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Subject: **Heydar Aliyev-International Education Grant Program for Non-Aligned Movement Member States.**

Reference is invited to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' communique no. UN(II)-3/1/2025 dated 21 March 2025 on subject matter.

2. The Government of Azerbaijan under its "Heydar Aliyev-International Education Grant Program" is offering 100 scholarships for students from Non-Aligned Movement Member States, including Pakistan, in several leading universities of Azerbaijan. The scholarship will cover the tuition fees, once a year ticket international flight, monthly allowance, medical insurance, visa and temporary residence permit for stay in country for the period of each academic year. Further details of desired documents, eligibility criteria, nomination form and contact details of focal persons can be found in enclosed document.

3. Above in context, the opportunity is being shared for your information and further appropriate actions. It is requested that the nomination of applicants along with necessary documents may be shared with this commission by **5<sup>th</sup> May 2025** at [sidwazir@hec.gov.pk](mailto:sidwazir@hec.gov.pk) for onward submission to Azeri side. It is pertinent to mention that HEC will not bear any financial liability at its end.

Profound regards,

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Assistant Director (GE)

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Public & Private Sector Universities/HEIs/DAIs of Pakistan

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- ii. **APS to In-Charge (GE)**, Higher Education Commission, Islamabad.



GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN  
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**SUBJECT: HEYDAR ALIYEV-INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM FOR NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT MEMBER STATES**

Attached is a note from the Mission of Azerbaijan to the United Nations (UN), shared by our Permanent Mission to the UN, conveying an opportunity for higher education scholarships for NAM Member States for the 2025-2026 academic year.

2. The "*Heydar Aliyev-International Education Grant Program*", funded by the Government of Azerbaijan, is offered to foreigners in several leading universities of Azerbaijan. All NAM countries, including Pakistan, are eligible to participate in the program. The deadline for applications is 15 May 2025.

3. Details of the program is also attached for appropriate use.

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Ministry Of Foreign Affairs No.UN(II)-3/1/2025 Dated 21 March , 2025

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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations, in its capacity as the Chair of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement (CoB-NAM), and upon instructions from the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan has the honor to convey the information about the "Heydar Aliyev-International Education Grant Program" for foreigners for 2025-2026 academic year funded by the Government of Azerbaijan.

The higher education scholarship program provides an excellent opportunity for selected candidates to study in the leading universities of Azerbaijan at the preparatory courses, undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and general medicine residency programs. Annually 100 international students will benefit from the Scholarship. The citizens of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement are eligible to participate in the program.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations has the honor to request the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to circulate the enclosed information on timeline of the call, requirements, and application criteria and the process among the Member States of NAM with a view to bringing this to the attention of the competent authorities and identifying qualified candidates. For official nomination by the respective state entities/government authorities the applicants must submit the required documents to the relevant authorities for their first stage of the application process until May 15, 2025 at 6 PM Baku time.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations, in its capacity as the Chair of the CoB-NAM the assurances of its highest consideration.

Annex: 8 files



New York, 17 March 2025

Permanent Mission of the Republic of Uganda  
to the United Nations  
New York

**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGNERS FUNDED BY  
THE GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN  
2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR  
LIST OF ELIGIBLE COUNTRIES**

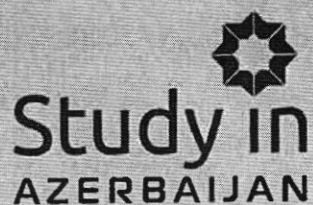
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1	Antigua and Barbuda
2	Arab Republic of Egypt
3	Barbados
4	Belize
5	Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela
6	Bosnia and Herzegovina
7	Brunei Darussalam
8	Burkina Faso
9	Central African Republic
10	Commonwealth of Dominica
11	Commonwealth of The Bahamas
12	Co-operative Republic of Guyana
13	Democratic People's Republic of Korea
14	Democratic Republic of São Tomé and Príncipe
15	Democratic Republic of the Congo
16	Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste
17	Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
18	Dominican Republic
19	Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
20	Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal
21	Federal Republic of Nigeria
22	Federal Republic of Somalia
23	Federated States of Micronesia
24	Federative Republic of Brazil
25	Gabonese Republic
26	Georgia
27	Greece
28	Grenada
29	Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
30	Hungary
31	Islamic Republic of Afganistan
32	Independent State of Samoa
33	Islamic Republic of Iran
34	Islamic Republic of Mauritania
35	Islamic Republic of Pakistan



36	Jamaica
37	Kingdom of Bahrain
38	Kingdom of Bhutan
39	Kingdom of Cambodia
40	Kingdom of Eswatini
41	Kingdom of Lesotho
42	Kingdom of Morocco
43	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
44	Kingdom of Thailand
45	Kingdom of Tonga
46	Kyrgyz Republic
47	Lao People's Democratic Republic
48	Malaysia
49	Mongolia
50	Montenegro
51	Palau
52	Papua New Guinea
53	People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
54	People's Republic of Bangladesh
55	Plurinational State of Bolivia
56	Principality of Monaco
57	Republic of Albania
58	Republic of Angola
59	Republic of Belarus
60	Republic of Benin
61	Republic of Botswana
62	Republic of Bulgaria
63	Republic of Burundi
64	Republic of Cabo Verde
65	Republic of Cameroon
66	Republic of Chad
67	Republic of Chile
68	Republic of Colombia
69	Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
70	Republic of Cuba
71	Republic of Djibouti
72	Republic of Ecuador
73	Republic of Equatorial Guinea
74	Republic of Fiji
75	Republic of Ghana
76	Republic of Guatemala
77	Republic of Guinea

78	Republic of Guinea-Bissau
79	Republic of Haiti
80	Republic of Honduras
81	Republic of India
82	Republic of Indonesia
83	Republic of Iraq
84	Republic of Ireland
85	Republic of Kazakhstan
86	Republic of Kenya
87	Republic of Kiribati
88	Republic of Latvia
89	Republic of Lebanon
90	Republic of Liberia
91	Republic of Lithuania
92	Republic of Madagascar
93	Republic of Malawi
94	Republic of Maldives
95	Republic of Mali
96	Republic of Mauritius
97	Republic of Moldova
98	Republic of Mozambique
99	Republic of Namibia
100	Republic of Nauru
101	Republic of Nicaragua
102	Republic of North Macedonia
103	Republic of Panama
104	Republic of Peru
105	Republic of Poland
106	Republic of Rwanda
107	Republic of Senegal
108	Republic of Serbia
109	Republic of Seychelles
110	Republic of Sierra Leone
111	Republic of Singapore
112	Republic of South Africa
113	Republic of South Sudan
114	Republic of Suriname
115	Republic of Tajikistan
116	Republic of the Congo
117	Republic of The Gambia
118	Republic of the Marshall Islands
119	Republic of the Niger

120	Republic of the Philippines
121	Republic of the Sudan
122	Republic of the Union of Myanmar
123	Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
124	Republic of Tunisia
125	Republic of Türkiye
126	Republic of Uganda
127	Republic of Uzbekistan
128	Republic of Vanuatu
129	Republic of Yemen
130	Republic of Zambia
131	Republic of Zimbabwe
132	Romania
133	Russian Federation
134	Saint Lucia
135	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
136	Socialist Republic of Vietnam
137	Solomon Islands
138	State of Eritrea
139	State of Kuwait
140	State of Libya
141	State of Palestine
142	State of Qatar
143	Sultanate of Oman
144	Syrian Arab Republic
145	The Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis
146	Togolese Republic
147	Turkmenistan
148	Tuvalu
149	Ukraine
150	Union of the Comoros
151	United Arab Emirates
152	United Republic of Tanzania



**CALL FOR  
“HEYDAR ALIYEV INTERNATIONAL  
EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM”  
2025-2026  
ACADEMIC YEAR**



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### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR FOREIGNERS FUNDED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF AZERBAIJAN

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan are pleased to announce the "Heydar Aliyev - International Education Grant Program" for 2025-2026 academic year. The higher education scholarship by the Government of Azerbaijan will be offered on an annual basis for a period of 5 years.

The program honours the memory of Heydar Aliyev - the National Leader of Azerbaijan.

"Heydar Aliyev - International Education Grant Program" (hereinafter "Scholarship") established by the decree of H.E. Ilham Aliyev, the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan on 8 July 2023, provides an excellent opportunity for selected candidates to study in the leading universities of Azerbaijan at the preparatory courses, undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, general medicine/medical residency programs.

Annually 100 international students will benefit from the Scholarship. The citizens of the following countries are eligible to participate in the program:

- Member states of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation;
- Member states of the Non-Aligned Movement;
- Small Island Developing States;
- Countries sharing common cultural, ethnic and historical ties with Azerbaijan.





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### 1. OBJECTIVE

The objective of the program is to contribute to the development of human capital in other countries and to support the education of foreign nationals in higher education institutions of Azerbaijan by granting scholarships on full-time basis at the Bachelor's (including general medicine education), Master's (including medical residency), Doctoral levels, as well as the preparatory courses.

### 2. EDUCATIONAL LEVELS

LEVEL	PROGRAM DURATION
Bachelor's Program	4-5 years This period is determined based on educational programs approved for each specialty.
General medicine Program	5-6 years This period is determined based on educational programs approved for each specialty.
Master's Program	1.5-2 years This period is determined based on educational programs approved for each specialty.
Medical Residency Program	2-5 years This period is determined based on educational programs approved for each specialty.
Doctoral (PhD) Program	3 years

The duration of preparatory courses range from 6 months to 1 year and is determined by the higher education institution.







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### 3. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

The applicants approved for the Scholarship will be provided with the following:

#### 1. TUITION FEES:

Tuition fee and language preparatory courses (in accordance with the language of instruction) for the study period at the undergraduate, graduate, general medicine, medical residency, doctoral level.

#### 2. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS:

An international economy class flight ticket to Baku, Azerbaijan (from the country of origin) and from Azerbaijan (to the country of origin respectively) once a year.

#### 3. MONTHLY ALLOWANCE:

Monthly allowance of 800 AZN (470 USD)\* for accommodation, daily expenses, educational materials (10 months each year, except July and August).

#### 4. MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Yearly allowance of 200 AZN (117 USD)\* for the medical care and medication during the study period in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

*Note: All the privileges and payments under Part 3 (Scholarship Benefits) will be applicable only for the duration of each program described under Part 2 (Educational Levels).*

#### 5. VISA & REGISTRATION:

A single entry visa to the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as, a temporary residence permit for the stay in the country for the period of each academic year.

*\*manat at the exchange rate set by the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the day of payment*







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#### 4. TIMELINE OF THE CALL

ACTIVITIES	DATES
Submission of applications (first stage) to the relevant government authorities of the applicant's country (Ministries, Embassies, etc.)	From March 15 to May 15, 2025
Review and evaluation of candidates by the respective government authorities	From May 16 to May 31, 2025
Registration of applications (second stage) in the SIACAS (Study in Azerbaijan Centralized Admission Service)*	From June 1 to June 15, 2025
Review and evaluation of candidates	From June 16 to July 15, 2025
Notification of the selected candidates	From July 16 to July 31, 2025
Start of academic year**	September 15, 2025
Last date for the arrival in the Republic of Azerbaijan	September 30, 2025

\* Respective state entities/government authorities of candidate's country will get in touch with the shortlisted applicants to ensure the registration process in the SIACAS.

\*\*This date may vary for students enrolled in preparatory courses for medical programs.





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### **5. APPLICATION CRITERIA**

1. Citizens of the Republic of Azerbaijan or individuals whose citizenship in the Republic of Azerbaijan have been terminated will not be considered for a Scholarship;
2. Age requirements for applicants shall be as follows:
  - Undergraduate and general medicine programs – foreign nationals below 35 years as of 15.09.2025;
  - Graduate and medical residency programs – foreign nationals below 40 years as of 15.09.2025;
  - Doctoral programs – foreign nationals below 45 years as of 15.09.2025.

**Selection Committee at any time may verify the authenticity of the information provided by the applicant and proceed according to current regulations.**

### **6. APPLICATION PROCESS**

For official nomination by the respective state entities/government authorities (Ministries, Embassies, etc.) the applicants must submit the required documents to the relevant authorities for the first stage of the application process. The last date of the submission is **May 15, 2025 at 6 PM Baku time.**

If the candidates are officially nominated by the respective government authorities they will proceed to the second stage of the application process and apply through Study in Azerbaijan Centralized Admission Service (SIACAS) website ([portal.edu.az](http://portal.edu.az)) from **June 1 to June 15, 2025**. After logging in SIACAS website applicants must choose the relevant Admission channel ("Heydar Aliyev - International Education Grant" program) to apply.

Candidates can choose 3 (three) specialties at different higher educational institutions of the Republic of Azerbaijan in the appropriate channel.







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Applicants may track status of their applications and get notifications for the next stages from the SIACAS. At the same time, notifications will appear in applicant's personal account.

SIACAS website will remain accessible to registration of applications from June 1, 2025, starting at 12 AM, to June 15 at 6 PM Baku time.

A candidate with multiple nationalities may submit only one application, and it must be for one of the eligible nations (Annex 2) listed in this Call for Applications (it must be submitted in accordance with the applicant's nationality as nominated by the relevant state bodies).

Only the applications that were nominated by their respective countries in the first stage will go through the evaluation process for the Scholarship program.

If applicants face any technical problems with the website, they may send email to [siacas.support@tsii.edu.az](mailto:siacas.support@tsii.edu.az) with short description and relevant screenshots.

## 7. REQUIREMENTS

1. Completed nomination form (for the first stage of application process);
2. Copy of Diplomas and Transcripts from prior High School or Higher Education Institution;  
The applicant's academic marks (GPA) of the previous degree(s) of study (general secondary education, bachelor's degree, general medicine education, master's degree, medical residency) must not be less than 70 (on a scale of 0 to 100 or 7 on a scale of 10 or equivalent) of the relevant marking system;
3. Copy of the medical certificate (including HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B/C tests);
4. Copy of a valid passport that confirms the applicant's identification information;
5. CV or Resume;
6. Proficiency in the language of study:
  - Applicants willing to study in English are required to have following scores:
  - for undergraduate programs minimum IELTS 5 (TOEFL 40);
  - for postgraduate programs minimum IELTS 5.5 (TOEFL 50);
  - the language of study of the previous education must be English.





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- Applicants willing to study in Russian - proof of language proficiency or the language of study of the previous education must be Russian;
- Applicants willing to study in Turkish - proof of language proficiency or the language of study of the previous education must be in Turkish;
- Applicants willing to study in Azerbaijani – proof of the English, Russian or Turkish language or the language of study of the previous education must be English, Russian or Turkish.

The higher education institution may examine the candidate's proficiency for the applied level of education and proficiency in the language of study.

7. Motivation letter;

8. Local and international awards (if available).

### **7.1 PREREQUISITE FOR THE DOCUMENTS**

1. Documents must be legible/readable and clear;
2. Documents must be in one of the following languages: Azerbaijani, Turkish, English and Russian languages and have to be notarized;
3. Documents in a language other than those indicated above must be accompanied by a notarized translation into English;
4. The applicant must submit the documentation in PDF format;
5. Candidates must submit a medical certificate (including HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis B and C tests) from the relevant clinics in the country of residence. The medical certificate has to be dated no more than 3 (three) months before the submission of application and must verify that the applicant is in good health for travel and study (if the certificate is in a language other than Azerbaijani, Turkish, English and Russian, it should have a certified translation);
6. All requested documents must be uploaded along with the application in the SIACAS website before the deadline (June 15 at 6 PM GMT Baku time).







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### 8. RESULTS

1. In accordance with the schedule mentioned in Part 4 (*Timeline of the Call*) of this call, the decision on the acceptance to the scholarship program will be sent by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and through SIACAS website;
2. If the selected applicant does not confirm the participation at the Scholarship program through SIACAS website within the established deadline, the Application Committee may grant the scholarship to another applicant who meets the abovementioned requirements;
3. Official nomination of the candidates by the respective government authorities (Ministries, Embassies, etc.) of their country does not guarantee the grant of the scholarship by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
4. The final decision on the grant of the scholarships is solely up to the Selection Committee;
5. All decisions made during the selection process are final and not subject to appeal.

### 9. CONSIDERATIONS

1. Any expense that is not specified in this Call for Applications will not be covered or reimbursed by the Government of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
2. The selected applicant will receive instructions to initiate the process of formalizing the scholarship grant. If Application Committee does not receive a response to its communications within the established timeframe, it may result in the cancellation of the scholarship grant and the selection of another applicant;
3. The selected applicants will receive guideline about their stay in the Republic of Azerbaijan. They may get the information about scholarship holder's rights and obligations, visa, migration rules, as well as other useful materials;
4. The selected applicant will be considered as a scholarship recipient only after delivering the required documentation to the offices of the higher education institution in the Republic of Azerbaijan, and will be subject to the commitments of Agreement of this Scholarship Program;
5. The selected applicant, upon accepting the scholarship, commits to complying with the Agreement signed by grant holder and the higher educational institution, as well as keeping up-to-date with the respective departments assigned to the candidates by higher education institutions during scholarship period.





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### 10. ANNEX LIST

1. Nomination form (for the first stage of application process);
2. List of eligible countries;
3. List of diplomatic missions of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
4. List of participating higher educational institutions;
5. List of programs.

### 11. CONTACTS

Email addresses for queries and questions related to this call:

1. Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan - [scholars@mfa.gov.az](mailto:scholars@mfa.gov.az)
2. Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan -  
[info@studyinazerbaijan.edu.az](mailto:info@studyinazerbaijan.edu.az)
3. Technical issues with the SIACAS website (portal.edu.az) - [siacas.support@tsii.edu.az](mailto:siacas.support@tsii.edu.az)





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2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

## NOMINATION FORM

Please fill with capital letters

PERSONAL DETAILS					
First name					
Surname					
Citizenship					
Passport number*					
CONTACT DETAILS					
Mobile phone number (with country code)					
Active email address					
Contact person in case of emergency					
Mobile phone number (with country code)					
Active email address					
Educational level you want to apply for	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor	<input type="checkbox"/> General Medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> Master	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Residency	<input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral
Educational programs you want to apply for:					

\*The copy of the valid passport must be attached to this form