

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- a. Applications for scholarships are invited from those prospective applicants who satisfy both general and specific eligibility criteria.
- b. There will be no binding on HEC to provide scholarships to all selectees. HEC will select only best of the best among this lot on merit.
- c. For scholarship award, preference will be given to students who have secured admission in top 100 QS U.S World Ranked University and Subject Ranking up to 100.
- d. The latest QS Ranking (2025) shall apply. www.topuniversities.com website will be used as a reference for QS Ranking.
- e. Deadlines for submission of application on HEC online portal are

Spring/Summer 2026	Fall 2026 Admission
15 th November, 2025	30 th April, 2026

- f. For more details, please visit HEC Website:
www.hec.gov.pk/site/US-PAK-KC

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US-PAKISTAN KNOWLEDGE CORRIDOR PHD SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



**SCHOLARSHIPS
ARE OPEN FOR
SPRING/SUMMER
2026 AND
FALL 2026
ADMISSIONS**

Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan under its project, US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor invites applications for award of scholarships for PhD program in top 300 QS World Ranked US universities.

- The scholarship is only for the PhD Program and does not include MS Leading to PhD.
- Preference shall be given to applicants having admission in preferred subject areas as mentioned on HEC website.
<http://www.hec.gov.pk/site/US-PAK-KCSA>
- Applications for scholarship shall be submitted online through HEC scholarship portal at:
<https://scholarship.hec.gov.pk>

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- Pakistani/AJK nationals
- Minimum 4 years bachelor's degree (BS/BSc. /BE/16 years formal education)
- No 2nd or 3rd Division in entire academic career for category – I & II scholarship.
- Maximum age on the closing date shall not exceed:
 - 40 years in case of regular Government employees/regular faculty members of public sector universities & Government colleges/regular researchers of approved R&D organizations.
 - 35 years in all other cases.
- Must not be availing any other scholarship.

SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

Category I – Scholarship

(Top 50 QS World Ranked US Universities – Overall)

- Tuition Fee as per University Invoice
- Stipend and Health Insurance

The prospective applicants must have:

- Secured admission in top 50 QS World Ranked US University
- Valid GRE – General Score (Minimum 300 in total)
OR HEC HAT Score (Minimum 60%)

Category II – Scholarship

(51-300 QS World Ranked US Universities – Overall)

- A tuition fee up to USD 12,000/- per annum
- Stipend and Health Insurance

The prospective applicants must have:

- Secured admission in top 51-300 QS World Ranked US University.
- Subject Ranking up to 100
- Valid GRE – General Score (Minimum 300 in total)
OR HAT Score (Minimum 60%).