



As per directive of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan is pleased to announce 250 Allama Iqbal Scholarships under the Pakistan-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Programme. Spread over the course of next five years, Allama Iqbal scholarships provide an excellent opportunity for 1000 Sri Lankan students to visit Pakistan and pursue undergraduate, postgraduate and postdoctoral degree programmes.

The scholarships aim to promote an effective exchange of knowledge and better understanding of cultures and traditions between Sri Lankan and Pakistani students. Selected candidates will study in top ranked Pakistani universities, learn about Pakistani society and values, acquire leadership skills, and help educate fellow Pakistani students and community groups about their country and culture. The Allama Iqbal scholarships are part of HEC's internationalization initiative to encourage international students to study in Pakistan. The scholarships offer full tuition fee of the programme for study in Pakistani universities, accommodation allowances, study allowances and one-time return air ticket. Women candidates are highly encouraged to apply for these scholarships.

#### Areas of Studies / Disciplines

The scholarship offer is open for all disciplines at BS, MS and PhD levels in Engineering Sciences, Basic and Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Arts and Humanities, including all subjects like Architecture, Fine Arts, Business Education, Computer Sciences, Engineering, Information Technology, Agriculture Sciences, Media and Communication Studies, Languages, etc. As per instruction of the Prime Minister of Pakistan, 100 scholarships have been specifically allocated for MBBS studies.

#### Eligibility Criteria

<b>MBBS</b>	GCE A' Levels / equivalent examination (Pre-Medical) with at least 65% marks
<b>Engineering</b>	GCE A' Levels / equivalent examination (Pre-Engineering) with at least 65% marks
<b>Bachelor's Degree Programmes</b>	GCE A' Levels / equivalent examination in required subjects with 60% marks
<b>Master's Degree Programmes</b>	16 years education in relevant subjects with 60% marks at graduate level
<b>PhD Programme</b>	18 years education in relevant subject with CGPA 3.00/4.00 at Master's level. Research thesis at MS level is required.

#### Terms & Conditions

- Only Sri Lankan citizens are eligible to apply. Dual-nationality holders are not allowed.
- Age limit for undergraduate programmes is 17 - 22 years and maximum age limit for graduate and doctoral programmes is 35 years.
- The candidate must have acquired the requisite qualification on or before the last date given below.
- The candidate will be required to return and serve Sri Lanka after completion of education in Pakistan.
- Selection will be made purely on merit basis after physical examination of the documents provided by the applicants.
- Placement of students will be solely at HEC discretion.
- HEC Pakistan reserves the right to cancel any scholarship.
- Medium of instruction will be English.
- Merit list will be prepared on the basis of information provided by the applicant. In case of any misinformation/ misrepresentation, scholarship will be terminated at any stage.

#### Selection Process

- All students must apply through HEC e-portal <http://eportal.hec.gov.pk/paksl>
- Programme details are available at HEC website: <https://hec.gov.pk/site/paksl>
- All registered candidates must appear in scholarship test organised by HEC in collaboration with Pakistan High Commission at Colombo and the Government of Sri Lanka.
- Shortlisted candidates will appear in interview to be held at Pakistan High Commission at Colombo in collaboration with the Government of Sri Lanka.

**Last Date for Submission of Applications: July 5, 2021**



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If you require any help in filling the application form, please visit [onlinehelp.hec.gov.pk](http://onlinehelp.hec.gov.pk)