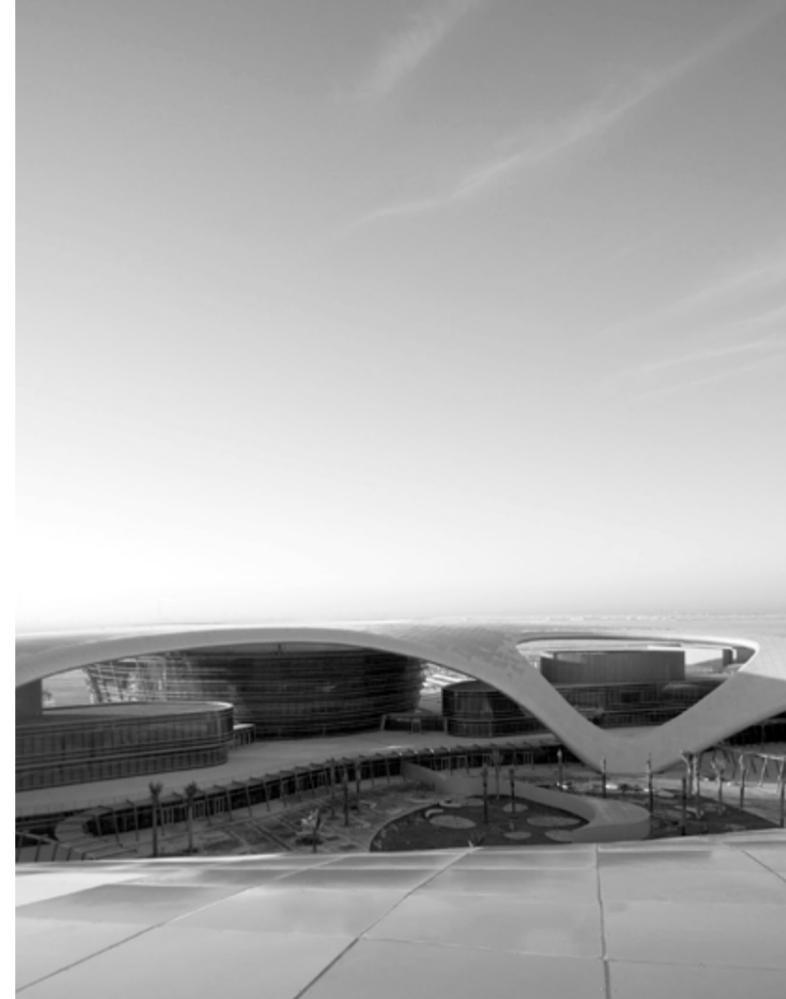# GRADUATE PROGRAMS

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ZAYED UNIVERSITY

> " The real asset of any advanced nation is its people, especially the educated ones, and the prosperity and success of the people are measured by the standard of their education. "

The late His Highness Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan
First President - Founder of United Arab Emirates

DEAN'S WELCOME MESSAGE

Pursuing a graduate education is a transformative journey and Zayed University's graduate programs are designed to help you achieve your academic, professional, and personal goals.

We are delighted that you are interested in Zayed University for your graduate career. We currently offer six graduate programs and look forward to soon adding a few more. These programs are designed for you to learn new skills, discover new ideas, and create new knowledge that will have an impact in your workplace or in your own personal life. We hope that your passion for learning will lead to a new level of intellectual engagement so you can be curious and ask questions, as well as develop innovative ideas and apply them to your professional field in the region and beyond.

We encourage you to read over this brochure and explore the details of each graduate program. We hope that you will take on this challenging journey and join our community of scholars.

Dr. Gaelle Picherit-Duthler
Acting Dean, Graduate Studies
Zayed University

DEANSHIP OF GRADUATE STUDIES

About

The Deanship of Graduate Studies is an administrative unit that is responsible for graduate education university-wide. It provides advocacy, planning and support for graduate studies and works collaboratively with the academic and administrative units to develop and implement the university's agenda for graduate education.

Vision

The Deanship of Graduate Studies will expand, strengthen, and demonstrate targeted graduate educational and research benchmarks in academic disciplines aligned with institutional and national strategic priorities to become an institution of choice for graduate education in the UAE and the MENA region.
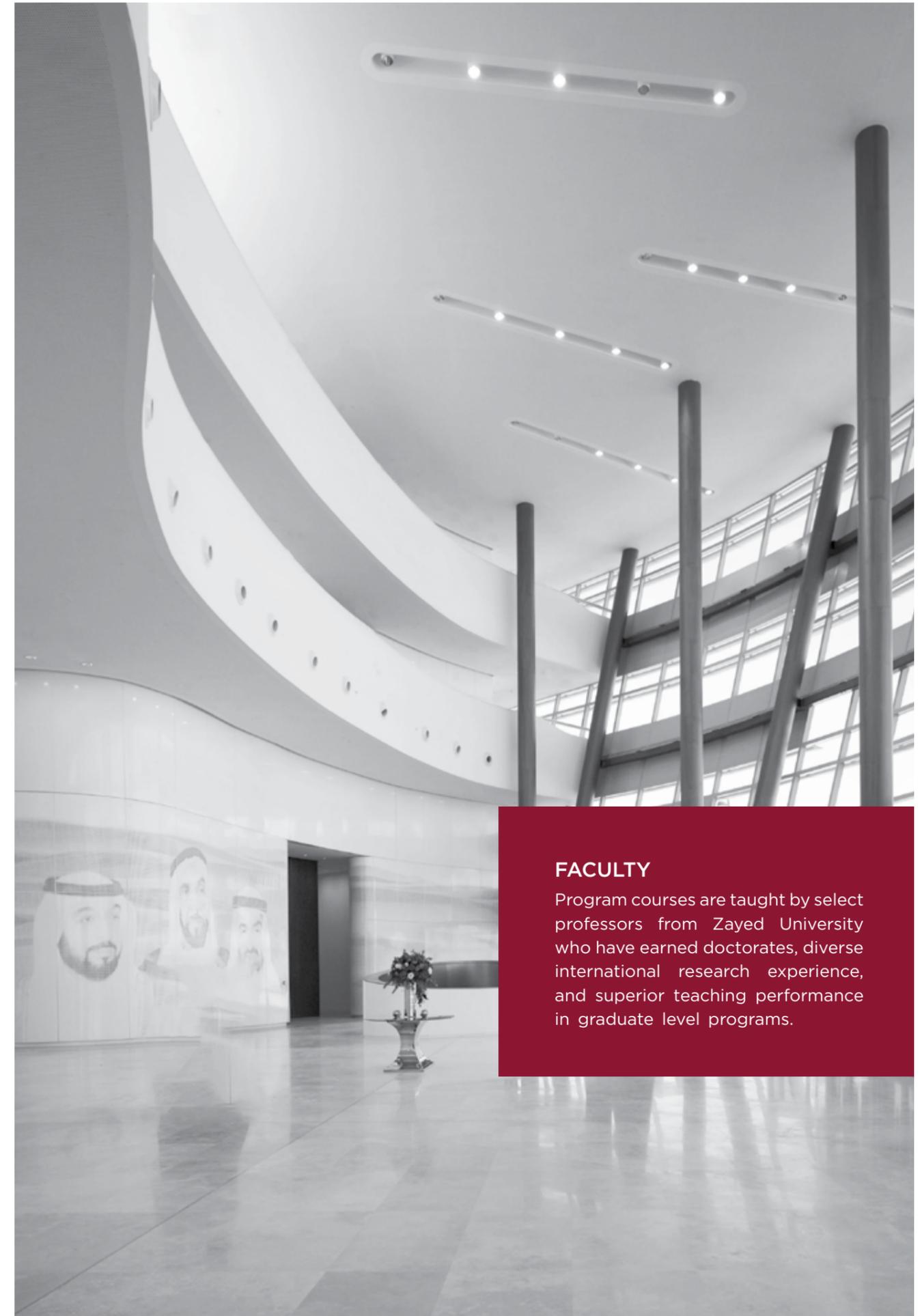
Mission

The mission of the Deanship of Graduate Studies is to promote exemplary graduate education by ensuring international standards of excellence across all graduate programs and to actively support the development of new graduate programs that respond to local and regional market needs. It assists in the enrollment, retention, and graduation of quality students. It also seeks to enhance the contribution and visibility of graduate studies to promote the university's mission and values.

Core Values

- Academic excellence
- Service oriented
- Academic and professional integrity
- Agility, creativity and innovation
- Leadership, teamwork and collaboration
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Strategic Directions

1. To offer a portfolio of signature graduate programs with specializations that are consistent with emerging trends in graduate education and are responsive to the demands of local and regional markets.

2. To develop a graduate student body that is diverse and dynamic with a critical mass in all graduate programs on both campuses, where applicable.

3. To create a culture in which graduate studies and research are key contributors to the academic and intellectual climate of the university.

4. To develop graduate affairs and expand its services and integrate them in the university's strategy and operation.

5. To reinvigorate graduate education by using innovative tools and methods to enhance the value, delivery and outcomes of educational services to graduate students.

FACULTY

Program courses are taught by select professors from Zayed University who have earned doctorates, diverse international research experience, and superior teaching performance in graduate level programs.

ADMISSION

- Admission is open to males and females of all nationalities.

- An earned baccalaureate degree in a discipline considered appropriate to the graduate program from an accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Education with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 (or 2.5 for conditional admission) or higher on a 4.0 point scale or equivalent.

- English language proficiency (for graduate programs offered in English):

  - A TOEFL score of 213 CBT, 79 iBT (or 197 CBT, 71 iBT for conditional admission), or

  - An IELTS (Academic) overall band score of not less than 6.0 (or 5.5 for conditional admission), or

  - 1400 on the EmSAT English examination (or 1250 for conditional admission), or

  - Evidence that the applicant is a native speaker of English who has completed his/her undergraduate education in an English medium institution in a country where English is the official language.

- Arabic and English language proficiency (for graduate programs offered in Arabic):

  - A TOEFL score of 133 CBT, 45 iBT, or

  - An IELTS (Academic) overall band score of not less than 4.5, or

  - 950 on the EmSAT English examination, or

  - Evidence that the applicant is a native speaker of English who has completed his/her undergraduate education in an English medium institution in a country where English is the official language, and

  - 1100 on the EmSAT Arabic examination.

GRADUATE PROGRAMS*

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Master of Science in Finance

The program prepares graduates for management positions in banking, investment and asset management or a finance function in public and private-sector organizations. The degree is valuable to those individuals who are seeking certification as a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA), Certified Financial Risk Manager (CFRM) or Certified Financial Manager (CFM).	English	• Application + Interview (may be requested).	36 credit hours **AED 2,667**

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA SCIENCES

Master of Arts in Communication

OVERVIEW	LANGUAGE	ADDITIONAL PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS	CREDIT HOURS & COST PER CREDIT HOUR
The program prepares students to become professional communicators who can contribute to the nation building efforts of the UAE and its important industry sectors. Mastering the crafts of written, oral and visual communication, graduate students learn how to effectively take their innovative ideas, strategic insights, and creative solutions to both internal and external audiences.			

Option in Tourism and Cultural Communication

The study option in Tourism and Cultural Communication provides participants with extensive knowledge and understanding of the tourism sector, and applies strategic decision-making in a global context. Overall, participants acquire key skills and competencies in effective planning and the management of both tourism activities and culture-related aspects of communication. Graduates will be enabled to take advantage of the varied career prospects that include communication roles in tourism, hospitality and events enterprises. Graduates are employed in government departments and tourism development agencies as well as in tourism industry sectors such as attractions, museums, transport, festivals, destinations and more.	English	• Essay (written in English). • Application + Interview (may be requested).	36 credit hours **AED 2,667**

Option in Strategic Public Relations

The study option in Strategic Public Relations provides participants with the knowledge and understanding of strategic communication and emphasizes how to think strategically in a global context. Overall, participants acquire key skills and competencies to effectively manage organizational aspects of communication. Opportunities include communication roles in corporate enterprises, government agencies and organizations. Graduates can work in corporate communication, public affairs, public relations, and marketing roles. Such employment can be across all industries such as healthcare, non-profit organizations, and every other possible sector (banking, oil and gas, and construction, etc.).	English	• Essay (written in English). • Application + Interview (may be requested).	36 credit hours **AED 2,667**

COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master in Diplomacy and International Affairs

The interdisciplinary nature of the program guarantees the preparation of versatile professionals knowledgeable about local and international contemporary history, the characteristics and major elements of an interconnected global economy, the law of nations, and modern theories in international politics.	English	• A writing sample (12-point font, 5-print pages, written in English). • Application + Interview (may be requested).	30 credit hours **AED 4,267**

Master of Legal and Judicial Studies

The program provides participants with the latest developments in the field of law and judicial administration to improve their skills and to equip them with the knowledge and competencies necessary for successful handling and dealing with judicial administration in public and private law.	Arabic	• An earned baccalaureate degree in a discipline considered appropriate to the graduate program from an accredited university recognized by the UAE Ministry of Education with a cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 point scale or equivalent in one of the following areas: Law, or Sharia and Law, or Police + Law. • Proficiency in Arabic and English language. • Application.	38 credit hours **AED 2,526**

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION

Master of Science in Information Systems Management

Participants will acquire advanced skills and expertise in digital transformation, artificial intelligence, big data, data science, Internet of Things and blockchain to develop effective leadership skills for career success in the global marketplace.	English	• Application + Interview.	30 credit hours **AED 2,666**

Master of Science in Information Technology (Cyber Security)

The program focuses on the development of concepts, knowledge and skills that will enable participants to become proficient in the areas of network/internet security, database security, digital forensics, ethical hacking, information security management and cyber criminal behavior.	English	• Application + Interview.	30 credit hours **AED 3,200**

COURSE DELIVERY FORMAT

Except for the Master of Legal and Judicial Studies program that is delivered in Arabic, graduate programs are delivered in English at Zayed University located in Abu Dhabi and/or Dubai.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Zayed University offers a range of financial support options such as graduate merit and Zayed University alumni scholarships, and corporate discounts to support graduate students.

GRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

Overview

All entering graduate students who receive full admission to a Zayed University graduate program may be eligible for a scholarship determined according to the applicant's CPGA in the baccalaureate degree.

Benefits

• $3.20 \leq CGPA < 3.60$: 10% of tuition cost
• $3.60 \leq CGPA < 3.80$: 25% of tuition cost
• $3.80 \leq CGPA$: 40% of tuition cost

Requirements

Students:

• must submit a complete admission application prior to the published application deadline;

• must receive an offer of full admission to a Zayed University graduate program;

• may not hold other major awards totaling $\geq$ AED 25,000 (excluding any other Zayed University scholarship);

• must have a CGPA of 3.20 or higher on a scale of 4.0 or its equivalent in the baccalaureate degree; and,

• must maintain a good academic standing (i.e. CGPA $\geq$ 3.0) once enrolled at Zayed University.

ZAYED UNIVERSITY ALUMNI GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

All Zayed University alumni who receive full admission to a Zayed University graduate program are eligible for a scholarship.

Benefits

10% of tuition cost.

Requirements

Students:

• must submit a complete Zayed University graduate program admission application to the published application deadline;

• must receive an offer of full admission to a Zayed University graduate program; and,

• must hold a Zayed University baccalaureate or master's degree.

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR ZAYED UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES

Overview

All qualifying full-time Zayed University staff who receive full admission to a Zayed University graduate program may be eligible for a scholarship to support their career development.

Benefits

Up to 50% of tuition cost.

Requirements

Employees:

• must be classified as "staff" according to Zayed University policies;

• must have a regular, full-time employment contract;

• should not be in probation period or on leave;

• must have worked as a regular staff for a minimum of 2 years up to the graduate degree program's published admission deadline;

• must have an overall performance of "meet expectations" or better on the last annual evaluation;

• must be recommended by the employee's immediate supervisor; and,

• must receive an offer of full admission to one of Zayed University's graduate programs.

TUITION DISCOUNT FOR SPONSORED STUDENTS

Overview

Graduate students may qualify for discount on tuition fees if they are part of a group of students who are sponsored by an entity that has a valid written agreement with Zayed University.

Benefits

The discount granted to sponsored students may be for a maximum of 20% of the tuition fees and as specified in the relevant official agreement between the sponsor and Zayed University.

Requirements

Students:

• must meet all applicable conditions and requirements of the sponsorship agreement and the University; and,

• must be admitted and enrolled as a group in a semester in one or more graduate programs at Zayed University.

ICT FUND

Overview

The ICT Fund, a subsidiary of the Telecommunications and Digital Government Regulatory Authority (TDRA), seeks to strengthen the technological education of UAE citizens by introducing the "Betha program" to help develop a generation well versed in science and technology, and who can lead the UAE's future in the ICT industry. The ICT Fund offers scholarships for distinguished UAE citizens who want to pursue Zayed University's Master of Science in Information Technology (Cyber Security) program.

Benefits

The scholarship covers the tuition fee of AED 96,000 in full and recipients are granted a monthly stipend of AED 10,000.

In case of employment, the scholarship covers the tuition fee in full without the monthly stipend.

Requirements

Students:

• must receive an offer of full admission to Zayed University's Master of Science in Information Technology (Cyber Security) program;

• should have achieved a CGPA of 3.00 or higher in the baccalaureate degree;

• should have achieved an EmSAT (English) 1430 and above, TOEFL 510 and above or equivalent, an IELTS 6 and above or SAT (English) 480 and above or equivalent;

• Male Applicants: should submit a no objection letter from the National Service Authority or letter of completion;

• should be a UAE citizen and provide the family book as proof; and,

• should not have received a scholarship or other financial assistance from any other entity.

For more information on the award and requirements, please see the website:
https://tdra.gov.ae/en/ictfund/funding-categories/education/scholarships

Recognition

Zayed University is licensed and accredited by the Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA), which is the quality assurance and accreditation body of the UAE Ministry of Education. As Zayed University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education, graduate programs are world-wide recognized for further education and employment in private and public-sector organizations.

All information is correct at the time of printing, but subject to change.

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