

Are you interested in studying in the United States? Below are some scholarship opportunities sponsored by the U.S. Government as well as other organizations. You can always contact KabulEducationUSA@state.gov or visit the website at www.EducationUSA.state.gov

NeXXt Scholars Partnership Initiative: www.state.gov/e/stas/nexxt

Opportunities for young women from Muslim-majority countries to obtain a world-class undergraduate education in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) in the U.S. by partnering with women's colleges that focus on developing women leaders in the sciences. U.S. women's colleges offer an all-female living environment. NeXXt Scholars Initiative provides mentorship, networking support and enrichment activities for International NeXXt scholars and their U.S. STEM-Sisters.

U.S. Embassy offers five key Fulbright scholarship opportunities annually:

Fulbright: <http://kabul.usembassy.gov/fulbright.html> or KabulPDEExchange@state.gov

1) Fulbright Foreign Students Doctoral Scholarships:

- Funds 5 years of doctoral study in the U.S.
- Pursue a doctoral (PhD) degree in Agriculture, Communications, Economics, Education, Engineering, Math, Science or Technology.
- As many as 3-5 opportunities this year!

2) Fulbright Foreign Students Graduate Scholarships:

- Funds 2 years of graduate study in the U.S.
- Pursue a graduate degree in any discipline (MA, MS, MBA/MPA, LLM or similar)
- As many as 60-75 scholarships this year

3) The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship:

- Also a **Fulbright** exchange program, but very few people apply!
- 10-month non-degree program for mid-career professionals
- Opportunity for both professional training and academic coursework

4) The Foreign Language Teaching Assistantship:

- Nine-month, non-degree Fulbright program
- Opportunity for both teaching and studying at U.S. colleges
- Provides teachers of English with the opportunity to refine their skills

5) The Afghan Junior Faculty Development Program:

- 10 week intensive professional training program at a U.S. university
- Aims to enhance and broaden the professional skill sets of junior faculty in various fields of study
- Enables participants to develop language and professional skills
- Strengthens eligibility for graduate studies at international institutions

Afghanistan University Students Exchange Program (AUSEP):

KabulPDSExchanges@state.gov

Designed to enhance and broaden the professional skills of potential adjunct instructors in English Departments of Afghan universities and to develop cross-cultural understanding and exchange between Afghanistan, India, and the United States. The program takes place at the Regional English Language Center in Chandigarh, India. It offers an intensive five-week American-style professional training program for two separate groups of 25 fourth year English majors and recent graduates from Afghan universities.

American University of Afghanistan scholarships for women students:

KabulPDSExchanges@state.gov

45 women are sponsored for all five years of their education. Preferred majors are business, information technology, public administration and political science, or law.

American University of Central Asia (Bishkek) scholarships for women students:

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20 undergraduate five-year scholarships for women, emphasizing business, international and business law, and software engineering.

Additional Scholarships to Study in the U.S. (not sponsored by the U.S. Government)

Foundation for Afghanistan: <http://www.foundationforafghanistan.org/blog/>

Qualified Afghan students will receive full scholarships in the United States to study for their bachelor's degree. "All college-eligible Afghan students, especially females, are encouraged to apply. We are especially looking for students with financial need who also demonstrate a determination to make a meaningful contribution to Afghanistan upon completion of their education."

Carnegie Cooperation/Asia Foundation: <http://asiafoundation.org/news/2012/10/the-asia-foundation-and-carnegie-corporation-of-new-york-announce-university-scholarship-program-for-afghan-women/>

Carnegie Corporation scholarships (via Asia Foundation) for Afghan women. This Carnegie Corporation-funded program will support a total of 88 university scholarships at both public and private universities within Afghanistan; 78 Afghan women will enroll in undergraduate degree programs and 10 women university professors will enroll in advanced degree programs. Scholarship recipients will represent all geographic regions of Afghanistan. The project is supported through a \$1 million grant from Carnegie Corporation of New York and will run through March 2017.

Ohio Northern University law scholarships: <http://www.llm.onu.edu/contactusnew.html>

Program to provide lawyers from transitional democracies with advanced skills and understanding in democracy building and law reform. Applicants must have had at least two years of experience after receiving their basic law degree; preference to those working in the public, government or NGO sector.

Afghan Girls Financial Assistance Fund www.agfaf.org helps place and fund Afghan women at prep schools (5 women) and colleges (16, including Yale and Mt. Holyoke) in the U.S.

Other Scholarship Possibilities (contact sponsor directly)

Chevening Scholarships are the UK government's global scholarships programme. Established in 1983, these scholarships support study at UK universities – mostly one-year Masters' degrees – for students with demonstrable potential to become future leaders, decision-makers and opinion formers.

<http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/scholarships/chevening/> for general information

<http://www.chevening.org/afghanistan/> for information specific to Afghanistan

DAAD, (Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst) German Academic Exchange Service is a private, publicly funded, self governing organization of higher education institutions in Germany. DAAD promotes international academic relations and cooperation by offering mobility programs primarily for students and faculty, but also for administrators and others in the higher education realm. <https://www.daad.org/>

Indian Council for Cultural Relations Special Scholarships for Afghanistan. The ICCR annually offers about 2325 scholarships under 21 scholarship schemes. Of these scholarships, 675 are exclusively for Afghanistan. <http://www.iccrindia.net/scholarshipschemes.html>

Asian Development Bank Japan Scholarship for Afghans aims to provide an opportunity for well-qualified citizens of ADB's developing member countries to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at participating academic institutions in the Asian and Pacific Region. Upon completion of their study programs, scholars are expected to contribute to the economic and social development of their home countries. <http://www.adb.org/site/careers/japan-scholarship-program/main>

Open Society Foundations: The South Asia Scholarship Program provides full fellowships to qualified citizens of Afghanistan and Nepal to complete graduate degrees in sustainable development, counseling, and law.

<http://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/about/programs/scholarship-programs>