

## FAST-NUCES FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SCHOLARSHIPS

### SECTION A: INTERNAL SPONSORSHIPS

#### 1. Merit Scholarships for Bachelor Students

Merit scholarship is awarded to the Top Three position holders of each Examination Board in the year of admission.

#### 2. Top Three Position Holders in Each Semester

- The University awards certificates and cash prizes to those undergraduate students who are the top three in their department.
- Students are selected from each of the four years of every degree program.
- If there is more than one student on the same position, the next position will be moved down depending on the number of students on one position.
- Eligibility: Only those students are eligible who have undertaken the prescribed course load and have an SGPA of 3.00 or higher.

#### 3. Study Loan

Realizing that fees may not be affordable for some of the students, FAST-NU arranges financial assistance in the form of interest-free study loans for bright indigent students.

#### Rules for Internal Sponsorships

- Scope: Internal sponsorships are available for studying in regular semesters (Spring and Fall).
- Duration Limits:
  - Bachelors: 8 semesters
  - Masters: 4 semesters
  - PhD: 6 Semesters
- Course Restrictions: It shall not be available for repeat or withdrawn courses. This implies that it is available for studying a course only once.
- Academic Performance: It is suspended if the student's CGPA falls below the minimum specified to avoid warning. It shall be restored upon getting out of warning by improvement in CGPA.
- Coverage: It shall be limited to tuition fee only.

### SECTION B: EXTERNAL SPONSORSHIPS

#### 1. Sindh Government Endowment Board Scholarships

- Offered on need-cum-merit to rural and urban students in both Undergraduate and Graduate levels for all disciplines.
- Scholarship covers full tuition fee for the entire duration of the program, renewable every year.
- The scholarship quota is 60% for the rural sector and 40% for the urban sector.

#### 2. ICT Scholarships

- ICT Scholarships refer to the Prime Minister's National ICT Scholarship Program.
- This is a program by Ignite (formerly National ICT R&D Fund) that provides financial assistance to students pursuing ICT degrees.

#### 3. Balochistan Endowment Scholarships

- Specifically the Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF), this aims to support the education of talented students from Balochistan, including those from less privileged backgrounds.

#### 4. Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) Scholarships

- The PEEF provides financial assistance to talented and needy students in Punjab and other provinces of Pakistan, including Azad Jammu and Kashmir, FATA, Gilgit Baltistan, and Islamabad Capital Territory.
- It aims to support students pursuing Intermediate, Graduation, and Master's level degrees.

**5. Punjab Honhaar Scholarship Program (PHSP)**

- An initiative of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, this aims to provide financial assistance to deserving and meritorious students pursuing higher education at universities and colleges in Punjab.

**6. HEC Scholarships for MS and PhD Students**

- The Higher Education Commission (HEC) provides liberal scholarships to students desirous of studying for MS and PhD degrees.  
- The scholarship covers tuition fee, monthly stipend, and book allowance.

**7. OSAF Scholarships**

- OSAF (Old Students Association of FAST) arranges financial assistance for those students who cannot afford to pay their fee.

**8. FANA Scholarship**

- FAST Alumni of North America provide funds for financial assistance for students who cannot afford to pay their fee.

**9. Ihsan Trust Financial Assistance**

- Ihsan Trust provides financial assistance for students who cannot afford to pay their full fee.

**10. General Refaqat Memorial Scholarship**

- This scholarship provides financial assistance for those students who cannot afford to pay their fee.

**11. Other Scholarships**

- In addition to the above, various community-based scholarships are offered by committees and foundations such as Memon Community Scholarships, Bohra Community Scholarships, Agha Khan Foundation Scholarships, etc.