



SHEIKH MOHAMED BIN ZAYED HIGHER EDUCATION GRANTS

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Personal Requirements:

Q: What are the grant application requirements?

A: You have to be a UAE national. At the time of the application, you have to be between 21 and 31 years old, and a graduate of Zayed University.

Q: Although I am a UAE national , I am not residing in Abu Dhabi. Can I apply for the grant?

A: Yes, the grant supports all UAE nationals living in the United Arab Emirates.

Q: Is the grant only awarded to female students?

A: No, male and female UAE nationals may apply.

Q: I have completed my bachelors degree at a different university, but I have received my masters degree from Zayed University. Can I apply for the grant to enroll in another masters degree program or continue with my PhD?

A: Yes.

Q: I am an international student and I have graduated from Zayed University . I have been admitted to a masters degree program. Can I apply for the grant?

A: Unfortunately no, this grant is restricted to Emirati nationals. However, the Office of Graduate Studies can provide you with information on fellowship awards, academic merit-based scholarships and other sources of financial support to pursue your masters degree studies at Zayed University.

2. Academic Requirements:

Q. I have a G.P.A. of 3 (or above), and an IELTS of 6. Can Zayed University guarantee that I would be awarded the grant?

A: As the grant is administered by the Emirates Foundation, the final decision will be taken by it and not Zayed University. Also, as this is a highly competitive grant, you will be competing with other Zayed University graduates for a limited number of grants.

Q. I do not have a current IELTS/TOEFL score. Can I still apply for the grant?

A: Yes, you can but you must provide evidence of registering to take the test. The final award is dependent on an IELTS 6 or TOEFL (International) equivalent.

Q: Are good academic grades enough to be awarded the award?

A: It is a good start, but this would not guarantee the grant being awarded to you. The Emirates Foundation evaluates the complete application package in order to award the grant. This includes your previous studies, your commitment to the program, the quality of the masters degree program you want to pursue, and previous community service.

Q: Could you review my application and tell me if I would be awarded the grant?

A: No.

Q: Could I apply directly to Zayed University for the grant?

A: No, you have to apply to the Emirates Foundation.

Q: Do I have to be admitted to a masters degree program in order to apply for the grant?

A: No, you can apply for the grant and the master degree or PhD program simultaneously. The final award will depend on your acceptance to the masters degree program.

Q: Could you transfer my application for admission to your program to the Emirates Foundation?

A: No. These are two different application processes. It is your responsibility to apply to the grant independently. You should follow the instructions on the website of the Emirates Foundation.

Q: As Zayed University's fellowship awards are automatic, I do not have to go through an application process. This is not the same case, right?

A: Yes. Zayed University's fellowship awards are merit-based fellowships awarded to students in the second year of their study programs in recognition of their academic performance. These awards are automatic, but remember that this is from a much more limited fund.

Q: I am currently a Zayed University masters degree student. Could I apply for the grant?

A: Not for the masters degree program you are currently pursuing. The grant only supports students who will commence with a masters degree program. You could apply for the grant once you have completed your current masters degree program, and if you want to continue with another masters degree program or pursue a PhD program.

Q: I am a Zayed University graduate, but I want to apply for admission to a masters degree program that is not a Zayed University program. Can I still apply for the grant?

A: Absolutely. The grant includes Zayed University's masters degree programs but it is not restricted to the University's graduate program offerings. Please see Zayed University's website for a link to the website of the Emirates Foundation.

3. Programs of Study:

Q: I comply with all the requirements and I want to apply for a masters degree program in business at Zayed University. Could I apply for the grant?

A: No, a masters degree program in business is excluded from the grant.

Q: Can I still apply if it is a masters degree program in business offered by a University located internationally?

A: No, masters degree programs in business are not included in this grant, so it does not matter where you plan to study.

Q: Do all your masters degree programs qualify for the grant?

A: No, the masters degree programs that qualify for the grant have to be in line with the 2030 Abu Dhabi Vision.

Q: Which areas are supported by the grant, whether I apply to study at Zayed University or not.

A: The areas under support are: Education and Social Studies, Tourism, Museum and Curatorial Studies, Health Care and Public Administration, Environment and Engineering, Aeronautics and Astronautics, and Nuclear Engineering and Management.

Q: Which of Zayed University's master degree programs qualify for the grant?

A: The following Zayed University master degree programs qualify for the grant:

- Executive Masters in Health Care Administration (EMHCA)
- Executive Masters in Public Administration (EMPA)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Diplomacy and International Affairs
- Master of Education (M.Ed.) (Specialization in Educational Leadership)
- Master of Arts (M.A.) in Communication (Specialization in Tourism and Cultural Communication)

Q: Are the graduate certificate programs excluded from this grant?

A: Yes, they are excluded.

Q: Even if I plan to study internationally or at another university located in the UAE?

A: Yes, this is only for Masters and PhD programs.

Q: I am aware that Zayed University will be offering a Master of Arts (M.A.) in Museum Studies. Could I apply for a grant for this program?

A: Not at the moment. Please see the website of Emirates Foundation or Zayed University's website link to the grant for future updates on the matter.

Q: Are grants awarded to a masters degree program in museum studies?

A: Yes, you could apply to other masters degree programs in museum studies offered at other universities located in UAE and internationally.

Q: I am applying for a masters degree program at a university located internationally and at Zayed University simultaneously. Should I report this in my application for the grant?

A: Yes, it is normal for students to apply for admission to several masters degree programs simultaneously. The final decision will be made by the Emirates Foundation once you have been admitted to a graduate program.

Q: Where can I access the list of Top 200 universities in order to ensure that the international university of my choice will be considered for the grant?

A: Please visit www.arwu.org where you will be able to search by university and discipline rankings.

Q: If I were not awarded the grant, can I still apply to study for my masters degree program at Zayed University?

A: Yes, these are two independent application procedures.

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