

FAQs:

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 or first-degree 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) in their communities and countries.

2. Who is eligible for the IsDB Undergraduate Programme?

The eligible candidates should:

- Citizens of any of the IsDB member countries and 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.
- Be medically fit and be willing to undergo medical tests after selection.

3. What are the fields of study?

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.

4. Where will the selected students study?

Selected students will study at 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.

5. 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 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 undergraduate studies, to be ready to dedicate themselves to their communities and countries.

6. What benefits does the IsDB Scholarship cover?

The programme covers full tuition to be paid directly to the university, monthly living and books clothing allowances commensurate with the cost of living in the country of study, health insurance, etc. For the students who are selected to study outside of their own countries, the IsDB also provides them with economic class tickets to and from the countries of study (once at the beginning and at the end of study).

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.

7. 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 MoUs with Top Universities to host IsDB students and agree on the one-stop shop (arrangement of accommodation, direct payments to students via the university), and as such IsDB will make direct on-time payment annually to universities hosting all IsDB students. Universities will arrange their entitlements on monthly basis. The above process will result in better management of students’ allowances; cost saving for IsDB (from swift charges) and less burden on both IsDB Finance Department and Correspondence Bank for money transfers.

8. 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.
- Instead of returning the loan in cash to IsDB, the graduate student is 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.

9. 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.

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

- 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.

11. 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.

12. How to apply to the IsDB Scholarship?

IsDB website (www.isdb.org) provides all information about the IsDB Scholarship Programmes. If you have more specific questions, please send an email to: scholar@isdb.org

FAQs:

13. 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 achieve the SDGs. 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

14. Who is eligible for the IsDB Master Programme?

The eligible candidates should:

- Be a citizen of any of an IsDB member countries or Muslim communities in non-member countries.
- Be a graduate with a grade above “Good” in his/her academic career.
- His/her proposed field of study is within the fields approved by the programme
- Be nominated by an academic research institution in the home country.
- Be nominated by three referees
- Not in receipt of another scholarship.
- Be medically fit and be willing to undergo medical tests after selection

15. What are the fields of study?

- 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.

16. 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 for Science, Technology and Innovation (STI). The Committee screen and rank 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.

17. What benefits does the IsDB Sscholarship cover?

The programme covers full tuition fees to be paid directly to the university, living allowance on single-status basis, health insurance, computer allowance, etc. and round-trip air-ticket and installation allowance for study abroad.

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.

FAQs:

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

The Programme was introduced in 1992. It 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 main objectives of this programme are to enhance the scientific, technological and research capability/ and the potential of scholars and researchers and strengthen the scientific, technological and research capability of their institutions.

19. Who is eligible for the IsDB PhD and Post-doctoral research Programme?

The eligible candidates should:

Have minimum M.Sc (for Ph.D study) and Ph.D (for Post-Doctoral research) in the field of sustainable science listed under the Programme;

Have above average ("Very Good") academic standing;

Have work and/or research experience of not less than two (2) years (for Post-Doctoral research) in the related field.

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 with its scientific and development relevance to the country being clearly demonstrated in a research proposal.

Not in receipt of another scholarship.

Be medically fit and be willing to undergo medical tests after selection

20. What are the fields of study?

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). The attached document provides more detailed information on major fields of study for the undergraduate scholarship programme and potential specializations for graduate students to pursue their Master and PhD studies.

21. 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.

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22. What benefits does the IsDB Sscholarship cover?

The programme covers full tuition fees to be paid directly to the university, living allowance on single-status basis, health insurance, computer allowance, conference allowance etc. and round-trip air-ticket and installation allowance for scholar studying abroad.

To help students/scholars 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.