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THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY
Institute for Educational Development



Master of Education (MEd)
Admission Information 2022 - 2023

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THE UNIVERSITY

The Aga Khan University is a pioneering institution of higher education and research that works to improve quality of life in the developing world and beyond. We educate leaders, generate life-saving knowledge and set an example that raises standards in the societies in which we work. We empower women and the disadvantaged, strengthen pluralism and partner with world-renowned institutions to address problems that affect millions of people.

A not-for-profit institution, AKU was founded in 1983 by His Highness the Aga Khan. As Pakistan's first private university, we paved the way for the growth of the country's private higher education sector. In the early 2000s, the University expanded to Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Afghanistan and the United Kingdom.

At AKU, students flourish in a supportive environment that embraces diversity, demands excellence and encourages leadership and direct engagement with real-world challenges. Our graduates go on to study and work at eminent universities and organizations around the world, and to make a difference in their home countries.

AKU is open to all, regardless of race, religion, gender or geographic origin. Two-thirds of students and half of faculty members are women. Admission is based on merit, and our needs sensitive financial assistance programme ensures that individuals from lower-income backgrounds are able to attend.

While we do not discriminate on faith, gender or national origin, we are selective in the students we accept. Our selection process varies by academic programmes, but a common criterion includes fluency in English.

INSTITUTE FOR EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, PAKISTAN

Established in 1993, the Institute for Educational Development (IED), Pakistan is an academic entity of the Aga Khan University. IED is mandated to make valuable and relevant contributions towards improving the quality of education in Pakistan and other developing contexts. It works as a catalyst for educational change by developing passionate and transformative educational professionals, influencing educational policies and practices and modelling educational reforms in the under-served areas.

PROGRAMMES

The Institute offers the following programmes for in-service professionals in education:

- PhD in Education
- MPhil in Education
- Master of Education

RESEARCH

Research at IED aims to extend the understanding of core educational issues and contribute to educational problem-solving in the developing world particularly in Pakistan. The Institute focuses on:

- Generating and disseminating contextually relevant knowledge on critical issues ranging from the key problems of classroom teaching and school leadership to concerns related to educational policy.
- Providing a platform for comprehensive dialogue on pertinent educational issues in the developing world.
- Building the capacity of educational researchers through graduate and continuing professional education programmes.

OUTREACH

Through our Professional Development Centres in Gilgit, Chitral and Karachi, we reach out to underserved areas where teachers have very limited opportunities to further their education and schools lack the support and resources to improve their performance. These centres also implement educational development projects targeting quality reforms in the government and private education systems. Since inception, our projects have improved education opportunities for marginalised communities in some of the neglected and hard-to-access areas in Pakistan.

For more information visit: www.aku.edu/iedpk

MASTER OF EDUCATION

Developing pedagogical leaders and reflective practitioners

Our Master of Education Programme is a well-designed blend of theory, practicum and research. It prepares reflective practitioners who can transform teaching, learning, assessment and leadership and management practices in educational institutions. Students are developed as exemplary leaders with a strong commitment to educational change. By the time of graduation, students develop a broader understanding of educational issues, are able to think global, and are ready to find innovative solutions to suit their unique local needs.

The programme offers specialisations in:

- Teacher Education focusing on Science, Mathematics, English Language and Social Studies education;
- Educational Leadership and Management; and
- Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation

Graduates of this programme are working as teachers, teacher educators, school leaders, curriculum developers, monitoring, evaluation and assessment experts, educational development professionals and education entrepreneurs in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh, Syria and other parts of the world. Building on the foundation that the MEd programme provides, many of our graduates have pursued doctoral studies at renowned international universities. Most of these are working as faculty and leaders of higher education institutions, lead researchers, education consultants and policy advisors in developed and developing countries.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE AND DESIGN

The MEd programme is offered as a full-time and part-time programme requiring 27 credit hours of coursework and 6 credit-hour of original research. Upon successful completion of coursework with minimum cGPA of 2.5 followed by review and approval of research work by internal and external reviewers and successful defence of the thesis, the candidate will be awarded the degree of the “Master of Education”

COURSEWORK

Core courses (3 credit hours each)

- Curriculum, Teaching and Learning
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Academic Literacy
- Quantitative Research Methods
- Educational Change

Electives Courses* (3 credit hours each)

(Students will have to choose one course)

- Pedagogical Leadership
- Gender in Education
- Introduction to the Histories and Cultures of Muslim Societies
- Inclusive Education
- Health Promotion in Schools
- Environmental Education
- Policy Studies for Education
- Early Childhood Education and Development
- Globalization and Educational Change
- Educational Reform in Developing Countries

**Courses will be offered based on the availability of faculty and subject to minimum number of enrollments policy in an elective course*

Specializations Courses

Students can choose one of the following three areas for specialization.

Teacher Education

If Teacher Education is chosen, any one of the four disciplines below can be taken:

English Language Education

- Introduction to Applied English Linguistics
- TESOL in Multilingual Classrooms
- Learning Systems in ELT

Social Studies Education

- Theories and Meanings of Social Studies
- Learning to Teach Social Studies 1
- Learning to Teach Social Studies 2

Science Education

- Teaching and Learning Science
- Nature and Philosophy of Science
- Pedagogical Content Knowledge in Science

Mathematics Education

- School Mathematics
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment in Mathematics
- History and Philosophy of Mathematics

Educational Leadership and Management

If Educational Leadership and Management is chosen, the following courses will be taken:

- Organisational Learning
- Effective Management Practices
- Strategic Leadership and Management in Education

Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation

If Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation is chosen, the following courses will be taken:

- Classroom Assessment: Principles, Methods and Practice
- Test Validity and Construction
- Programme Evaluation in Context

RESEARCH WORK

- Research Proposal Development
- Field Work, and Writing of Dissertation Defense

More information about the programme is available on: www.aku.edu/iedpk/med

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission in the programme is based solely on merit and potential commitment to improve the quality of education. Merit will be evaluated through scholastic achievements and performance of candidates in the AKU Admission Test. The commitment of the candidate will be assessed through an interview with a panel of senior faculty at AKU.

Candidates currently working in the public or private sectors in Pakistan and overseas may apply.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 16-years of qualification in Education discipline with minimum 50% marks. Candidates with degree in areas other than Education must have a 1.5 years BEd* degree (54 credits).
- To specialise in Educational Leadership & Management (ELM): Minimum two years of teaching experience in an educational institution with at least one year of management experience.
- To specialise in Assessment, Measurement and Evaluation (AME) / Teacher Education (TE): Minimum two years of teaching experience. Monitoring, evaluation and assessment related experience will be preferable for specialisation in AME.

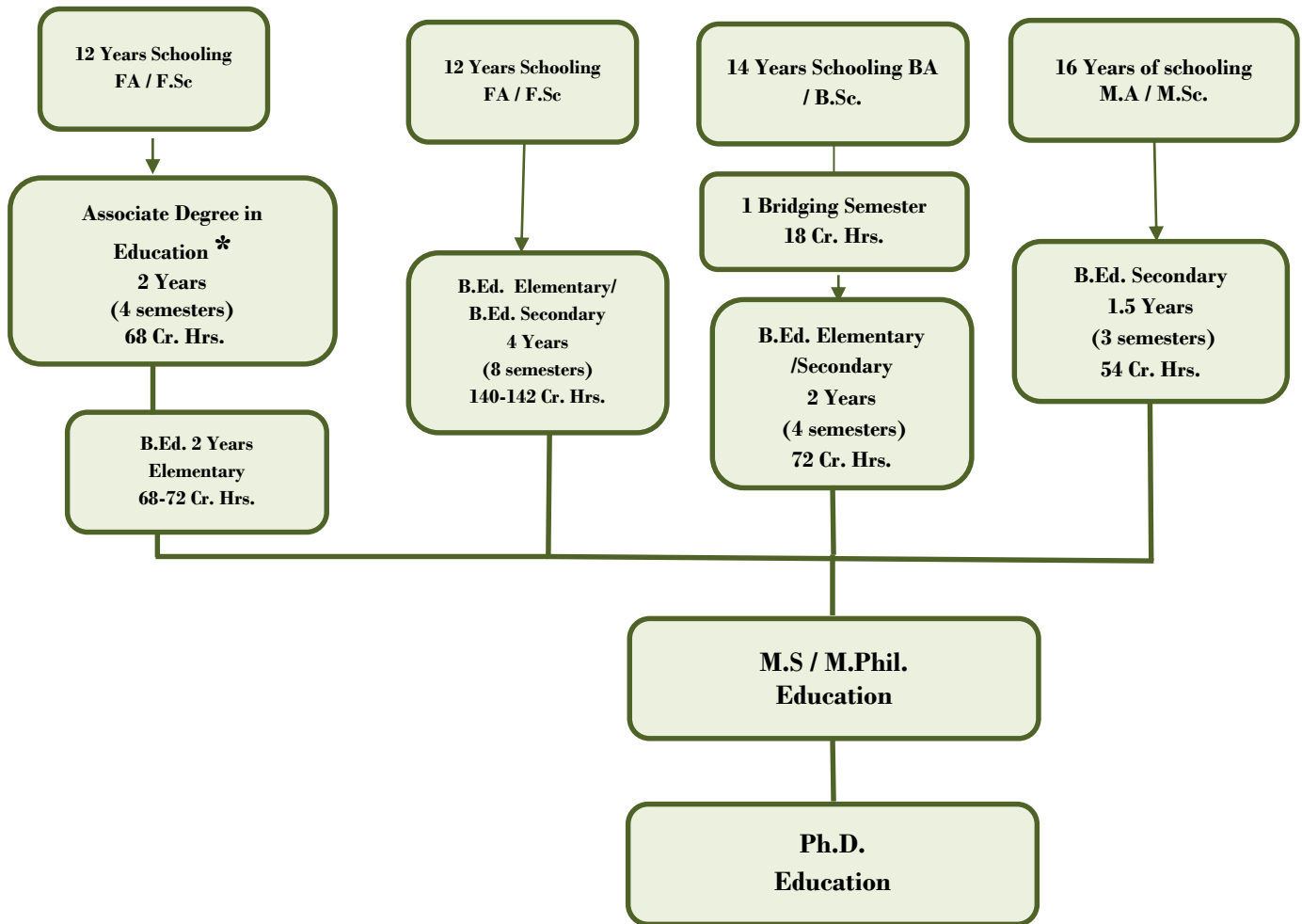
** Candidates applying with a 1-year BEd degree are required to complete 6 bridging courses of 18 credit hours at IED.*

NOTE: Please note in some cases the University asks for other additional documents to better understand and evaluate applicant's eligibility as per University and regulatory body requirements.

To further process the application, the applicants are asked to provide the equivalence for their academic credentials from Higher Education Commission (HEC).

For clarification, please refer to the Teacher Education Roadmap over leaf.

HEC TEACHER EDUCATION ROADMAP



* Note: Student may exit after completing ADE program and join again for award of B.Ed program after getting some experience.

BRIDGING PROGRAMME

Candidates applying in MEd and holding degrees in the areas other than Education with a 1-year BEd degree are required to complete Bridging Programme comprising 6 courses of 18 credit hours at IED. Courses taught in this programme will be of Level 6 as per the HEC Qualification Framework.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

Bridging Semester (August 2022 to December 2022):

COURSES

(3 credit each course)

- Learning to Learn in the 21st Century
- Critical Thinking and Reflective Practices
- Educational Management and Leadership
- Philosophy of Education
- Classroom Assessment
- Citizenship Education and Community Engagement

APPLICATION PROCESS SUMMARY

Stage I	Online submission of application. Candidates are invited to write an AKU Admission Test.
Stage II	Candidates who are shortlisted based on the Admission Test will be required to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• submit relevant academic documents, work experience certificate/letter and reference letters• attend interviews with senior faculty members of the University.
Stage III	Final selection is based on an overall assessment of each candidate's dossier which is formally approved by the University's Admission Review Committee.

ADMISSION TEST

The Admission Test comprises of three components: English Language, Quantitative Reasoning and a Programme Specific Exam.

- The English Language component evaluates a candidate's competency in the English language.
- The Quantitative Reasoning component is designed to assess problem solving and logical thinking ability.
- The Programme Specific Exam will assess basic knowledge related to the specific speciality.

The programme brochure and sample test paper may be downloaded from our website www.aku.edu/admissions/Documents/sample-paper-MEd.pdf

The University does not provide any special preparation for the Admission Test nor does it authorise any publication or preparatory classes for this purpose.

SHORT-LISTING AND INTERVIEWS

Candidates will be shortlisted on the basis of the Admission Test. Interviews will be conducted for shortlisted candidates only. The purpose of the interview is to assess a variety of attributes, including motivation, maturity, social and cultural awareness, knowledge of educational issues of local, and national level with its connection to the wider world and evidence of interest, and commitment to the programme.

Interviews are conducted in Karachi, Pakistan. For all candidates who reside overseas or are located in places other than Karachi, interviews are conducted over Zoom.

VALIDITY OF TEST SCORES

The AKU Admission Test scores are valid for a period of two years from the date the test is written.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

Applications for admission will be accepted from **March 13 to May 11, 2022**. Candidates must apply online by logging on to www.aku.edu/apply-online

Applications must be submitted via the online process. Applications will only be accepted if a candidate completes following:

1. Upload the application fee on the online form.
2. Submit the application form online. (*Candidate will receive a copy of the application form on their email as a confirmation if the application is submitted successfully*)

Incomplete applications or submission of applications after the deadline is not accepted.

NOTE FOR ALL CANDIDATES

Candidates are requested to ensure they meet application eligibility requirements before applying. These are listed in the programme brochure. Moreover, candidates are responsible to complete the application and other requirements according to the published instructions and time schedule.

Aga Khan University reserves the right to admission; to revoke admission and registration if an application is discovered to be inaccurate or incomplete, or if supporting documents are discovered to be fraudulent. Any candidate who presents a fraudulent document in support of an application for admission may be identified to other universities and colleges.

ADMIT CARD

The admit card to allow you to write the test will be received by candidates who apply online on their portal and/or through an email.

In cases where the admit card is not received 12 days before the date of the test; candidates must email the Admission Office at ied.ro@aku.edu for the required information and application details.

If a candidate would like to write the test at a different test centre from the one originally noted in the application form, candidate must inform the admission office via email at least 72 hours before the test so that information can be sent to the Test Centre. Walk in candidates are not encouraged. **Please Note:** The University does not take responsibility to conduct the test for candidates who walk into a Test Centre without information.

Please note:

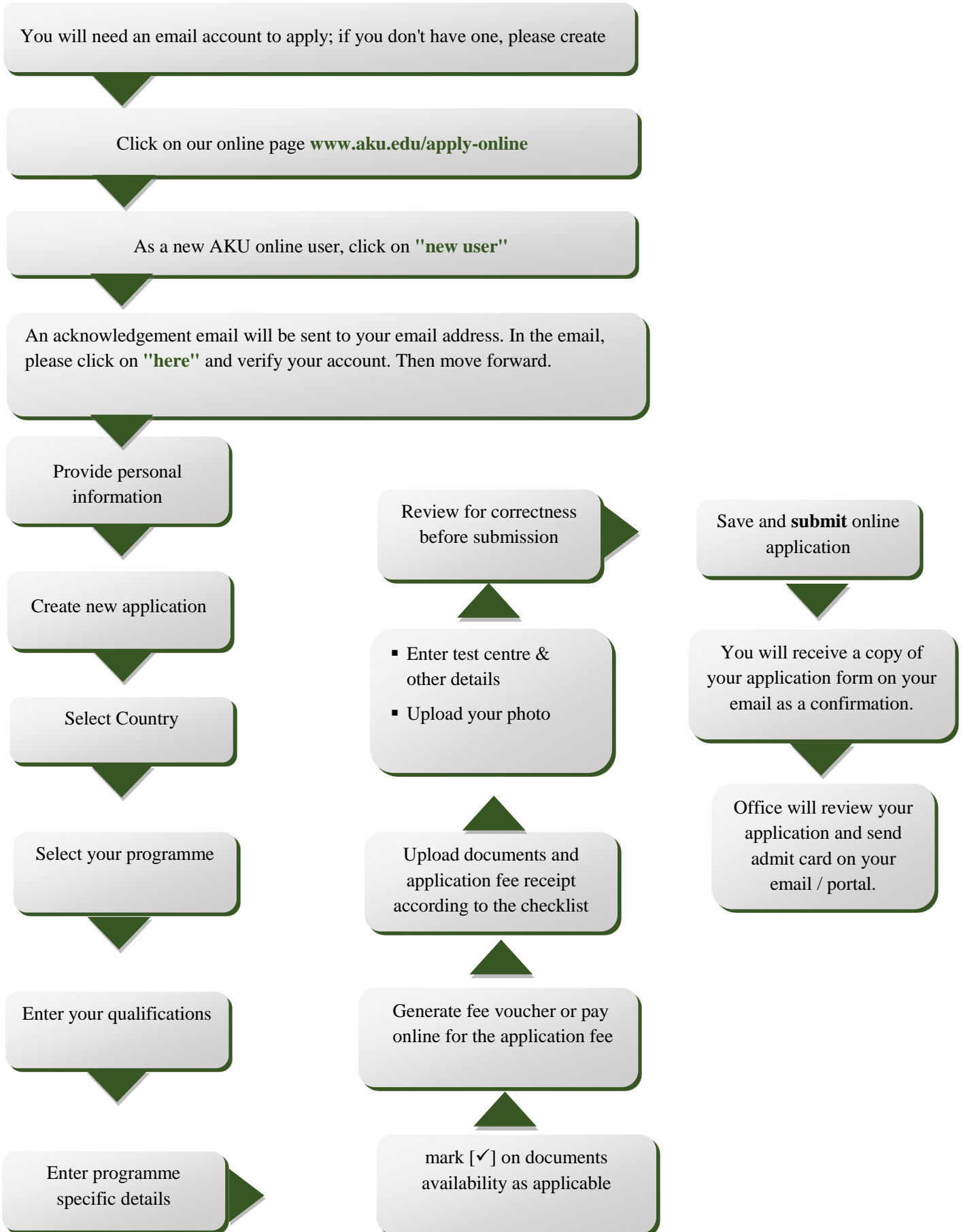
To be allowed into the Test Centre to write the Test, candidates must bring:

- A hard copy of the admit card issued by AKU **AND**
- A valid current photo ID card/original CNIC/college ID card/enrolment card for identification.
- A Covid vaccination card/evidence.

Without these documents, AKU reserves the right not to allow you to write the Test.

APPLY ONLINE

Follow the steps below to apply for an academic programme online:



PLEASE UPLOAD THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS WHEN APPLYING ONLINE

Note: The photograph should be in JPEG format with 2 MB size and all other documents should be in PDF format with 5 MB file each.

1. A passport size coloured PHOTO. (It must show your full face and reflect your current appearance)
2. CNIC / NICOP (front & back copy) / relevant passport pages (for foreign nationals)
3. Detailed curriculum vitae (CV) in PDF as specified in the brochure
4. Consolidated Mark Sheet / Degree of Undergraduate Qualification / equivalent to 16 years - attested by (HEC) (front & back copy pdf) **or** HEC attestation evidence that you have applied for it.
5. Bachelor of Education (BEd) 1 or 1.5 years Mark Sheet / Degree - attested by (HEC) (front & back copy pdf) **or** HEC attestation evidence that you have applied for it.
6. HEC equivalence of 16 years in Education or evidence that you have applied for it (If applicable or applying with foreign qualification)
7. Relevant work experience letter (minimum requirement 2 years)
8. Educational Management Experience Letter (minimum 1 year) for Educational Leadership & Management Specialization
9. Application Fee: - **Applying from AKU residential countries*** is **Rs. 6,000/-**
- **Applying from AKU non-residential countries** is **US \$ 150/-**
- *(see mode of payment section for details)*

The application fee is non-refundable.

Candidates must ensure eligibility before applying.

*Afghanistan, Burundi, Kenya, Pakistan, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED UPON SHORTLISTING

1. Secondary School Certificate (SSC) or equivalent
2. Higher Secondary School Certificate (HSSC) or equivalent
3. Consolidated Mark Sheet of Undergraduate Qualification / equivalent to 16 years - attested by Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan
4. Degree of Undergraduate Qualification / equivalent to 16 years - attested by (HEC)
5. Bachelor of Education (BEd) degree - attested by (HEC)
6. Bachelor of Education (BEd) mark sheet for 1.5 year - attested by (HEC)
7. HEC equivalence of 16 years in “education” related discipline / field (*For qualifications other than Teaching Education roadmap and for foreign degrees*)
8. Relevant work experience letter (minimum requirement 2 years)
9. Educational Management Experience Letter (minimum 1 year) for Educational Leadership & Management Specialization
10. Detailed curriculum vitae (CV) - as specified in the brochure
11. Three reference letters on a prescribed format available at: www.aku.edu/admissions/Documents/recommendation-letter-IED.pdf to be sent in sealed envelopes or emailed directly by your referee to ied.ro@aku.edu
(This should be from a University teacher and present employer who are familiar with your personal, academic, and professional background, who understand your educational goals, and who can verify your potential for higher studies. The letters should be current or not more than one-year-old.)

MODE OF PAYMENT

Candidates may pay the application fee through any of the following modes. ***When the fee is paid, please upload the receipt on the online admission portal to complete the application.***

● FEE VOUCHER (FOR PAKISTANI CURRENCY ONLY)

Please follow these steps to pay the application fee through fee voucher:

1. On the application home page, please click on “Application Fee Information”
2. For **payment options**, select “Fee Voucher”
3. Click “Yes” to generate the voucher (*make sure that your pop ups aren't blocked*)
4. Take the printed voucher to any branch of Habib Bank Ltd (HBL) and pay the fee
5. Upload the paid voucher on “Upload Documents” Page by selecting fee payment

● ONLINE PAYMENT THROUGH DEBIT/CREDIT CARD (PAKISTANI & US\$ CURRENCY)

Follow these steps to pay application fee online through a debit / credit card:

1. On the application home page, please click on “Application Fee Information”
2. For **payment options**, select “Online Payment” and click yes (*make sure that your pop ups aren't blocked*)
3. Complete your payment details on online web portal: <https://payonline.aku.edu/>
4. Upload the payment acknowledgement email or screenshot on “Upload Documents” Page by selecting fee payment

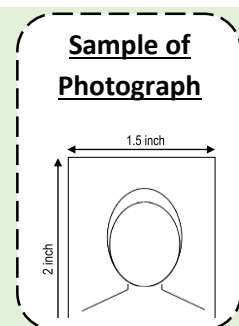
In case you are unable to receive the payment acknowledgement, please notify the Finance Office by emailing your query along with tracking Id, name, and programme name at student.finance@aku.edu

PHOTOGRAPH SPECIFICATION

Your photograph is a vital part of your application. Please follow these instructions carefully.

- Passport size coloured photograph with a plain background; taken within the last 1 week to reflect your current appearance.
- File size and format: 2 MB and JPEG format.
- The photo should show a clear front view; full face of the person.

If your photograph does not reflect your current appearance, the University will not allow you to write the Admission Test



CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) SPECIFICATION

Your CV must include the following:

- qualifications with grades/percentage and passing year
- work experiences with job responsibilities and duration
- other Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses
- list of publications (if any)
- other additional information to support your application

FEES AND FUNDING

Admissions to all the academic programmes at Aga Khan University are based on merit and are needs blind, i.e. without considering the financial background of the student.

Upon acceptance into an academic programme, a student who is unable to pay for the cost of education at the University, may apply for financial assistance.

The financial information including student's fee paying status, fee structure and financial assistance is available on: www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding

STUDENTS ON SPONSORSHIP

Students expecting to receive sponsorships or scholarships from external agencies to complete the programme are requested to submit the relevant documents and approval letter from external agency when accepting the offer of admission.

For more details, please contact Admission Office, Aga Khan University, Institute for Educational Development, Karimabad, Karachi 75950, Pakistan. Phone: +92 21 3634 7611-4, Ext: 8633.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation for outstation students is arranged in the hostels managed by the University which are located off campus. These are shared, non-air-conditioned, furnished accommodation. Hostel space is restricted to students from outside Karachi.

A fee is charged for all accommodation. For accommodation charges, visit: www.aku.edu/admissions/fees-and-funding Meals may be purchased separately from the University's cafeteria.

All students living in the university hostels are expected to conform to rules and regulations. Residence is conditional upon proper use and care of the property, considerate behaviour and periodic reappraisal of the student's need for such accommodation.

CONTESTED DECISIONS

In all matters pertaining to the selection of students, fees, grants, evaluation of scholastic performance, discipline and student affairs, the decision of the University shall be final. Appeals in matters of student selection will be considered within 15 days of the announcement of the new class only if the appeal cites circumstances suggesting that the University has violated provisions of its Charter or that there has been failure to comply with the admissions procedure as described in this document.

KEY DATES FOR 2022-23 ADMISSIONS

March 13 – May 11, 2022	Admission Open: Apply online via www.aku.edu/apply-online	
May 28	AKU Admission Test -Pakistan	Test Centres Chitral, Gilgit, Karachi, Rawalpindi
	AKU Admission Test - Overseas	<i>Overseas centres will be confirmed if there are at least 10 candidates to write the test</i>
Please note: Timings and address for the venue will be stated on the admit card. In case of a change, candidates will be notified through email.		
June 15	<i>Last date to submit:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>HEC attestation on 16 years of undergraduate transcript and degree</i> ▪ <i>HEC equivalence* (if applicable)</i> 	
July/August	Interviews	
December	Mandatory Course: Learning to Learn in the 21st Century	
January 2023	Commencement of Classes	

**HEC equivalence applicability: 16 years of HEC Equivalence in Education discipline (For qualifications other than Teaching Education roadmap and for foreign degrees)*

DISCLAIMER

This booklet contains information about the programme offered by the Aga Khan University, Pakistan, for the academic year 2022-23. The information provided is subject to change over time. Candidates aiming to apply for programmes in any other academic year are requested to get updated information about minimum eligibility requirement, application and admission process from the University Admission Office.

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