



Date: ..... التاريخ  
Corres: ..... الموافق  
١٤٤٠ ١٢  
20 DEC 2019

No: PM-14378 ..... الرقم  
Encl: ..... المرفقات

H.E Asad Umar.  
Minister for Finance, Revenue & Economic Affairs.  
Governor, IsDB  
Government of Pakistan, Block-Q,  
Pakistan Secretariat, Islamabad.  
Islamic Republic of Pakistan  
Tel. +9251-9213204, 051-9203687  
Fax: +9251-9213780  
Email: minister@finance.gov.pk

**Subject:** Announcement of IsDB Scholarship Programmes for the Academic Year 2019-2020.

Excellency,

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the selection process for Master, Ph.D. and Postdoctoral Research Scholarship Programmes for 2018-2019 is concluded. I am attaching herewith the lists of selected candidates for Your Excellency's kind information. With this, I am taking the opportunity to announce the scholarship programmes for the next academic year of 2019-2020 (Attachment-1).

I would also like to inform Your Excellency that, to appreciate the role of education as a key for progress towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the IsDB Scholarship Programme has been revamped with special focus on "Sustainability Science" to support the achievement of the Presidency 5-Year Plan (P5P) and the SDGs. During their study and research, students and scholars receive knowledge and advise on how to develop sustainable business ideas that connect to the SDGs and pioneer innovative solutions to address the world's biggest challenges.

As we make the transition to the P5P and the SDGs, starting from this year, candidates from all the member countries, including your esteemed country, will apply for all tertiary levels i.e. Undergraduate, Masters, Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Research programmes. To this end, selected candidates may study at any university listed among the top 10 (ten) ranked universities, both in IsDB member countries as well as in developed countries. The hosting universities will play a strategic role to provide the students with the necessary mentoring and guidance and counselling activities to ensure their academic success. They will equally facilitate the students' financial entitlements, accommodation and promote the IsDB scholarship programmes.





I would also like to draw Your Excellency's kind attention to a point of particular importance. Indeed, a new scholarship portal is now launched to brand and market the scholarship programmes, provide a user-friendly registration system to ensure the registration cycle is in line with the universities' academic cycle, track the status of scholarship awards and view data regarding the scholarships and applicants. As such, as of this year, interested candidates for the programmes must submit their applications to IsDB online. The scholarship portal is accessible through the IsDB website ([www.isdb.org](http://www.isdb.org)).

Attached is the Announcement Poster inviting candidates to apply through the new scholarship portal for the next academic year 2019-2020 (Attachment-2). Your Excellency may kindly arrange to distribute the announcement to various educational and research institutions in your esteemed country. In order to attract a greater number of quality applications, I may solicit Your Excellency to kindly also publish the announcement in media, leading journals and newspapers in the country.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts of Your Excellency's good office for fully participating in the programmes and look forward that this effort will continue to attract the most eligible and talented candidates to the IsDB Scholarship Programmes.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

President of the Islamic Development Bank Group

Dr. Bandar Bin Mohamed Hamza Hajjar

Cc: IsDB Regional Hubs



Islamic Development Bank  
Banque Islamique de Développement  
President's Office – Bureau Du Président



البنك الإسلامي للتنمية  
مكتب الرئيس

## SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT

Academic Year 2019-2020

The Islamic Development Bank (ISDB) is delighted to announce that calls for scholarship applications for the academic year 2019-2020 are now opened through a new portal to receive online applications for the following programmes:

- Undergraduate Scholarship Programme
- Master Scholarship Programme
- PhD Scholarship Programme
- Post-Doctoral Research Programme
- ISDB/ISFD Scholarship Programme for Vocational Education and Training (VET)
- Joint Programme with The World Academy of Science (TWAS) in Trieste, Italy for Sustainability Science, Technology and Innovation

The prospective applicants should apply through the ISDB website: [www.isdb.org](http://www.isdb.org) from December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 until February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. **Only online applications will be considered.**

Science, Technology and Innovation Department  
Scholarship Division,  
Islamic Development Bank  
8111 King Khalid St. Al Nuzlah Yamania Dist.  
Unit. No. 1, Jeddah 22332-2444, Saudi Arabia  
Tel: (966-12) 646-6833; Fax: (00966) 12 646-6887  
E-mail: [scholar@isdb.org](mailto:scholar@isdb.org)