

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- Course Restrictions: It shall not be available for repeat or withdrawn courses.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 Refaat 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.