

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

IsDB Undergraduate Scholarship Programme

1. What is the IsDB Undergraduate Scholarship Programme?

The Programme was launched in 1983 with the objective to provide educational opportunities for the academically meritorious young students from Member Countries and Muslim communities in Non-member Countries to pursue undergraduate study in a university and to train them in specific fields to empower communities with a special focus on “Sustainability Science” to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Presidency 5-Year Plan (P5P).

2. What can I do before the call for applications?

- Read the information posted on the scholarship portal under the IsDB website and review eligibility criteria carefully.
- Commence gathering required documentation for your application, including: your photo, updated curriculum vitae (C.V.), certified copy of your certificates and academic transcripts, certificate of good health (if any), reference letters, etc, as per the programme’s required documents.
- Apply to the programme online.

Please note that information that provide detailed application guidelines will be posted on this website during the call for applications.

3. Am I eligible for the IsDB Undergraduate Programme?

The prospective candidate must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Citizens of any of the IsDB member countries or Muslim communities in non-member countries.
- Completed senior secondary education (or the equivalent of approximately 12 years of education) with good grades in major subjects.
- Not in receipt of any other scholarship at the time of application and during studies under the IsDB scholarship programme.
- Be medically fit and willing to undergo medical test after selection.

4. What fields of study are covered?

Under the programme, eligible students may apply only for studies in the following development related fields in line with the IsDB President’s new strategy to empower communities with a special focus on “Sustainability Science” to achieve the SDGs. ([click here for more details and list of fields of study](#))

5. Where will I study?

Selected students will study at government/public universities in their respective countries. However, on exceptional basis, IsDB will assist to place some students, from some selected countries, at selected universities in its member countries. The IsDB is considering placing the selected candidates for the scholarship in the top 10 universities in each beneficiary country and the rest of the world.

6. How do I apply?

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7. What is the selection process?

The selection of candidates is supervised by a Selection Committee, composed of academicians in all development related fields and chaired by the Senior Advisor to the IsDB President, for Science and Technology and Innovation (STI). The Committee screens and ranks the applicants, based on its own selection criteria, keeping in view the eligibility requirements and selection criteria of the Programme with the aim of identifying the candidates with the highest potential, after completion of their undergraduate studies, to be ready to dedicate themselves to their communities and countries.

- Upon final approval by the IsDB President, Scholarship Division will inform all successful candidates of the outcome of the selection process and begin to arrange for the awardees to receive their scholarships.
- IsDB will send a congratulatory letter to scholars through their individual email addresses and inform them about the next steps to follow for their placement in the programme.
- IsDB will arrange for the signing of the acceptance letters and IsDB Surety Bonds of scholarship by awardees wherein the scholars agree that after completion of their study, they will return to their home country, and comply to the scholarship obligations and rules.

8. What are my entitlements?

The programme covers a monthly allowance - to cover living expenses, such as accommodations, food, etc., including books and clothes allowance - (the amount of the allowance varies depending on the country of study), medical expenses at university or public hospitals, etc. For the students who are selected to study outside of their own countries, the IsDB also provides them with economy class tickets to and from the countries of study (once at the beginning and at the end of the study period).

Important Note: The programme does not cover expenses for the student's family; extra-curricular courses of training; and any additional travel during the study programme.

9. How students are paid their entitlements?

Beneficiary students are paid their monthly entitlements directly into their bank accounts. To expedite the disbursement of students' scholarship entitlements, such as monthly stipends and allowances, IsDB will sign Memoranda of Agreements (MoAs) with Top Universities to host IsDB students and agree on the one-stop shop (payments to students through the university), and as such IsDB will make direct on-time

payment annually to universities hosting IsDB students. Universities will arrange their entitlements on monthly basis. The above process will result in better management of students' allowances.

10. How can I meet the IsDB expectations?

IsDB provides scholarships for potential leaders in their communities. Selected students are expected to complete their studies successfully. After they secure employment in their country, they are expected to serve their community and country.

For the Undergraduate Programme, the graduate students are required to:

- Either finance his/her own master's degree for the first year,
- Or pay the first year's tuition fee of one undergraduate student
- The mechanism for the above will be communicated to the students before graduation.

11. What support am I going to have from IsDB during my study period?

- IsDB will partner with top universities to provide mentoring for the scholarship beneficiary students.
- Information will be disseminated among the active students, through Scholarship Platform, to benefit from the available mentoring facilities.
- Annual workshops will be organized for the mentors to identify issues and lessons learned.

12. How will IsDB guide me to fulfil my expectations?

To help students prepare themselves for their future leading role in the development of their communities and countries, the IsDB also provides them with extra-curricular activities under a special programme called "Mentorship Programme" to ensure their academic progress and social and psychological integration in the university as well as the local community environment.

- You will be trained to play a leading role in developing your community and country through undertaking community service activities.
- The IsDB organises extra-curricular events and organize annual workshops for the mentors to identify issues and lessons learned under its Guidance & Counselling Activities, which are an integral part of the Programme.
- You are required to participate in the learning and development activities organized throughout the year.

13. What is the objective of engaging IsDB Graduates or the Alumni?

- To facilitate networking and information sharing among IsDB Graduates.
- To give the Alumni an opportunity to contribute to the development of their communities and the member countries.

Master Scholarship Programme

1. What is the IsDB Master Scholarship Programme?

The Programme was launched in 1998 with an objective to assist IsDB member countries and Muslim communities in non-member countries in the development of their human capitals in key areas of development with a special focus on "Sustainability Science" to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Presidency 5-Year Plan (P5P). The programme aims specifically to:

- increase the number of intermediate level technological manpower in the beneficiary countries which is necessary for an effective technology development, transfer and maintenance; and
- enhance the ability of students to participate in the IsDB PhD and Post-doctoral research Programme

The Programme offers scholarships leading to a full-time Master degree (in 2 years maximum) either through course work, research or a combination of both. Whichever the mode, it must be completed within the specified two-year time frame and there is no possibility of extension with the IsDB funding.

2. What can I do before the call for applications?

- Read the information posted on the scholarship portal under the IsDB website and review eligibility criteria carefully.
- Commence gathering required documentation for your application, including: your photo, updated curriculum vitae (C.V.), certified copy of your certificates and academic transcripts, certificate of good health (if any), research proposal, university admission letter, reference letters, etc, as per the programme's required documents.
- Apply to the programme online.

Please note that information that provide detailed application guidelines will be posted on this website during the call for applications.

3. Am I eligible for the IsDB Master Programme?

The Programme is designed to help promising mid-career professionals from member countries and Muslim Communities in non-member countries who meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Be a citizen of any of an IsDB member countries or Muslim communities in nonmember countries.
- Be a graduate with a grade above "Good" in his/her bachelor studies.
- His/her proposed field of study is within the fields approved by the programme
- Be recommended by three referees (professional or academic)
- Seek or accept no other scholarship or remunerated work during their studies under the Programme which may interfere with their studies or make fulfillment of their other obligations difficult unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the IsDB;
- Be medically fit and be willing to undergo medical tests after selection.

4. What fields of study are covered?

Under the programme, eligible students may apply only for studies in the following development related fields in line with the IsDB President's new strategy to empower communities with a special focus on "Sustainability Science" to achieve the SDGs. ([click here for more details and list of fields of study](#))

5. Where will I study?

Selected students will study at government/public universities in their respective countries. However, on exceptional basis, IsDB will assist to place some students, from some selected countries, at selected universities in its member countries. The IsDB is considering placing the selected candidates for the scholarship in the top 10 universities in each beneficiary country and the rest of the world.

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- Upon final approval by the IsDB President, Scholarship Division will inform all successful candidates of the outcome of the selection process and begin to arrange for the awardees to receive their scholarships.
- IsDB will send a congratulatory letter to scholars through their individual email addresses and inform them about the next steps to follow for their placement in the programme.
- IsDB will arrange for the signing of the acceptance letters and surety bonds of scholarship by awardees wherein the scholars agree that after completion of their study, they will return to their home country, and comply to the scholarship obligations and rules.

8. What are my entitlements?

The programme covers full tuition fees to be paid directly to the university, monthly allowance on single-status basis to cover living expenses, such as accommodations, food, etc., including books and clothes allowance - (the amount of the allowance varies depending on the country of study), medical expenses at university or public hospital, computer allowance, and thesis preparation allowance. The scholarship provides round-trip economy class tickets to and from the country of study (once at the beginning and at the end of the study period), and installation allowance for students studying abroad.

Important Note: The programme does not cover expenses for the student's family; extra-curricular courses of training; and any additional travel during the study programme.

9. How students are paid their entitlements?

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10. How can I meet the IsDB expectations?

IsDB provides scholarships for potential leaders in their communities. Selected students are expected to complete their studies successfully. The scholarship is awarded as an interest-free loan (Qard Hasan) to the students. After they secure employment in their country, they are required to repay 50% of the loan after graduation, in easy installments to ensure the programme continuity in the long run. Besides, the students are also required to take part in the development of their communities/countries, through their respective professions, while the community development services rendered by the graduates will contribute to the overall development of their communities/countries.

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IsDB PhD and Post-doctoral research Programme

1. What is the IsDB PhD and Post-doctoral research Programme?

The Programme aims at developing technically qualified human resources in the IsDB member countries and Muslim Communities in non-member countries by providing scholarships to promising and outstanding scholars and researchers to undertake advanced studies and research in development related fields with a special focus on “Sustainability Science”. The Programme offers scholarships and is designed to help promising professionals and researchers to pursue a full-time Ph.D. study and/or Post-doctoral research in key areas of development with a special focus on “Sustainability Science” in line with the IsDB President’s new strategy to empower communities to achieve the SDGs.

The main objectives of this programme are to develop technically qualified human resources, enhance the scientific, technological and research capability and the potential of scholars and researchers, to help meet the national needs in science and technology; and to strengthen the scientific, technological and research capability of institutions.

2. What can I do before the call for applications?

- Read the information posted on the scholarship portal under the IsDB website and review eligibility criteria carefully.
- Commence gathering required documentation for your application, including: your photo, updated curriculum vitae (C.V.), certified copy of your certificates and academic transcripts, certificate of good health (if any), research proposal and study plan, university admission letter, reference letters, etc, as per the programme's required documents.
- Apply to the programme online.

Please note that information that provide detailed application guidelines will be posted on this website during the call for applications.

3. Am I eligible for the IsDB PhD and Post-doctoral research Programme?

The Programme is designed to help promising mid-careers professionals from member countries and Muslim communities in non-member countries who meet the following eligibility criteria:

PhD study:

- Have minimum Master degree (for Ph.D study) in one of the approved fields of the programme;
- Have above average ("Very Good") academic standing.
- Preferably have work and/or research experience.
- Have a proposed field of study and/or research in one of the fields listed under the approved fields of study of the programme with its scientific and development relevance to the country being clearly demonstrated in a research proposal.
- Seek or accept no other scholarship or remunerated work during their studies under the Programme which may interfere with their studies or make fulfillment of their other obligations difficult unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the IsDB.
- Be medically fit and be willing to undergo medical tests after selection.

Post-doctoral research

- Have PhD degree in one of approved fields of the programme
- Have above average ("Very Good") academic standing;
- Must have not less than two (2) years of experience in the field of his/her research
- Must have a record of publications/research in the same field.
- Have a proposed field of study and/or research in one of the fields listed under the approved fields of study of the programme with its scientific and development relevance to the country being clearly demonstrated in a research proposal.
- Seek or accept no other scholarship or remunerated work during their studies under the Programme which may interfere with their studies or make fulfillment of their other obligations difficult unless otherwise agreed to in writing by the IsDB;
- Be medically fit and be willing to undergo medical tests after selection

4. What fields of study are covered?

The programme is considering new fields of study in line with the IsDB vision of comprehensive human development and the IsDB President's new strategy to empower communities with a special focus on sustainability science to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). ([click here for more details and list of fields of study](#)).

5. What is the selection process?

The following are the steps followed for the selection process:

- The applications are processed at the IsDB to ascertain the completeness of application documents and the eligibility in terms of the criteria of the Programme.
- Applications are reviewed in detail by a panel of eminent scientists to ascertain the scientific and development relevance of the field of study proposed by the applicants and to assess the overall qualifications of the applicants.
- The selection of candidates is supervised by a Selection Committee, composed of academicians in all development related fields and chaired by the Senior Advisor to the IsDB President for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). The Committee screens and ranks the applicants, based on its own selection criteria, keeping in view the eligibility requirements and selection criteria of the Programme with the aim of identifying the candidates with the highest potential, after completion of their graduate studies, to impact the development of their countries and communities.
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- To facilitate networking and information sharing among IsDB Graduates.
- To give the Alumni an opportunity to contribute to the development of their communities and the member countries.

IsDB-ISFD Scholarship Programme for Undergraduate & Technical Diploma

1. What is the IsDB-ISFD Scholarship Programme?

- The Programme is funded by the Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD), with the specific aim of reducing poverty in the following 21 Member Countries: 1. Afghanistan, 2. Bangladesh, 3. Benin, 4. Burkina Faso, 5. Chad, 6. Comoros, 7. Djibouti, 8. Gambia, 9. Guinea, 10. Guinea-Bissau, 11. Mali, 12. Mauritania, 13. Mozambique, 14. Niger, 15. Senegal, 16. Sierra Leone, 17. Somali, 18. Sudan, 19. Togo, 20. Uganda, 21. Yemen
- The Programme aims at providing opportunities to financially impoverished, but academically talented young men and women to pursue Bachelor Degree or Technical Diploma in the IsDB approved scientific, social and technical fields. The aim is to improve their socio-economic conditions and enable them to make a meaningful contribution to the development of their countries.
- The scholarship is awarded as an interest-free Flex-Pay Installment Loan (Qard Hasan) to the students. Repayment will take place once the students finish their study and secure a gainful employment, to a Local Education Trust Fund (LETf) established in each member country benefiting from the Programme.

2. What can I do before the call for applications?

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- Apply to the programme online.

Please note that information that provide detailed application guidelines will be posted on this website during the call for applications.

3. Am I eligible for the IsDB-ISFD Undergraduate Programme?

The prospective candidate must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Citizens of any of the IsDB member countries mentioned above.
- Completed senior secondary education (or the equivalent of approximately 12 years of education) with good grades in major subjects.

- Not in receipt of any other scholarship at the time of application and during studies under the IsDB scholarship programme.
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4. What fields of study are covered?

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5. Where will I study?

For Bachelor Degree, selected students must obtain an admission only from one of the universities listed among the top (10) universities in each country.

For Technical Diploma, selected students must obtain an admission from either a reputable Technical Training Institute, or one of the top (10) universities in each country.

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