



# Higher Education Commission Pakistan

## MS and PhD Scholarships for Study in World Top 100 QS Ranked Universities (Fall-2021, Spring-2022 and Fall-2022)

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## Advanced Skills Development through International Scholarships

A Prime Minister's Knowledge Economy Task Force Initiative

Online applications are invited from Pakistani/AJK nationals for the award of MS and PhD Scholarships in the World Top 100 QS Ranked Universities.

### Fields of Study



### Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates must be Pakistani/AJK nationals.
- Must have Bachelor's/Master's (16 years) -- (BS in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology and BS/BE Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering Avionics) for MS scholarships, and BS/MS/MPhil in Computer Science, Software Engineering, Information Technology, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Avionics or another relevant field for PhD scholarships.
- Must have 1<sup>st</sup> Division (in annual examination system) or CGPA 3.0 out of 4.0 or 75% marks in the final degree for PhD Scholarships.
- Must have 60% marks or CGPA 2.50 out of 4.0 in the final degree for MS scholarships.
- Maximum two second divisions and no 3<sup>rd</sup> Division throughout academic career
- Maximum age on closing date for MS scholarship: 35 years
- Maximum age on closing date for PhD scholarship: 40 years
- Must have obtained requisite qualification on or before closing date of application.
- Those who are availing any other scholarship are not eligible to apply or they need to reimburse the already availed scholarship for consideration.

### Important Note

- All scholarships will be awarded on merit basis as per the Federal Government quota policy.
- Candidates will be shortlisted on the basis of their HEC Aptitude Test score. Only shortlisted candidates will be called for interview by the relevant board.
- Applications will be processed on the basis of online data/information provided by the applicants. In case, any information is found untrue/misrepresented at any stage, the application will be rejected.
- On completion of their MS or PhD programme, all scholarship awardees will be required to return to Pakistan immediately to serve for a minimum period of four or six years respectively. No request for waiver for the purpose of service bond will be entertained in any case.
- The candidates, who abscond during or after completion of their degrees, will be charged twice the expenses in the foreign currency incurred by scholarship programme on them.
- Obtaining visas of their relevant country will be responsibility of candidates.
- Admission requirements must be met by applicants.
- The scholarship offer will expire if a selected candidate cannot secure admission in the mentioned academic sessions.

### Deadline/Application Submission

- Application must be submitted online through HEC portal: <https://asdis.hec.gov.pk/> by **October 25, 2021**.
- Original online deposit slip or ATM transfer slip of Rs. 500/- (non-refundable) as application processing fee in favour of Director General, Finance, HEC must be uploaded on the HEC portal. Fee can be deposited in Account# 1742-79001334-01 Habib Bank Limited (HBL), Shalimar Recording Company Branch, Islamabad, Pakistan through any bank.
- For scholarship coverage and further details, please visit: <https://www.hec.gov.pk/english/scholarshipgrants/asdis/default.aspx>

### HEC Aptitude Test (HAT-I)

The Education Testing Council (ETC) will conduct HEC Aptitude Test (HAT-I), which will be announced later. For more information, please visit ETC's official website: <https://etc.gov.pk>

For any query, please feel free to contact HEC Call Centre UAN:

**111-119-432 Or 0334-1119432 <https://onlinehelp.hec.gov.pk/>**

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