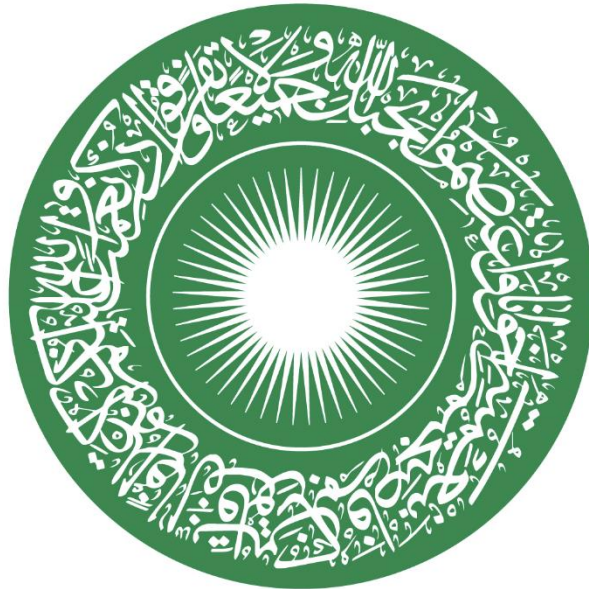


THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY



22ND CONVOCATION

UGANDA

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

PROGRAMME

Academic Procession

Anthems

Tilawat-e-Quran-e-Pak

Invocation

Welcome Address

Convocation Address

Conferring of Degrees and Awarding of Diplomas

School of Nursing and Midwifery

Diploma in General Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Midwifery

Institute for Educational Development

Master of Education

Graduate School of Media and Communications

Master of Arts in Digital Journalism

Executive Masters in Media Leadership and Innovation

Valedictorian Address

Presentation of Awards

Academic Procession

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT



Welcome to the Aga Khan University, a university dedicated to empowering people with the knowledge, skills and values to guide their own destinies, and to make their rightful contributions as members of a global community. From the mandate of its charter, to the reality of its people, programmes and sites, AKU is an international university, operating in Pakistan, Afghanistan, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom. An agency of the Aga Khan Development Network, the University has built over four decades a reputation for excellence in teaching, learning, research and health care delivery, and for catalyzing positive change. We are proud of the role our graduates play in improving institutions and quality of life around the world.

Our faculty and staff share in the pride of our graduates, as today we recognize their mastery of their field of study, which, at AKU, means mastery at an international standard. To the graduates and their families: this is a day of great celebration. We know that you have earned your degree through dedication, hard work and meritorious performance. Congratulations.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES AND AWARDING OF DIPLOMAS

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

DIPLOMA IN GENERAL NURSING

Akugizibwe Mariam
Ansinguzza Catheline
Anyait Lydia
Anying - Brighet
Asinduru Comfort
Gimbo Huuda
Isekuny Angella
Kangume Lillian
Kiwumulo John
Kyazike Nuswaibah
Lukindu Innocent
Magumba Alice
Matovu Frank
Mbabazi Aisha
Muheirwe Mbabazi
Nabateregga Margaret
Nabbanja Daphine
Nabiwemba Diana
Nabuufu Shirat
Nakitende Faith Leah
Nakkungu Zahara
Nalugya Lydia Kyakulagira
Nalutaaya Sylvia
Namanya Winniefred
Namugerwa Caroline
Namuli Immerida
Namutebi Joan
Namutebi Racheal
Nansubuga Deborah
Nateme Racheal Jackline
Nnamakula Hanisa
Nuwagaba Gorret
Palanda Martin

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Agaba Bethnas
Ajok Lilly
Alenyo Emima
Alidriga Ronald
Ananura Apophia
Asiimwe Jenifer
Bayiga Peruth
Dralema James
Imalingat Caroline
Katiti Samalie
Kemirembe Yuster
Kyalwazi Samuel
Kyomukama Stella Maris
Mukanza Judith
Mutoni Suhamu
Nabaale Mary Immaculate
Nabakiibi Conny
Nabunnya Peninnah

Past year graduates

Komuhangi Stella

Nagawa Grace
Nakyeyune Joan
Nalusaka Betty Noel
Naluwu Joyce
Namazzi Justine
Nankunda Doreen
Nansamba Maris Angella
Nansukusa Lydia
Nanvuma Norah
Niwabiine Evas
Nnassuuna Irene
Nsubuga Sarah Racheal
Ojema Emmanuel Erayu
Olinga Mike
Oronon Pius
Ssentongo Ivan
Wamoto David

Ochuma Johnson

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MIDWIFERY

Aguti Victorina
Apiny Marion Jean
Kamakune Racheal
Kaziro Nakiboneka Moureen
Mutonyi Violet
Nabirye Juliet
Nakalule Ritah
Nakayita Florence

Nambaziira Victoria
Nambozo Jalia
Namugerwa Ritah
Namutebi Justine
Namutebi Shamilah
Nanju Mary Josephine
Nantongo Allen
Naula Scovia

UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Recognise individuals who have contributed constructively and consistently to the development of the University

Dr Adil Hussain Haider
Medical College, Pakistan

Dr Eunice Wambui Ndirangu-Mugo
Medical College, East Africa

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Recognise sustained excellence in teaching and teaching leadership at the University

Dr Muhammad Rizwan Khan
Medical College, Pakistan

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Recognise research achievements and contributions to the development of a strong research culture at the University

Dr Shabina Ariff
Medical College, Pakistan

Dr Sarah Saleem
Medical College, Pakistan

UNIVERSITY AWARDS OF DISTINCTION

INNOVATION IMPACT AWARD OF DISTINCTION

Recognise significant contributions to bring impactful change in the University

Dr Muzdalifat Salim Abeid
Medical College, East Africa

UNIVERSITY CAREER RECOGNITIONS

DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr Asad Jamil Raja
Medical College, East Africa

PROFESSOR EMERITUS / PROFESSOR EMERITA

Recognise distinguished services rendered and outstanding contributions to the University

Dr Fauzia Anis Khan
Medical College, Pakistan

Dr Carl G. Amrhein
Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Pakistan

Dr Anwar Ali Siddiqui
Medical College, Pakistan

UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr Zakir Mahmood, Chairman

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Mr Amin Mawji, OBE

Dr Afaf Meleis

Honorable Mohamed Chande Othman

Dr António Manuel Bensabat Rendas

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin

AKU UGANDA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Mr Amin Mawji, Chairperson

Ms Rehema Nakiryia Ssemyalo

Dr Sulaiman Shahabuddin

Professor Michael Mawa

Dr Rosalind Parkes-Ratanshi

Dr Zohray Moolani Talib

Mr Paul Kavuma

GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Congratulations on your graduation and for completing a challenging journey embarked upon years ago.

Although your days as a student at AKU may officially be over, you will always remain a valued member of the AKU family.

At this landmark 40th Anniversary Convocation, we welcome you as a member of the Aga Khan University Alumni Association. Its membership includes all graduates of AKU, who are making an impact in more than 50 countries around the world. As an alumnus/alumna you will benefit from this extraordinary community of AKU alumni that will provide lasting friendships, and opportunities for professional and social networking.

The Office of Alumni Affairs looks forward to staying in touch as you embark on this exciting new journey. Working closely with alumni, we organise a rich variety of programmes, activities, and reunions for our alumni community.

We also keep you updated through diverse communications, including the AKU alumni webpages (www.aku.edu/alumni) and through social media, where you can follow news from your campus. We encourage you to create a LinkedIn profile which will help you to expand your professional links with AKU and with your fellow alumni.

AKU benefits enormously from the continuous involvement of its alumni. Many are faculty and staff, others are volunteers, mentors, and donors, who share their expertise, advice and support to advance the mission of their alma mater.

Today, as you join a community of inspiring and outstanding alumni, we know that you, in your own way, will make an impact and carry forward the mission and values of AKU.

Congratulations, once again!

To reach us anytime, please email us at alumni@aku.edu.

THE AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY

The Aga Khan University is a pioneering institution of higher education, research and health care delivery that works to improve quality of life in Asia, Africa 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, serve the disadvantaged, enhance appreciation of pluralism and partner with renowned organizations and the public sector to address problems that affect millions of people.

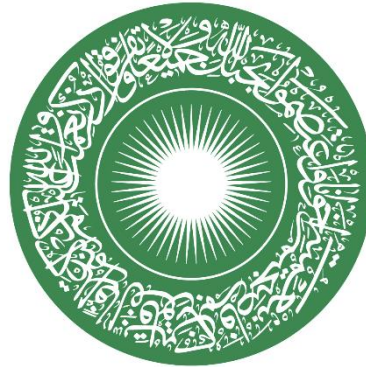
A not-for-profit institution, AKU was founded in 1983 by its Chancellor, His Highness the Aga Khan, who charged it with “preparing men and women to play constructive, worthwhile and responsible roles in society,” and with “setting the highest standards possible, whether in teaching, in research or in service.”

AKU began life as a health-sciences university. With Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, Medical Colleges and an array of health-focused research centres, it has been ranked among the world’s leading universities in several fields of medicine, and has had a transformative impact on the nursing profession. Having expanded substantially both geographically and academically since its founding, the University is now also well-known for its efforts to improve primary and secondary education through its Institutes for Educational Development and the AKU Examination Board; for the scholarly excellence of its Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilisations in London; and for the journalists and media leaders educated by the Graduate School of Media and Communications in Nairobi. Its newest academic entity, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences in Karachi, offers a multidisciplinary undergraduate education in the humanities, social sciences and natural sciences.

Research at AKU focuses on pressing issues facing low-income countries and is frequently published in leading journals. The Aga Khan University Hospitals are among the largest private health care providers in East Africa and Pakistan, caring for more than 2 million patients annually, many of whom earn only a few dollars a day. The University has been the first to achieve numerous international accreditations in the countries in which it operates.

AKU has awarded more than 20,000 degrees, diplomas and postgraduate medical certificates since inception. Our alumni go on to make a difference in their home countries and to study and work at eminent institutions around the world. We are deeply proud of our graduates, who inspire us to continue striving to fulfill our Chancellor’s vision of a university “on the frontiers of scientific and humanistic knowledge, radiating intelligence and confidence, research and graduates, into flourishing economies and progressive legal and political systems.”

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



The Seal of Aga Khan University is a visual representation of the principles inherent in the founding of the University.

The circular form of the Seal, with its different levels of imagery contained in concentric circles, has its visual roots in the rosettes of early Islamic periods.

The circle also symbolises the world and reflects the internationality of Aga Khan University. At the centre of the Seal is a star, or sun. Light is a universal symbol for the enlightenment that education provides. The light emanating from the star is also symbolic of Nur (Divine light).

The star incorporates 49 points to commemorate the University's founding by His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan, the 49th Imam of the Shia Imami Ismaili Muslims.

The outer ring circumscribes a Qur'anic Ayat (3:103) rendered in classic Thuluth script and reads as follows:

*And hold fast,
All together, by the rope
Which God (stretches out for you),
And be not divided among yourselves,
And remember with gratitude
God's favour on you:
For ye were enemies
And He joined your hearts
In love, so that by His grace,
Ye became brethren*

ACADEMIC REGALIA

Aga Khan University's academic regalia is a unique interpretation of the traditional academic cap, gown and hood. The University's head gear and gowns are called the Jamiapoash. This term is derived from the Arabic *jamia*, meaning 'institution of higher learning', and the Persian *poash*, meaning 'apparel'. The Jamiapoash comprises a Khila'at, meaning 'robe of honour' in Arabic and a Sirpoash, meaning 'headwear' in Persian.

The Khila'at is the outer robe, very much like a *qabaa* or *jubba*, worn in many countries of the Middle East and North Africa, or a *chugha*, worn in parts of Pakistan and India. It is an unpleated, unflared, calf-length overgarment, with bell-shaped short sleeves, which can be closed at the front if desired.

The Sirpoash brings together a turban and a *kulah*, the two most distinctive forms of headwear worn historically throughout the Islamic world, with a tassel on the right.

The Jamiapoash has been designed to symbolise the identity of the University. The basic colours of green and white have been derived from the official seal of the University while the decorative elements have been taken from the calligraphy, motifs and designs used in the architecture and interior design of the institution.

Distinctive motifs have been embroidered along the front of the Khila'at, on the arms and cuffs, and on the back using different colours on a variety of backgrounds. Their arrangement serves to identify the ranks of members of the University such as the graduands, members of faculty, members of the Board of Trustees, the Chief Guest and the Chancellor.

Graduate and undergraduate gowns have a six-centimetre braid bearing a green motif on a white background with heavy gold lines on either side of the braid running along the face, back collar and continuing around the base of the gown and cuffs. Each arm bears a vertical green motif on a white background trimmed in gold. The Master's gown is distinguished from the Bachelor's gown by adding a second set of heavy gold lines; the Doctoral gowns have a third set of gold lines that run along facing, back collar and the base of the tunic and cuffs. Diploma graduands wear a green tunic with a white fabric trim. The robes of the members of faculty have an additional braid in gold along the front and on the cuffs, with a gold motif on the arms and at the back. The Board of Trustees' gown has a second gold band on the front and on the cuffs alongside the decorations of the faculty dress. The Chief Guest's robe is distinguished by very elaborate gold embroidery on a teak brown background. The Chancellor's gown is unique in its gold embroidery on a white robe.

The colour coding of the Sirpoash for each rank follows the colour combination of the Khila'at and its embroidery, with the higher ranks being distinguished by gold bands. The regalia is worn during Convocation, graduation and other formal and ceremonial occasions.

UGANDA NATIONAL ANTHEM

Oh Uganda! May God uphold thee,
We lay our future in thy hand.
United, free,
For liberty
Together we'll always stand.

Oh Uganda! The land of freedom.
Our love and labour we give,
And with neighbours all
At our country's call
In peace and friendship we'll live.

Oh Uganda! the land that feeds us
By sun and fertile soil grown.
For our own dear land,
We'll always stand,
The Pearl of Africa's Crown.

EAST AFRICA COMMUNITY ANTHEM

Chorus

*Jumuiya Yetu sote tuilinde
Tuwajibike tuimarike
Umoja wetu ni nguzo yetu
Idumu Jumuiya yetu.*

Ee Mungu twaomba ulinde
Jumuiya Afrika Mashariki
Tuwezeshe kuishi kwa amani
Tutimize na malengo yetu.

Uzalendo pia mshikamano
Viwe msingi wa Umoja wetu
Natulinde Uhuru na Amani
Mila zetu na desturi zetu.

Viwandani na hata mashambani
Tufanye kazi sote kwa makini
Tujitoe kwa hali na mali
Tuijenge Jumuiya bora.

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