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Agricultural Innovation Program for Pakistan

PhD Degrees at US Land Grant Universities
Overseas Scholarships: Fall 2014

Applications are invited from outstanding Pakistani/AJK nationals for the award of 5 PhD scholarships funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) under the auspices of the Agricultural Innovation Program (AIP). Successful candidates will be trained at a selected US Land Grant University in partnership with a Pakistani University.

Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) Must be a Pakistani/ AJK national.
- 2) Applicants must have minimum of 18 years of education in agricultural Sciences and serving in Agricultural Universities/R&D institutions including Agri. Extension
- 3) Maximum age on Closing Date should not be more than 40 years
- 4) Applicants need to have minimum cumulative 50% academic marks as per HEC-AEF format (<http://www.hec.gov.pk/InsideHEC/Divisions/HRD/Scholarships/ForeignScholarships/ossphase2batch3/10OSS/Pages/HECAcademicEvaluationFormula.aspx>)
- 5) Must not be a recipient of any other scholarship
- 6) Applicants must conduct work/activities in the thematic areas of the AIP (Livestock, Vegetables, Wheat, Maize, Rice, or Tree Crops)

Application Procedures:

The following documents are required to be submitted as electronic copies (PDF) to this address: (<https://aipscholarships.ucdavis.edu>). Candidates will be required to log in and establish user account.

- 1) Application Form
- 2) CV/resume
- 3) Attested copies of all educational testimonials including CNIC and domicile
- 4) One-page Statement of purpose
- 5) One-page research proposal
- 6) Names and contact information of three references

Important notes:

- 1) Scholarships will be awarded on open merit preferably having representation across Pakistan
- 2) Funding will be provided for a maximum period of 4 years
- 3) Awardees will be required to execute a bond with their respective institution to serve for five years after completion of study.
- 4) It is expected that the PhD awardees will work at a Land Grant University (LGU) for two years for course work and to initiate a dissertation research project and to pass their qualifying examinations. After this the candidate will return to Pakistan to complete their research and write a PhD dissertation under the direction of a Pakistani co-major Professor.
- 5) Incomplete or applications received after due date will not be entertained
- 6) The short listed candidates will have to provide NOC from their departments.
- 7) Candidates who are short listed will be informed and will then be required to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) with a score of at least 70%, and the TOEFL examination to demonstrate English proficiency with a score of 550 or higher or IELTS score of 6.0 and above. Successful candidates will be reimbursed for GRE/TOEFL/IELTS examination costs. All official scores should be sent to - AIP scholarships, College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, International Programs, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616, USA.
- 8) Women are strongly encouraged to apply; if the pool of qualified students is sufficient, we are aiming for close to half of the students to be female.
- 9) The candidates must have acquired the requisite qualification on or before the closing date
- 10) Candidates having foreign degrees (including O & A levels) must submit their equivalence certificates from HEC/IBCC
10. Those holding dual citizenship or a US green card/permanent resident card will not be considered.
11. The final candidates will be selected by the AIP-HRD Committee
- 1) 12. Selected candidate's dossiers will then be submitted to a USA Land Grant University to be considered for admission. Note that being selected by the AIP-HRD committee is not a guarantee of admission into a Land Grant University because each candidate must meet their admission criteria as well as those of the AIP-HRD committee. Note also that selected candidates may suggest a preferred LGU, but the final determination will depend on research topic and availability of faculty sponsors.

Complete application forms and supporting materials, must be received by close of business, Pakistan time on 15 February 2014 at the URL shown below.

Submit electronic copies to: <https://aipscholarship.ucdavis.edu> NOTE: Hard copies of documents will not be accepted. Candidates should scan and save all documents in PDF format and then download to the URL.

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