

## **HH Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum Scholarships for UAE Nationals**

**Postgraduate Masters Programmes (MLitt)  
starting in September 2011**

**at the Al-Maktoum Institute, Dundee,  
validated by the University of Aberdeen**

**Deadline: 1 June 2011**

### **Further Particulars**

Al-Maktoum Institute is pleased to announce scholarships opportunities for outstanding UAE nationals to study at the postgraduate level.

The scholarships are available for postgraduate students wishing to study full-time for one of the following programmes at Al-Maktoum Institute in Dundee beginning from September 2011:

- Islamic Studies
- Muslims, Globalisation and the West
- Multiculturalism
- Islamic Education
- Bayt al-Maqdis and Jerusalem Studies
- Islamic Law\*
- Islamic Ethics\*
- Practical Ethics and Islam\*
- Development, Islam and the Muslim World\*
- Gender and Islam\*

\* Programmes marked with an asterisk are subject to validation

The scholarships are only available for the one year MLitt programmes at Al-Maktoum Institute, validated by the University of Aberdeen.

The scholarship will cover the full student tuition fee and will also include a fixed monthly sum to cover living expenses. Applicants for the scholarship will normally be required to hold at least an upper second class Honours degree (2.1) or equivalent in an appropriate discipline and the scholarship would particularly suit a recent graduate.

*Criteria:*

1. The primary criterion for the award of the scholarships in this open competition is academic merit. That is, the scholarships will be awarded by Al-Maktoum Institute to the candidates whose applications are judged to have the highest level of academic distinction in his or her studies. Examples of measures of such distinction may include factors such as: overall and course grades in university programmes of study, GPA average, quality of written work, academic prizes or other distinctions, academic references.
2. Candidates will be required to hold at least an upper second class Honours degree (2.1) or equivalent in an appropriate discipline from a UK university.
3. Any applicant whose first language is not English is required to have an IELTS score at least 6.5 or above (including a score of 6 in the writing section) or equivalent. Candidates who do not speak English as a first language, or who do not have a language test certificate of this level or higher will not be eligible for consideration for the scholarship competition.
4. The scholarships would particularly suit young graduates.

Applications can be made by submitting (non-returnable):

- A letter to the Secretary of the Scholarships Committee, Al-Maktoum Institute explaining why the candidate should receive the scholarship.
- Al-Maktoum Institute Scholarships Application Form (completed and signed) – downloadable from [www.almi.abdn.ac.uk/scholarships](http://www.almi.abdn.ac.uk/scholarships)
- Al-Maktoum Institute/University of Aberdeen application form for postgraduate studies (completed and signed) – downloadable from <http://www.almi.abdn.ac.uk/programmes-courses/taught-masters-programmes/how-to-apply/>
- Copies of degrees certificates and transcripts.
- Written references from two academic referees
- Three copies of the candidate's Curriculum Vitae (CV).
- Proof of English language proficiency, i.e. IELTS certificate (if a non-native speaker).

*The Al-Maktoum Institute, Dundee*

The Al-Maktoum Institute is an independent and international research-led college of higher education in Dundee, Scotland.

We offer postgraduate programmes (taught masters and PhD), which are validated by the University of Aberdeen.

Our aim is the promotion of intelligent debate and understanding of Islam and the role of Muslims in the contemporary world. We are a place of knowledge and reflection on the issues facing a diverse and multicultural world in the twenty-first century.

We are an independent, not for profit educational charity working in the public sector and for public benefit, and so we are one of the small number of private colleges of higher education in the UK. Our Patron and Sponsor is HH Shaikh Hamdan Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Deputy Ruler of Dubai and Minister of Finance of the United Arab Emirates, whose vision for multiculturalism is at the heart of Al-Maktoum Institute. The Institute aspires to provide students with the learning opportunities of the highest quality and in a very distinctive context.

We were established in Dundee, Scotland in 2001 and currently offer five taught masters and six PhD programmes, all validated by the University of Aberdeen. Our aim is to develop and grow as an independent college of higher education, working with the University of Aberdeen, to become an independent, private sector university college within the next 10-15 years.

The Al-Maktoum Institute is a charity registered in Scotland, No SC-31415.

For more information on the Al-Maktoum Institute and the PGT programmes see:

[www.almi.abdn.ac.uk](http://www.almi.abdn.ac.uk)

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**The deadline for applications is 1 June 2011.**

All applications should be submitted to:

The Secretary of the Scholarships Committee,  
Al-Maktoum Institute,  
124 Blackness Road,  
Dundee DD1 5PE, United Kingdom

Tel: 01382 908074

Fax: 01382 908077

[scholarships@almi.abdn.ac.uk](mailto:scholarships@almi.abdn.ac.uk)

All submissions will be referred to the Scholarships Committee at the Institute who will select the award winners. The Committee has the right to hold back the scholarship in the event that there is no suitable candidate(s). The decision of the committee is final, with no review procedures. The successful candidate will be expected to sign an agreement with the sponsor and start studying the full-time taught Masters course in September 2011; subject to them receiving an unconditional offer of acceptance from the University of Aberdeen to study at Al-Maktoum Institute.