

AKU Eye Alumni and Friends Endowment

An opportunity for AKU alumni and friends to support training and enhance access to quality eye care in Pakistan and beyond

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About the Fund

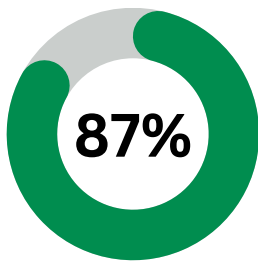
The AKU Eye Alumni and Friends Endowment aims to strengthen the capacity of the Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences Department at AKU to enhance access to innovative, high-quality, affordable eye care in Pakistan and other developing countries where AKU has a presence.

We are deeply grateful to Dr Aymna Sultan, an alumna of our MBBS programme Class of 1989 and a former faculty of AKU, for seeding this endowment with a generous donation of US\$ 500,000 and creating an opportunity for other AKU alumni, friends and recipients of AKU's eye care to give back.

Why your support matters?

High-quality affordable eye care - a dire need in Low-Middle-Income Countries (LMICs)

Worldwide, at least 2.2 billion people have vision impairment or blindness, of whom at least 1 billion have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed. The demand for eye care is set to surge in the coming years due to population growth, ageing, and changes in lifestyle.



of the world's visually impaired live in LMIC's with a disproportionate impact on older people, children, women and those living in rural communities.


About 85% of all visual impairment and 75% of blindness is avoidable. The leading causes of vision impairment are uncorrected refractive errors and cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration and corneal opacities.

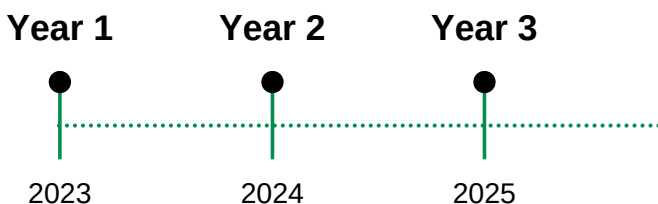
World Report on Vision. Geneva: WHO, 2019
Lancet Glob Health 2021; 9: e489–551

“ ... high standards are not a luxury to be dispensed with in low-income settings, but the wellspring of progress.”

Chancellor's message
AKU's 40th Anniversary
March 18, 2023

Our goal

 **US\$ 3M**
over a period of three years



Secured funds



What will this fund support?

The income generated through this endowment fund will be used to:

- Introduce state-of-the-art technology for diagnosis and care
- Support training and education for care providers and learners including allied health, medical students, residents, fellows and graduate students
- Sponsor knowledge and skills exchanges with leading universities internationally
- Fund innovative research projects and hire research staff

Why support this endowment?

Hear from our founding donor



Dr Amyna Sultan, OBE
Director
Pacific International Hospital

“The ability to see is among life's greatest blessings. I invite my fellow alumni and others touched by AKU to join me in giving back or paying it forward, however you would like to see it!

AKU prepared us to train at some of the best international institutions. Now, let's work together to help create at our alma mater a world-class clinical facility and ophthalmology training and research programme. Our monetary contributions, along with the sharing of our time and knowledge, will enable the institution to train eye care professionals to international standards, to extend the precious gift of sight to many in Pakistan and beyond.”



The AKU Eye Alumni and Friends Endowment will enhance the Department's ability to design and deliver world-class, affordable eye care in the LMICs where AKU has a presence, by supporting ophthalmic innovation and education, including global health exchanges.

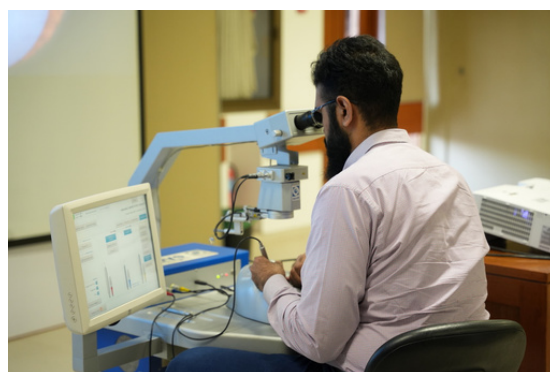
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Pakistan-based Donors

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Please indicate that your donation is for the AKU Eye Alumni and Friends Endowment.



Overseas Donors

can donate to the fund through the online giving platforms of the Aga Khan Foundation (AKF) in Canada, United Kingdom and United States of America and avail tax benefits. Click on this link <https://giving.aku.edu/index-donation.html> to donate online.

You can also donate via cheque through the respective AKF offices in these countries. Please indicate that your contribution is for the AKU Eye Alumni and Friends Endowment at Aga Khan University while sending your cheque to the respective AKF office.

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