midwives and Registered Comprehensive Nurses are encouraged to apply.

Tanzania

Post-RN BScM

- Form IV level of education with minimum aggregate of Division IV in the Certificate of Secondary School Education Examination.
- A minimum of 'D' grade in any five (5) non-religious subjects at O-Level.
- Diploma in Nursing and Midwifery with an average of "B" or a minimum GPA of 3.0 awarded by an Institution accredited by the National Council for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET) or its equivalent.
- A certificate with Award Verification Number (AVN) as provided by National Council of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (NACTVET).
- Current license and registration with either the Tanzania or Zanzibar Nursing and Midwifery Council.
- A minimum of two years of experience in a clinical setting as a registered nurse-midwife.
- Must be a registered nurse-midwife clinically attached to maternal and child health facilities during their education.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Direct-entry)

Offered in Kenya and Tanzania

The newly launched, four-year, direct-entry Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) programme aims to equip nursing students with the skills and competencies needed to function in areas such as patient-centered care, teamwork and interprofessional practice, evidence-based practice, quality improvement and use of informatics and technology to enhance the quality of care.

Upon completion of the programme, the graduates will be eligible to enter the nursing profession as intern nurses. After passing the mandatory licensure examination by the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK), they will be required to complete a one-year internship to qualify for the license to practice as professional nurses.

The programme offers merit- and needs-based financial assistance and scholarships. For details you can reach us using contact details provided below.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Kenya

1. Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) Form IV level of education: A minimum aggregate score of C+ (plus). In addition, candidate must meet the cluster grades as shown below:

Cluster A

English or Kiswahili: C+
Mathematics or physics: C+
Chemistry: C+
Biology C+

OR

Cluster B

English or Kiswahili: C+
Mathematics: C+
Physical Sciences: C+
Biological sciences: C+

2. A-Level certificate holders: A minimum of two principal passes in Biology and Chemistry with a subsidiary pass in Mathematics or Physics.

3. International Baccalaureate (IB) holders: Minimum of grade 4 in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics or Physics.

Tanzania

Three principal passes in Chemistry, Biology and either Physics or Advanced Mathematics or Nutrition with a minimum of 6 points. A minimum of 'C' grade in Chemistry, and 'D' grade in Biology and at least 'E' grade in Physics or Advanced Mathematics or Nutrition.

Diploma in General Nursing (EN-RN Conversion)

Offered in Uganda

The Diploma in General Nursing (EN-RN Conversion) Programme has been designed to provide nurses with an opportunity to upgrade their qualification for being able to acquire licence and practice as Registered Nurse.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Form IV level of education with a minimum aggregate of Division III in the Ordinary Certificate of Education.
- Pass in the following subjects: English, Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics and Biology.
- Certificate of Enrolment from the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council (for enrolment level).
- Certificate of Registration in Midwifery (RM) with the Uganda Nurses and Midwives Council (For registration level).
- At least two years of working experience.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, PAKISTAN

www.aku.edu/sonampk

Established in 1980, the School of Nursing and Midwifery in Pakistan is the founding academic entity of the University and has been a benchmark for nursing education in Pakistan. The school is committed to excellence in the fields of education, practice, research and administration.



Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Post-RN BScN is a two-year full-time programme. It offers qualified Registered Nurses, who have earned a nursing diploma, an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Graduates of this programme are currently working in leadership roles in the nursing practice and influencing the development of the nursing profession in various countries. Graduates of the programme will be able to provide leadership and influence the development of the nursing profession in the communities in which they live.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible, candidates should meet following requirements:

- Have obtained the Secondary School Certificate (SSC) (any group) or equivalent
- Have obtained the three-year RN Diploma
- Hold current/valid registration/license in their country of residence
- Have achieved at least a second division in the Provincial Nursing Board examination. Overseas applicants must submit evidence of successfully passing their national nursing registration / licensure examination
- Completed RM Diploma (*any post-basic specialty for male in lieu of midwifery*)
- All Registered Nurses holding a RN/RM must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Institution where RN/RM has been completed. The NOC must certify that the institution and/or affiliated hospital has no objection if the candidate pursues higher education at the Aga Khan University for the academic session 2023
- Candidates applying with foreign qualifications are required to submit 14 years of equivalence from Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC)

In line with Higher Education Commission (HEC) requirements, candidates should have completed the mandatory courses of English, Pakistan Studies and Islamic Studies/Ethics and Religion at BA/BSc level. Candidates must achieve a competitive score on the AKU-SONAM Admission Test. Students may be required to attend supplementary English classes/or Nursing Knowledge at the discretion of the Admission Committee.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Candidates are expected to demonstrate qualities of communication, leadership and a commitment to the nursing profession. Candidates must also have sufficient nursing knowledge and skills appropriate for study at the baccalaureate level. These qualities will be evaluated through the admission test, letters of reference and a personal interview with each candidate. As one of the first bachelor level nursing degree programmes offered in Pakistan, the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing programme consolidates the foundations of knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to prepare clinically competent professional nurses to provide holistic care to individuals, families and communities.

Graduates of the programme are eligible for licensure as Registered Nurses and earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BScN) degree.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In line with Pakistan Nursing Council (PNC), candidates may apply for the four-year BScN programme if their age is within 14 years to 35 years on January 1, 2024. Marital status is not a consideration.

Candidates applying to the BScN programmes should have completed the Higher Secondary Certificate (HSSC) in the pre-medical group with a minimum of 50% or equivalent. Candidates should have completed the Secondary School Certificate or equivalent in the science group with Biology, Chemistry and Physics as compulsory subjects.

Candidates with equivalent qualifications (in the British, American, Canadian or any other system of education in Pakistan and overseas) must submit equivalence certificates from the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). The equivalence must state that the qualification is equivalent to an overall aggregate of at least 50% HSSC pre-medical qualification in Pakistan. Applicants must note that applications will not be processed for final selection without required equivalence certificates.

Candidates who have completed two years in college or have an undergraduate or graduate degree are also required to have achieved a minimum aggregate of 50% or equivalent in their HSSC in the pre-medical group.



MEDICAL COLLEGE, EAST AFRICA

<http://www.aku.edu/mcea>



Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

The newly launched, six-year, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) degree programme is designed to prepare medical doctors who are well grounded with knowledge, competencies and skills in humanities, social sciences and medical sciences. The MBChB curriculum provides a general professional education and fosters students' ability to learn through problem-based learning and self-directed, independent study. It is based on the principles of adult learning and incorporates concepts of best evidence in medical education.

The graduates of the programme will be capable of managing health problems and related issues at different levels of health systems through collaborative, innovative and strategic approaches that advance the well-being of individuals and communities.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) holders: Minimum university admission requirement is C+. Additionally, applicants should possess an aggregate grade of B plain in the following cluster of subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Mathematics; and English or Kiswahili. **OR**

Advanced level certificate holders: A minimum of 2 principal passes in Biology, Chemistry, and a subsidiary pass in either Mathematics or Physics. **OR**

International Baccalaureate (IB): Grade 5 and above in IB. **OR**

Diploma in Medical Sciences: A minimum "O" level division II Pass or C+ (plus) Mean grade and credit pass C+ in the cluster subjects in KCSE in addition to a three-year diploma with a minimum of a credit pass from a medical training institution recognized by the Medical Practitioners and Dentists Board. **OR**

Holders of an undergraduate degree or equivalent qualifications from a recognized University.

MEDICAL COLLEGE, PAKISTAN

www.aku.edu/mcpk



The Medical College, established in 1983, attaches great emphasis to the professional, personal and intellectual development of its students in order to ensure that graduates become contributory members and leaders of society. Programmes are tailored to international standards in curriculum, student engagement and assessment, and aim to develop clinical competence in community settings and hospitals, as well as the assessment of health and prevention of disease in communities through primary health care programmes.

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery

The Medical College offers a five-year Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) programme. The programme is open to all academically qualified candidates without consideration to gender, religion, race, creed, colour or domicile. Students from anywhere in Pakistan and overseas may apply. There are no quotas, reserved seats or admissions against donations. Merit-based admissions are open to candidates from around the world.

Under University's core principles of quality, relevance, impact and access, the Programme prepares students to lead change in their societies and to thrive in the global economy. Our merit-based, transparent admissions process and needs-sensitive financial assistance programme attempt to ensure that a diversity of high calibre students are able to attend the programmes at AKU.

The curriculum uses multiple modes of learning with an emphasis on problem-based learning and early clinical contact and a gradual shift in focus to patient-based learning using best evidence practice in later years. Students have opportunities to work in clinical teams at Aga Khan University Hospital, as well as in the national and community-oriented health services operating in urban and rural populations.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The programme has no preference for any particular type of preparation and qualification. Candidates prepared in Urdu or English-medium institutions, in Pakistan or overseas, who have successfully completed or are completing their HSSC/graduate/postgraduate education in Summer 2023 and meet the eligibility criteria may apply. Candidates must present qualifications that are appropriate to the system of education in which they have been prepared. The University will evaluate applications on the basis of the candidate's achievements in the most current academic qualification.

Candidates from Pakistan and overseas who have pursued diverse curricula and present different qualifications are evaluated in comparison with others presenting the same or similar qualifications. During evaluation, no attempt is made to relate achievements in diverse educational systems to a numerical equivalent of the qualification in Pakistan.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

Pakistani System of Education

Pre-medical Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) with a minimum aggregate of 70%.

O-Level and Pakistani HSSC System of Education

- Satisfactorily completed Ordinary Level (O-Level) with at least six subjects including English, biology, chemistry and physics.
- Pre-medical Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) with a minimum aggregate of 70%

British or Equivalent Advanced Level Certificates of Education

- Satisfactorily completed Ordinary Level (O-Level) with at least six subjects including English, biology, chemistry and physics.
- Advanced Level (A-Level) with at least a "B grade" in biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics.

The SAT II, Advance Placements, IBCC equivalence or conversion of grades into percentage will not be accepted as a substitute for the Advanced Level grades. Advanced Subsidiary Level grades are not acceptable in lieu of Advanced Level grade.

American and Canadian High School Diploma

High School (Grade 9-12) with a minimum CGPA of 3.25 (on a 4-point scale); or 85% overall average; or an average 'B' grade as assessed by the home institution.

Candidates must have studied biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics at high school level (from grade 9 through 12).

Indigenous Higher Secondary School Certificates of Education

Candidates having studied in systems of education not mentioned in the earlier sections will be considered only if they provide evidence of satisfactory completion of a Higher Secondary School Certificate of Education / equivalent with at least 70% achievement or equivalent. Equivalence from the IBCC stating that the qualifications are equivalent to the high school qualifications in Pakistan will be required. Candidates should have studied biology, chemistry; and physics/ mathematics in their Higher Secondary School Certificate/equivalent.

Undergraduates, Graduates and Postgraduates

Cumulative grade "B" or a minimum CGPA of 3.0 on a 4-point scale or have achieved at least 70% marks or equivalent, as assessed by their home institution in their degree examination, may apply. Candidates who are in the process of completing their degree in the Summer of 2023 may also apply, provided the final examination results/transcripts are available by the AKU submission deadlines.

In addition, all eligible candidates must have at least 70% or equivalent in their Higher Secondary School Certificate examination. It will be necessary for candidates to have read biology, chemistry and either physics or mathematics as mandatory subjects at the Higher Secondary School level.

International Baccalaureate Diploma

Completed the International Baccalaureate (IB) with a minimum overall achievement of 32 points. Candidates should have studied biology and chemistry; and physics or mathematics at either the higher or the standard / subsidiary level.

NOTE

Candidates following systems of education other than Pakistani Higher Secondary Certificate (HSSC) must obtain an equivalence certificate from the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC). This equivalence certificate must state that their high school qualification is equivalent to the HSSC qualification in Pakistan with a minimum aggregate achievement of 70%.

Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene

The Associate of Science in Dental Hygiene is a two-year degree programme recognised by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Pakistan. This field of study is well-established in developed countries and is gaining much momentum in developing countries, particularly considering the high rates of oral diseases.

The programme includes courses in liberal arts (English, sociology and psychology, leadership and management); basic sciences (anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, immunology, microbiology and pathology); and clinical sciences (dental hygiene, radiology, community health and dental materials).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The minimum entry requirement is to have Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) in pre-medical subjects i.e., biology, chemistry and physics with minimum aggregate of 50% or equivalent.

All candidates, local and foreign, who have certificates of education other than the Pakistani Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC), may apply provisionally.

For admission to be confirmed, an equivalence certificate from the Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) is required. The equivalence certificate must state that the candidate's qualification is equivalent to an overall aggregate of at least 50% HSSC pre-medical qualification in Pakistan.



FACULTY OF ARTS AND SCIENCES, PAKISTAN

<https://www.aku.edu/faspk>

The Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) aims to develop young people to become future leaders through a transformative education that is endlessly challenging, stimulating and mind-opening – one that prepares graduates for innovative thought and consequential action.



Bachelor of Studies

The Bachelor of Studies programme offered at the AKU's Faculty of Arts and Sciences (FAS) is a transformative programme with a deeply integrated and holistic academic structure defined through four principal components that balance disciplinary knowledge with an inspiring general education anchored in practical learning. The components are Core Curriculum; Interdisciplinary Majors; Senior Thesis; and Experiential Learning.

Guided by FAS' academic advisors, students select their major by the end of their second year and spend most of their third- and fourth years taking courses within it. Each major comprises a minimum of 39 credits. The four majors are:

- Asian and Middle Eastern Studies
- Social Development Studies
- Philosophy, Politics, and Economics
- Human and Environmental Biology

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates following any system of education may apply to the programme if they meet the eligibility requirements. There are no specific subject requirements. You can find details of eligibility requirements [here](#).



If you are passionate about making a difference in the lives of those that need it most, AKU's graduate programmes offer you a platform to turn your ideas into reality. Our graduate research programmes specialise in solving the challenges of the developing world. Our students become resilient leaders helping communities to improve their quality of life.

GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, EAST AFRICA

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In response to the needs of the health sector in East Africa, the School of Nursing and Midwifery offers programmes to improve the quality of health care and to nurture professional nursing leadership in the region. The programmes ensure that health services are more responsive to the needs of the people.



Master of Science in Advanced Practice Nursing

Offered in Kenya

The MSc in Advanced Practice Nursing (MSc-APN) is a work-study programme allowing candidates the opportunity of completing this two-year programme while they continue to work. The programme is designed to prepare advanced practice nurses who will develop innovative, practical solutions to complex health problems from a scientific perspective. Upon graduation, it is expected that graduates will become leaders with decision-making skills in the areas of advanced clinical practice and nursing education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Relevant academic bachelor's degree holders:
 - Upper second-class honours or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00; OR
 - Lower second-class honours or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 on a scale of 4.00 with additional relevant training, evidence of research capability through either research, paper presentations or peer reviewed publications and relevant working experience.
- Must be registered with the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) and hold a current practice license.
- Must have a minimum of two (2) years of practice experience post undergraduate programme.

Master of Science in Advanced Practice Midwifery

Offered in Kenya

The MSc in Advanced Practice Midwifery (MSc-APM) is a two-year programme to prepare advanced practice midwives who will develop innovative, practical solutions to complex health problems from a scientific perspective. Upon graduation, it is expected that graduates will become leaders with decision-making skills in the areas of advanced clinical practice and midwifery education. As advanced midwifery practitioners, they will be able to provide care in an independent capacity in a number of settings for various patients' populations. The Programme will also provide midwives, the necessary skills to conduct research that will contribute to the body of knowledge defining the discipline of midwifery.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Relevant academic bachelor's degree holders:
 - Upper second-class honours or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 on a scale of 4.00; OR
 - Lower second-class honours or a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 on a scale of 4.00 with additional relevant training, evidence of research capability through either research, paper presentations or peer reviewed publications and relevant working experience.
- Must be registered with the Nursing Council of Kenya (NCK) and hold a current practice license.
- Must have a minimum of two (2) years of practice experience post undergraduate programme.



CHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY, PAKISTAN

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The School of Nursing and Midwifery, Pakistan offers PhD in Health Sciences with a Nursing specialisation and a Master of Science in Nursing with two specialisations: Clinical and Education.

Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences

Nursing Specialisation

The focus of this programme is to provide the candidates with a rigorous training in research that is offered through coursework and mentorship with the aim of developing clinical scholars and faculty members capable of scientific inquiry for innovative practice and knowledge development for human health caring.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must have 18 years of education including a MS/MPhil or equivalent degree based on a minimum of 30 credits after 16 years of education. A minimum CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0 in the Semester System) or First Division-75% (Annual System) in MS/MPhil/FCPS/FRCP/equivalent degree is required.



Master of Science in Nursing

The School of Nursing and Midwifery offers a Master of Science in Nursing programme with options for full-time and part-time study. The duration is two years for full-time students and five years for part-time students. The programme prepares nurses to take on leadership roles in their profession in areas of education, administration, research and clinical practice.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

For candidates who have completed 16 years of education, eligibility criteria include:

Route I

- Secondary School Certificate (SSC) (science group) or equivalent.
- Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) (pre-medical) or equivalent.
- Four-year BScN degree and transcript attested from Higher Education Commission, Pakistan (HEC).
- Minimum 2 years of clinical experience as RN by November 1, 2023 including one-year Internship in a hospital.
- Valid registration with the Pakistan Nursing Council or equivalent.

Route II

- Secondary School Certificate (any group).
- Three-year General Nursing Diploma (RN).
- One-year midwifery diploma (RM) or post-basic speciality for male nurses in lieu of midwifery.
- Two-year Post-RN BScN degree with a minimum of 60 credits.
- Completion of three compulsory courses: English, Islamic Studies / Ethics and Pakistan Studies at BA/BSc level, as required to HEC.
- Two-years' Post-RN BScN degree attested from Higher Education Commission, Pakistan (HEC) with a minimum of 60 credit hours.
- Minimum two-years of experience as RN by November 1, 2023 [One-year before Post-RN BScN and One-year experience as RN after Post-RN BScN (clinical include inpatient and outpatient in primary and tertiary care, as well as teaching and research)].
- Valid Registration with Pakistan Nursing Council or equivalent.
- Higher Education Commission, Pakistan (HEC) equivalence of 16 years in relevant field for candidates applying with Post-RN BScN or foreign degree.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, EAST AFRICA

www.aku.edu/iedea

With its cutting edge, regionally relevant research and leading academic staff, The Institute for Educational Development strives to improve the quality of education in East Africa by offering graduate degrees in education as full-time and part-time; tailored professional development courses; educational interventions and influence educational policies by working with communities and other stakeholders.



Master of Education

FULL-TIME PROGRAMME

The 18-month full-time Master of Education is an intensive graduate programme for experienced teachers, teacher trainers, principals, and other professionals related to the field of education. The programme provides a clear theoretical framework and principles that support quality professional practice, equipping programme participants to become exemplary teachers and educational leaders in a variety of contexts.

SPECIALISATION

- Early Childhood Development
- Primary Education
- Secondary Education
- Tertiary Education

PART-TIME PROGRAMME

The part-time programme is for experienced teachers, teacher trainers, principals and other professionals linked to the field of education. The programme has a duration of 3-5 years allowing flexibility to the participants.

SPECIALISATION

- Educational Leadership and Management
- Early Childhood Care and Education
- Language and Literacy in Education
- Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation
- Science in Education
- Mathematics in Education

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Full-time Programme

- An undergraduate degree, with at least lower second-class (or equivalent) from a recognized University.
- Minimum five years of working experience (if from Kenyan Public Sector).
- English skills sufficient to access a graduate level course.
- Ability to demonstrate strong reasoning and reflective skills.
- Submit a personal statement.

Part-time Programme

- An undergraduate degree, with at least lower second-class (or equivalent) from a recognized University.
- Minimum two years of teaching/equivalent educational experience.
- English skills sufficient to access a graduate level course.
- Ability to demonstrate strong reasoning and reflective skills.
- Ability to demonstrate a clear motivation for graduate level study.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PAKISTAN

www.aku.edu/iedpk

The Institute for Educational Development develops teachers, educators, education managers, researchers and policymakers as exemplary leaders to improve the quality of education; generate knowledge to transform educational practices and policies; and implement innovative and contextually relevant school improvement models in the under-served and hard-to-access areas.



Doctor of Philosophy in Education

The acute educational problems facing Pakistan need researchers who can ask critical questions, design innovative methods of inquiry to find answers and convert those answers into usable knowledge for scholars, education practitioners and policy makers. Our PhD in Education is designed for professionals who aspire to play such a role in improving the quality of education in Pakistan and other developing context by critiquing established ideas and generating indigenous knowledge.

The PhD in Education will develop your understanding of educational problems and research needs in the developing world. It will provide you the skills and knowledge required for leadership roles within research and education.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates who have at least two-years of full-time teaching / research / leadership / educational development experience and have 18 years of qualification in "Education" including a MS / MPhil or equivalent degree with the course and research work based on a minimum of 30 credits after 16 years of an undergraduate degree. A minimum CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0 in the Semester System) or First Division – 75% (in the Annual System) in MPhil / MS in Education / Equivalent degree is required.

Master of Philosophy in Education

The two-year Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Education degree enables you to develop the knowledge and skills needed to inquire critical educational issues, find new methods of inquiry and produce usable knowledge for education practitioners and policy makers. It helps you develop as educational leaders and scholars empowered to respond to the burning issues of curriculum and educational reforms across the globe with a special focus on developing countries.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Those with 16-years of qualification in Education or any discipline with minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on scale of 4.0 (semester system) or 65% score (annual examination system) are eligible to apply.
- Minimum two years of working experience is required.
- Candidates applying with degree in areas other than Education shall be required to complete deficiency courses of minimum 18 credit hours at the University before the commencement of MPhil in Education programme. For details [click here](#).

MEDICAL COLLEGE, EAST AFRICA

<http://www.aku.edu/mcea>



Master of Medicine

The Aga Khan University's Medical College in East Africa offers Postgraduate Medical Education programmes in a number of disciplines at the Aga Khan University Hospital in Nairobi, Kenya and the Aga Khan Hospital in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. These programmes lead to a Master of Medicine (MMed) degree.

SPECIALISATIONS

Kenya

- Anaesthesiology
- Anatomic Pathology
- Clinical Pathology
- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Imaging and Diagnostic Radiology
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Paediatrics and Child Health

Tanzania

- Family Medicine
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology
- Paediatrics and Child Health

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- An MBChB degree or equivalent medical qualification that is acceptable to the Aga Khan University and the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dentists Council (KMPDC) or the Medical Council of Tanganyika (MCT).
- Candidates must be registered or be eligible for registration with the KMPDC or MCT and must have completed one year of internship.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Internship Programme is a one-year training programme comprising rotations in specialty areas of medicine and surgery and meeting the requirements of the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dental Council. The programme provides structured education and exposure to a full range of clinical experience with excellent diagnostic and inpatient facilities.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Fellowship programmes provide graduates of the Master of Medicine programme (or their equivalent) the opportunity to sub-specialise in specific areas of practice. In Kenya, fellowship training is recognised by the Kenya Medical Practitioners and Dental Board. The AKU fellowships provide an opportunity for elective experience with our international partners and opportunity to link fellowship training with advanced training in research or education. Fellowships in development include neonatology, critical care, oncology, and nephrology. Current fellowship programmes offered are:

- Cardiology (three-year programme)
- Paediatric Neonatology (two-year programme)
- Nuclear Medicine (two-year programme)
- Medical Oncology (three-year programme)
- Oncopathology (two-year programme)
- Infectious Diseases (two-year programme)
- Neonatology (two-year programme)
- Neurology (three-year programme)
- Clinical Hematology (three-year programme)

The Aga Khan University Hospital, Nairobi provides an outstanding environment for fellowship training with excellent diagnostic facilities and a full range of clinical experiences. Graduates of our fellowship programmes will have excellent opportunities for career paths within university settings or private practice. Fellows are compensated during their training, providing valuable clinical service and contributing to teaching and research.

MEDICAL COLLEGE, PAKISTAN

www.aku.edu/mcpk

Graduate programmes are designed for professionals and basic scientists who have research interests in disease aetiology and in the management of health care delivery systems respectively, pertinent to Pakistan and the developing countries. They feature continuous evaluation systems based on students' presentations, formal assessments of course work, examinations and defense of the thesis/dissertation to the needs of the people.



Doctor of Philosophy in Health Sciences

The PhD programme in the Faculty of Health Sciences is central to its mission of producing research-based knowledge that is relevant to the developing world and which will have impact. The PhD is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary programme with broad areas of study. The Higher Education Commission, Pakistan, accredits the programme. The programme offers following three specialisations:

- Biological Sciences
- Clinical Sciences
- Population and Public Health

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must have 18 years of education including a MS/MPhil or equivalent degree in relevant field based on a minimum of 30 credits after 16 years of education. A minimum CGPA 3.0 (out of 4.0 in the Semester System) or First Division – 75% (in the Annual System) in MS / MPhil / FCPS / FRCP / equivalent degree is required.

Master of Philosophy in Biological and Biomedical Sciences

The MPhil in Biological and Biomedical Sciences programme is designed to produce competent, confident and productive biomedical scientists with broad-based integrated concepts of basic health sciences, who can continue their passion for research and learning onto PhD training or have a successful career in academia and industry straightaway. It is an interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary programme with four specialities/streams:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Biochemistry
- Pharmacology

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates must have at least 16 years of undergraduate education / 4 years of education (124 credit hours) after HSSC or equivalent in Health Sciences with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 or 60% equivalent in percentage.

Master of Science in Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Health professionals are trained to have an in-depth knowledge of epidemiology and biostatistics and their application in analysing the major public health issues in Pakistan, and developing countries, with a focused approach to regional problems and needs.

CLINICAL RESEARCH TRACK

The programme also offers a specialised Clinical Research Track that is designed for academicians and clinical researchers from medical and allied health fields. Students on the Clinical Research Track undertake track-specific courses.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates who have at least one year of full-time work experience after graduation in a health-related field at the time of application (voluntary work, part-time or unpaid internship is not included) and hold at least one of the following degrees are eligible to apply:

- Sixteen-year undergraduate degree from an accredited / recognised university in Sciences / Health Sciences including bachelor's degree such as MBBS, BDS, BScN, DVM, B Pharm (or equivalent).

Please note:

- *Candidates with clinical experience, especially young faculty in research track positions in clinical departments are also eligible.*
- *Residents and fellows who are completing their training programme this year are encouraged to apply.*

Master of Health Policy and Management

Professionals are trained in strategic and operational planning, policy analysis, institutional management and in health systems research and development. The programme has received accreditation from the Pakistan Medical Commission as a Type II-B which is the most advanced level of master's degree in Pakistan.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates who have at least one year of full-time work experience after graduation, in a health-related field or social sector at the time of application (voluntary work, part-time or unpaid internship is not included) and hold at least one of the following degrees are eligible to apply:

- Sixteen years of schooling or 4-year education (124-136 credit hours) after HSSC/FA/FSc/Grade 12 equivalent" from an accredited/recognized university in sciences / health sciences / social sciences* / psychology / mathematics / statistics / business management* / including but not limited to a BSc (biology, biological sciences, physics, physical sciences), DPT, MBBS, BDS, BScN, DVM, D. Pharm, B Pharm (or equivalent).

* **Social Sciences:** *Economics / political science / public administration / psychology including clinical, industrial, developmental psychology / sociology / social work / rural development studies / demography and population studies / behavioral sciences / women & gender studies / journalism / mass communication / media studies / rural or urban studies / women studies.*

* **Business Management:** *Business administration studies / organization science / operations research & supply chain / marketing / administrative sciences / management information systems*

Master of Health Professions Education

The goal of the MHPE programme is to develop excellent teachers, innovators and researchers as well as leaders in health professions education. Graduates from this programme are able to use best evidence medical education to make informed decisions for improving the standards of undergraduate, postgraduate and continuing health professions education (medical, dental, nursing and allied health) in Pakistan and abroad.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- The MHPE programme is open to health professionals holding a minimum of a four-year undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline. For international candidates, this should be an MD degree with or without specialty or residency and board certification (or equivalent)
- At least two-years of full-time certified teaching experience in an educational institution is required. (*Residency / postgraduate training will be considered equivalent to teaching experience*)

Please note: The candidate must be attached with an academic institution with a teaching responsibility at the time of submission of application.



Master of Science in Public Health

The two-year, Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) programme aims to address the ever-evolving need for trained public health professionals in Lower Middle Income Countries (LMICs) of the region, especially Pakistan. With a large health systems workforce required in the public and private sectors as well as academia, it is expected that a high-quality innovative curriculum will develop public health leaders to manage and find solutions to the plethora of health problems the population of Pakistan and countries in the region face. The programme is recognised by Higher Education Commission (HEC) in Pakistan.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates who have at least one year of full-time work experience after graduation in a health-related field at the time of application (voluntary work, part-time or unpaid internship is not included) and hold at least one of the following degrees are eligible to apply:

Sixteen-year undergraduate degree from an accredited / recognised university in Sciences / Health Sciences including bachelor's degree such as BSPH, MBBS, BDS, BScN, DVM, D Pharm, BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics (or equivalent).

Postgraduate Medical Education Programmes

Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) Programmes at AKU strive to instil critical thinking and analysis into its graduates to promote evidence-based health care and research abiding by the principles of ethics and professionalism. Each programme is carefully structured to produce skilled technologists and to facilitate a process of broad professional and personal development.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

The Internship Programme is a one-year training programme comprising of six months in Medicine and Allied specialties and six months in Surgery and Allied specialties. The programme aims to provide quality exposure to each intern in the fields of medicine and surgery. The interns improve professional knowledge and acquire adequate hands-on experience and skills so that they become functional members of their teams which form the basic working and learning unit.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- MBBS or equivalent degree approved by PMC with 55 per cent and above marks in the final examination.

RECOGNITION OF THE PROGRAMME

The programme is recognised by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Pakistan and the Pakistan Medical Commission. Recognition by universities in USA and UK is dependent on internal verification.

RESIDENCY PROGRAMME

One of the missions of Aga Khan University is to promote strong academic and clinical training for physicians to meet the educational and health needs of Pakistan. With its commitment to postgraduate clinical medical education, the first residency programme began in November 1986. There are now established programmes in the following specialisations:

- Adult Cardiology
- Anaesthesiology & Intensive Care
- Cardiac Surgery
- Clinical Haematology
- Community Medicine
- Dermatology
- Diagnostic Radiology
- Emergency Medicine
- Family Medicine
- Gastroenterology
- General Surgery
- Internal Medicine
- Medical Oncology
- Nephrology
- Neurology
- Neurosurgery
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Operative Dentistry
- Ophthalmology
- Orthodontics
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery
- Paediatric Surgery
- Paediatrics & Child Health
- Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
- Plastic Surgery
- Prosthodontics
- Psychiatry
- Pulmonary Medicine
- Radiation Oncology
- Urology

All current Postgraduate Clinical Training Programmes of Aga Khan University are recognised for FCPS Examination by the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Pakistan (CPSP). In addition, Family Medicine, General Surgery, Internal Medicine, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Paediatrics programmes are approved by one or more Royal Colleges in the UK.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (GENERIC)

- MBBS or equivalent degree approved by Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC).
- Permanent registration from PMC.
- FCPS Part I from College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP) or equivalent.

Specific criteria differ from specialisation to specialisation.

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

The Fellowship Programme builds on the strengths of the residency programmes. AKU recognised the need for trained sub-specialists in the country and undertook to develop educational programmes to fulfil this need. In many cases, these programmes are the only training programmes of their kind in the country – providing training to the highest level in each sub-specialty.

Currently the University offers Fellowship Programmes in the following clinical specialties:

- Arthroplasty
- Adult Infectious Disease
- Body Imaging
- Breast Surgery
- Cardiothoracic Anaesthesiology
- Cardiac Imaging
- Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
- Clinical-Cardiac-Electrophysiology
- Clinical Neuro-Physiology & Electro-Diagnostic Medicine
- Critical Care Medicine (Anaesthesiology)
- Critical Care Medicine (Medicine)
- Diabetes, Endocrinology & Metabolism
- Diagnostic Neuro-Imaging
- Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)
- Feto-Maternal Medicine
- Surgical Oncology
- General Surgery & Trauma
- Gynae-Oncology
- Head & Neck Surgery
- Hospital Medicine
- Interventional Cardiology
- Interventional Radiology
- Neonatal Paediatrics
- Neuro-Vascular (Stroke)
- Obstetrics Anaesthesia
- Paediatric Cardiology
- Paediatric Critical Care Medicine
- Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Endocrinology
- Paediatric Haematology/Oncology
- Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- Paediatric Neurology
- Paediatric Neuro-Oncology
- Palliative Medicine
- Pain Management
- Peripheral Vascular Surgery
- Surgical Neuro-Oncology
- Uro-Gynaecology & Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery
- Women Imaging

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Generic eligibility criteria include:

- MBBS or equivalent degree approved by Pakistan Medical Commission (PMC)
- Permanent registration from PMC
- FCPS Part I from College of Physicians & Surgeons Pakistan (CPSP) or equivalent

Specific eligibility criteria differ from specialisation to specialisation.

ACCREDITATION

Many of the programmes are recognised by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Pakistan. For some sub-specialties the College has not yet developed a formal structure. Hence it cannot provide accreditation for these. However, the need for such specialists is there. Therefore, the fellowship programmes have been put in place.

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Fellowship programmes build on the strengths of the residency programmes and aim to provide focused and in-depth training in a sub-specialty. They differ from residency programmes in terms of the depth and extent of training provided in a field recognised internationally as a sub-specialty. A graduate of a fellowship programme has a thorough grounding in the theoretical basis as well as the requisite knowledge and skill to undertake independent practice as a specialist.

STRUCTURE OF THE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

In general, the fellowship programmes provide training using rigorous standards similar to those used in the residency programmes. In view of the seniority and experience of the fellows their responsibilities, work and duties reflect this and capitalise on their expertise. Many programmes emphasise research as well.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

www.aku.edu/gsmc

At the Graduate School of Media and Communications (GSMC), we understand the new media landscape where the world is rapidly changing, communication is at our fingertips and new technology is integrated into daily life like never before. GSMC's courses are flexible and dynamic. They have been developed to equip students with the best in cutting-edge technology and practice and to benefit participants at every stage of their career.



Master of Arts in Digital Journalism

The Masters of Arts in Digital Journalism programme is a full-time, two-year graduate programme that combines real-life practice with academic rigour to position early and mid-career journalists as leaders in their field. The programme enables journalists to develop knowledge, skills and professional qualities for success at the highest levels of their profession and gives them an opportunity to work with world-renowned journalists and scholars as they blend practice, critical thinking and theory in their coursework.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A four-year undergraduate degree from an accredited / recognized university with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 (on a four-point scale) or its equivalent. Additionally, a minimum of two years of professional experience in journalism or a related field. **OR**
- A four-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) from an accredited/recognized university with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 or its equivalent will be considered, provided the candidate has a minimum of four years of professional experience in journalism or a related field.

Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation

The Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation aims to improve media viability by strengthening leadership and promoting innovative solutions to the media's current and future problems. The programme is designed to develop media leaders, who can think broadly about their organisation's future and find innovative and sustainable solutions. Accordingly, the 24-month MBA style programme will develop participants' leadership skills to advance and convey vision and strategy, foster innovation and entrepreneurial skills to commence new businesses or transform firms in response to changing market needs.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A four-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) in media, communication, business or cognate discipline/s from an accredited / recognised university with a minimum CGPA of 3.00 (on a four-point scale). Additionally, a minimum of five years of professional experience in a related field is required.

OR

A four-year undergraduate degree (or equivalent) from an accredited university with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 will be considered provided the candidate has a minimum of seven years of proven experience in media or a related field.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF MUSLIM CIVILISATIONS, UK

www.aku.edu/ismc

Established in 2002, the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations addresses fundamental challenges of the human condition as they are expressed across the diverse societies of the Muslim world and their Diasporas. Offering an interdisciplinary Master of Arts in Muslim Cultures programme that attracts scholars and students from around the world to its London campus, ISMC explores the diverse histories of Muslim societies, as well as new paths and possibilities in a time of change, challenge and opportunity.



Master of Arts in Muslim Cultures

The programme at AKU-ISMC provides expert insight and understanding of Muslim cultures and civilisations, both contemporaneously and historically. Our programme develops the skills to engage critically with challenges facing Muslim societies. Our teaching is student-centred and our academics seek to enhance student learning through a diverse approach that applies a framework of world cultures, humanities and social sciences to Muslim contexts. The programme can be studied on a part-time basis and must be completed within 6 years. Only applicants who already hold the right to study in the UK can be considered for part-time study.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- An undergraduate degree (equivalent to a UK bachelor's degree), from a university accredited/recognised by UK NARIC, preferably in the humanities or social sciences.
- English Proficiency Requirement
 - IELTS for UKVI (Academic) - Overall band score: 6.5 (with a minimum of 5.5 in all four components). The IELTS for UKVI (Academic) Test can be booked online at <https://ieltsukvisas.britishcouncil.org>.
 - In accordance with UK visa rules, the Institute exempts candidates from the IELTS for UKVI test, if they have completed their undergraduate studies in a majority English-speaking country: Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, the Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, New Zealand, St Kitts and Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Such candidates will be required to submit a UK NARIC Statement of Comparability, which can be obtained by going to the UKNARIC website (www.naric.org.uk).

AKU-ISMC / Columbia University Dual Degree Partnership

This Dual Degree Partnership with Columbia University's Middle East Institute brings together two of the world's leading institutions for the study of Muslim cultures and civilisations, enabling exciting academic exchange between both institutions' faculty and providing an opportunity for students to learn from some of the world's leading scholars in their fields. The vision is to create an Islamic Studies degree for the 21st Century. The Dual Degree pathway is approximately a 2 and a half-year commitment. Students will spend Part 1 of the programme at Columbia University in the City of New York and Part 2 at AKU-ISMC in London, and receive separate degrees from both institutions. Graduates will be well placed to pursue PhD at leading universities or careers in international development, journalism, cultural preservation, public service, and human rights.

INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

www.aku.edu/ihd



Understanding and supporting the development of people in the day-to-day contexts in which they live and experience their multiple worlds are fundamental to any society's hope of attaining a high quality of life and well-being for its citizens. The Institute for Human Development is dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge with direct relevance for policies, programmes, and practices that enhance life experiences at all stages of human development. In its foundational years, the Institute seeks particularly to become a major instrumental agent, locally as well as globally, for advancing knowledge about the earliest years of children's development and harnessing such knowledge for the purposes of shaping policies and interventions that ensure a strong start in life for all children wherever they may live.

VISION

To build capacity and drive innovation in research and higher education to produce and disseminate new knowledge of human development that advances the quality of individual lives and contributes to the building of successful pluralistic societies, with a particular focus on children, families, and communities within resource-poor regions of the world.

MISSION

The Institute for Human Development will generate new knowledge through basic and applied research; apply the knowledge gained through research to inform programmes, services, and practices within community settings; influence policy formulation and implementation in ways that reap the benefits of the systematic research produced at the institute and elsewhere; and deliver educational programmes at multiples levels of study to prepare a wide range of human development specialists and professionals.



UNIVERSITY SERVICES

FINANCE AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding

Admission to any of the academic programmes at Aga Khan University is entirely based on merit. Our application process evaluates prospective students on a needs-blind basis, so no student is denied admission based on his or her financial situation. Upon acceptance into one of our academic programmes, student can apply for financial assistance.

FEE SCHEDULE

To find the current fee schedules [click here](#).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME – PAKISTAN

Through financial assistance programme, the University extends financial support, to the extent possible, to students who secure admission to University programmes but are not able to pay tuition and other fees. It is expected that every student will contribute, to some extent, towards the cost of education. For further details, please write to Student Financial Counselling and Assistance Office at student.fa@aku.edu.

Currently, Financial Assistance is awarded in the form of a combination of grant-in-aid and student loan for the following programmes offered in Pakistan.

Academic Programme	Financial Assistance Offered
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery	Grant-in-Aid and Student Loan
Bachelor of Studies (FAS)	Grant-in-Aid and Student Loan
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Financial Assistance, Sponsorship & Scholarships
Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Financial Assistance and Sponsorship
Master of Science in Nursing	Student Loan
Master of Philosophy in Education	Grant-in-Aid and Student Loan
Master of Science (Epidemiology and Biostatistics)	Student Loan
Master of Health Policy and Management	Student Loan
Master of Philosophy (Biological & Biomedical Sciences)	Student Loan
Master of Science (Public Health)	Student Loan

To the extent possible, the financial assistance decisions are communicated to students before the commencement of the academic year. The student loan portion of financial assistance is interest free with an annual administrative charge of 5% levied from the time of the award of the student loan and is payable after graduation along with loan repayments. The grant-in-aid portion of financial assistance is not repayable.

The Financial Assistance forms for new and on-board students are available [here](#). For further information, please contact:

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME – EAST AFRICA

The Financial Assistance Programme aims to assist students who have limited financial need to support the cost of their education. Currently, the types of Financial Assistance offered to students in the listed programmes are:

Academic Programme	Financial Assistance Offered
Post-RN Bachelor of Science in Nursing	Partial Funding
Post-RN/RM Bachelor of Science in Midwifery	Partial Funding
Diploma in General Nursing	Partial Funding
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Direct-entry)	Need- & Merit-based Funding
Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery	Need- & Merit-based Funding
Master of Medicine	Need- & Merit-based Funding
Master of Education	Need- & Merit-based Funding
Master of Arts in Digital Journalism	Need- & Merit-based Funding

The University reserves the right to change the type of financial assistance offered to students. The procedure to apply for financial assistance is summarised below.

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

- The financial assistance application must be completed and submitted with the required supporting documentation. Incomplete and/or late applications for financial assistance will not be considered.
- The level of financial assistance awarded is determined through a predefined, point-based evaluation. This evaluation is based on the applicant's socio-economic profile as declared in the Application Form for Financial Assistance and the information provided during interviews with applicant/parents.
- The University's Financial Assistance Committee is comprised of non-University and University personnel who review the application and, based on the evaluation system, determine the level of financial assistance to be awarded. In order to ensure confidentiality and impartiality, the names and academic performance of the applicants are not disclosed to the Committee members at the time of the review.
- Submission of an application for financial assistance does not guarantee an award of financial assistance.
- Students are informed individually of the financial assistance award to them.

MEDICAL COLLEGE

- Need- and merit-based assistance is available. For further information please contact the Medical College at mc.ea@aku.edu.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

- Need- and merit-based assistance is available to the Master of Arts in Digital Journalism students.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Please find the required financial assistance information [here](#).

LIBRARIES

www.aku.edu/library

The AKU global network of libraries supports students and faculty in their study, teaching and research needs. Our collections include books, current journals, back files of journals, educational reports, audio/visual aids and digital media. We also provide access to online journals, books and other resources.



FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, NAIROBI

Aga Khan University Library is committed to supporting the functions of the University in realising quality education and health care. Towards this goal, the library strives to acquire and make available vast current resources in all formats to its users. The library is proud to have rich collection in the health sciences area and will endeavour to make this a better collection and a point of reference for other institutions offering similar courses in Kenya.

As a result of limitations in collection development, emphasis is put in the exploitation of e-resources. The library maintains linkages with AKU library in Karachi and other libraries in Kenya for sharing resources. Through the local consortium, the library benefits from the PERI online resources and the WHO HINARI database. The library also subscribes to e-databases like Up-To-Date, Cochrane and has access to others like Medline.

Inducting users in the use of e-resources is a significant function of the library. The exercise is formally organised and remains continuous. The library houses a Learning Resources Centre equipped with 10 computers. Similar facilities are made available for our users in the teaching and clinical areas for the medical programme. This arrangement makes access to e-resources most practical.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KARACHI

The Faculty of Health Sciences Library at AKU supports various educational, research and clinical activities and programmes. It has the best collection of medical literature in Pakistan, both in print and digital formats. The FHS library is now giving priority to providing access to e-resources when they are available. It has access to more electronic resources than many universities in Europe or the United States. The primary objective of the collection is to provide current and up-to-date scholarly and scientific literature. Each year, approximately 1,000 new books are added to the collection.

The library contains more than 31,000 books in print and provides online access to over 1,00,000 eBooks. The library also houses 40,000 bound volumes of scholarly journals and has online access to 8,000 scientific journals available from 25 different online resources. Some of the most popular databases are Science Direct, Ovid - Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Journals, Access medicine, Wiley Inter Science, Cochrane Library, Up To Date, Clinical Key, Clinical Key for Nursing, Ebrary, Springer link, CINAHL plus with full text, Dentistry & Oral Sciences Source and PubMed. The library is part of WHO EMRO libraries network and is actively involved in sharing material with partner libraries.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, DAR ES SALAAM

The library has a book collection of over 2235 volumes. In addition to this the library's educational resources include audio and video DVDs, CDs and VCDs with a fully equipped multimedia centre. The library also has dissertations, educational reports, journal articles and downloaded materials from the Internet.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, KAMPALA

The Faculty of Health Sciences Library in Kampala has an important role as a major partner in teaching, learning and research activities of the Nursing programmes. The FHS Kampala library complies with the rules and regulations for university libraries issued by the National Council for Higher Education of Uganda (UNCHE).

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, DAR ES SALAAM

Since the beginning of January 2007, the library has experienced steady growth in its collection and currently has over 6,000 volumes chosen from all subjects in which the University offers courses, mostly in education, research and policy issues.

The IED EA library is being built on the platform of harnessing the use of technology to enhance learning and teaching; as a result, it has been building a steady collection of e-resources both internally and through collaborative efforts.

Through the local university consortium, the library benefits from the PERI on-line resources freely. The library also subscribes to e-databases like EBSCOHOST and has a password protected access for library users to all online resources from the University of Calgary through a partnership arrangement.

Information literacy training is a significant function of the library. The exercise is formally organized and remains continuous. The library houses a Technology Enhanced Learning Centre (TELC) equipped computers, TV's, video & audio players and DVD. A computer lab with over 30 PCs connected to the Internet is available to users and also Wi-Fi connection. This arrangement facilitates access to e-resources for all users.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, KARACHI

The library at Aga Khan University Institute for Educational Development provides resources to support the Institute's academic and research work. Established mainly to serve the faculty and students of the Institute, library services are also selectively open to students, academicians and researchers of other educational institutions.

The library provides a range of resources in print and electronic mediums to support teaching, learning and research activities of AKU-IED. Over 35,000 books, 250,000 eBooks and almost 5000 eJournals from all over the world are available for academic or research pursuits. This also includes a large collection of reference books. The electronic collection includes audio and videocassettes, educational CDs, electronic journals and databases.

In addition, a range of resources in print and electronic form are available at Professional Development Centre, Gilgit-Baltistan Library. It has 18,000 books, selective thesis and subscribed journals with full-text access. A collection of reference books, audio-video cassettes, CDs/DVDs and an internal online digital system is also available there.

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS, NAIROBI

The GSMC Resource Centre provides a rich collection of information resources, in both digital and print, useful for reference, research, education, communication and thought leadership.

Students, journalists, professors, executives and others can fully utilise these resources by taking our comprehensive information literacy seminar, which equips them with the skills they need to navigate the chaotic, often-overwhelming world of 21st Century information.

Through this course, they will learn to go beyond Google to discover hard-to-find studies, papers, articles, photos and other materials that transform information into the kind of knowledge that enhances and enlarges their research and reporting.

The Resource Centre also provides space for its users to work independently or in groups in an area serviced by both LAN and Wi-Fi Internet for access to a wide range of online databases. Multiple power connections and flexible seating options are available. The Resource Centre is part of the wider AKU library network, providing access to a rich variety of information resources and services.

INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF MUSLIM CIVILISATIONS, LONDON

The library of the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations aims to meet the teaching needs of the Institute's academic programmes and to build a significant and distinctive scholarly research collection on Muslim cultures and societies. At its heart is a significant and distinctive scholarly research collection on Muslim history, cultures and societies which places particular emphasis on works published by contemporary scholars from Muslim majority regions.

the library offers access to more than 52,000 volumes; in state-of-the-art facilities for students and researchers, from within and outside its parent institutions, to conduct research on the most varied topics within the field of Islamic studies.

The subjects covered by the library collections include religion and philosophy, history, social sciences, art and architecture, literature, education, science and medicine. The focus of the collection, however, is Islamic studies in general, Ismaili, Shi'i and Qur'anic studies together with materials covering all the Muslim civilisations, past and present, and especially the Muslim diasporas around the globe.



STUDENT LIFE AND STUDENT EXPERIENCE

www.aku.edu/students



While we believe in the highest standards of academic excellence, life at AKU isn't all about the classroom.

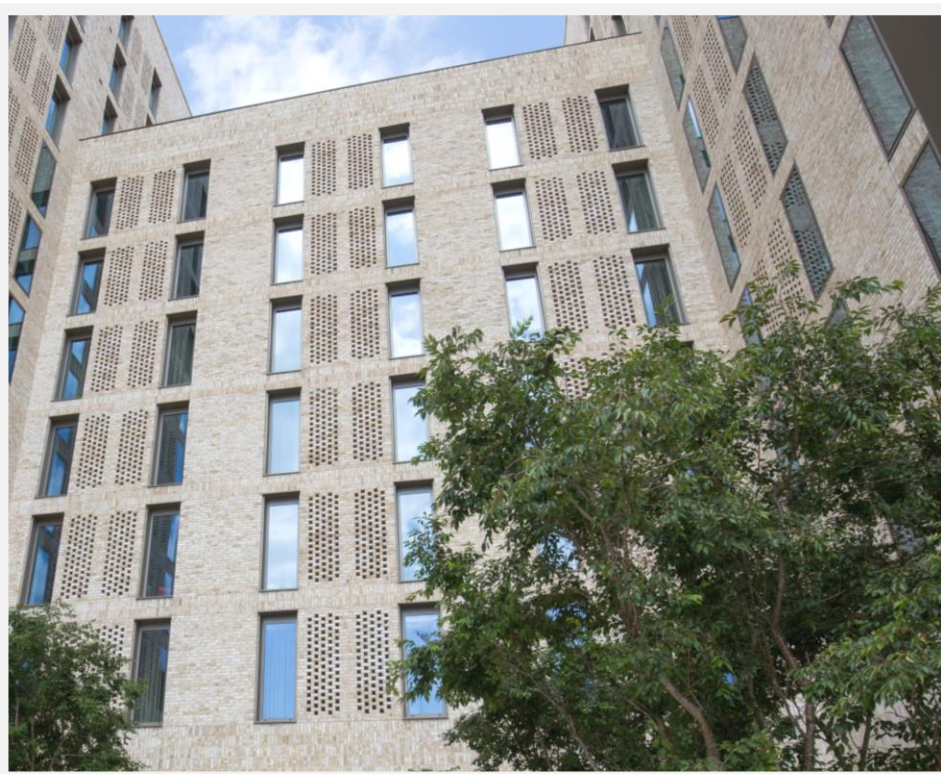
As a student at AKU you will be part of a diverse and active community. You'll get to know your classmates and colleagues both on and off campus and you will have plenty of opportunities to make friends and to discover your passions.

The University's student life and student experience provides programming and services that seeks to advance academic success, to develop our students as leaders and mentors and to inspire students to make life-long positive contributions to society. In responding to our student needs, the Student Experience offices in Pakistan, East Africa and the UK are responsible for helping the diverse body of students across the University's campuses:

- Facilitate leadership, mentoring and personal skills that will cultivate the holistic development of our students as global citizens.
- Provide non-academic, extra-curricular and co-curricular programming both inside and outside the University community.
- Support our students in their social, cultural, recreational and community life activities with a serious consideration on mental / psychosocial health.
- Provide quality activities, programming and services that will facilitate the academic success of students.
- Support in our student's residential, on-campus life.

Being a student at AKU is about becoming the best that you can be, both in the classroom and in your personal life.

ACCOMMODATION



KARACHI

The University endeavours to provide a clean and safe living environment for outstation students, it provides hostel facilities for over 800 students. The facilities include single-bed (on-campus); shared room (on-campus); shared room (off-campus). Since hostel space is limited, individuals offered admission to the University should apply for hostel space as early as possible. The University makes every effort to accommodate those requests based on the available spaces. The assignment of hostel spaces is done according to the following order of priority:

- First-year undergraduate students
- Undergraduate students
- Graduate students
- Postgraduate Medical Education students

Various activities are organized within the hostels for students, and they have guidelines and procedures specific to them. Questions can be directed to the managers of male and female hostels at tabassum.nadeem@aku.edu (for male hostel) and mehrunissa.kabani@aku.edu (for female hostel).

UNITED KINGDOM

Student housing at the Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations is a new purpose-built residence hall developed by the Aga Khan Development Network. The residence provides 198 state-of-the-art bedrooms along with generous communal space and an on-site gym, reading room, meeting and AV room and a lounge area.

TANZANIA

Limited off-campus accommodation is available to students enrolled in the Master of Education programme. Questions regarding the residences can be directed to the Assistant Registrar, Tanzania (agatha.damas@aku.edu).

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION IN MEDICAL EDUCATION

www.aku.edu/cime

The Centre for Innovation in Medical Education (CIME) is a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose, multi-disciplinary and multi-professional facility for all health professions (medicine, nursing, dentistry and allied health) across the continuum of undergraduate and postgraduate students to practitioners and specialists. CIME is the first simulation-based educational institute in South Asia to be accredited by the US-based Society for Simulation in Healthcare, SSH. The Centre is the most advanced healthcare teaching and learning centre in Pakistan as well as in the region and is comparable to the best in the world.

CIME is currently operating in two international locations, Pakistan and Kenya, that will soon be joined by centres in Uganda and Tanzania. By leveraging AKU's unique position, CIME has been able to use economies of scale to plan, equip, and operationalise all locations to the same high international standards.

CIME, as a world-class centre, is envisioned to be promoting excellence in education, innovation and research and by bridging traditional boundaries between professions, will become a strategic resource for AKU, AKDN, the nation and the region.

The CIME aims to transform education in Nursing, Medicine, Dentistry and Allied Health professions through partnerships and through raising expectations of what is possible in education, innovation, and learning through technology. It has the potential to become a regional leader and be on a par with the best simulation centres globally. The Centre intends on transitioning from being an 'Excellent Centre' to a 'Centre of Excellence' where teaching and learning are directly linked to improved practitioner performance and improved patient outcomes.

CIME Pakistan is the first simulation centre in South Asia to receive full 5-year accreditation in the discipline of teaching and education from the Society for Simulation in Healthcare, SSH.



NETWORK FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT

www.aku.edu/ele-net

The Network for English Language Enhancement (ELE_net) provides impactful solutions for the language skills required for study and work at AKU.

English is the official medium of communication at AKU, and a high level of English is needed for academic study and many work-related situations. This situation presents a serious challenge because English is not the first language of the vast majority of those who study and work at AKU. An insufficient command of English prevents students from fully benefiting from their studies; it also restricts faculty and staff from being as effective in their roles as they could be and hinders their career advancement. ELE_net is working to help enhance English language skills and remove this barrier to success.

The ELE_net team is based in AKU campuses in Karachi, Dar es Salaam and London. However, ELE_net services are not restricted to these locations because many of our courses and services are available online.

ELE_net functions as a distributed network consisting of a small core team working with colleagues across AKU and external partners to provide high quality services for the enhancement of English language skills at AKU.



NETWORKS FOR QUALITY, TEACHING & LEARNING

www.aku.edu/qtl

The AKU-wide Network of Quality, Teaching and Learning (QTL_net), established in 2013, aims to support excellence in our academic programmes to ensure a strong student learning experience that enables AKU graduates to meet their programme learning outcomes.

In safe, inclusive spaces, QTL_net offers a range of services, resources and programmes to faculty and entities on teaching excellence, scholarship of teaching and learning and programme reviews. It also provides support for faculty to integrate technology into their teaching by training them on using digital, blended and fully online approaches to teaching. It has sought to professionalize teaching by offering globally recognised Higher Education Academy (UK) fellowships and by establishing the Teachers' Academy at AKU. The way faculty members teach makes a difference in how much students learn and QTL_net aims to provide faculty members the support and enabling environment they need to promote an engaging learning experience for their students.

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