



# AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

## International Scholarship Programme - Application Form 2024-2025

### Introduction to the Aga Khan Foundation's International Scholarship Programme

The Aga Khan Foundation's International Scholarship Programme (AKF ISP) was established by His Highness the Aga Khan in 1969. Each year the ISP provides a limited number of scholarships to support outstanding students from developing countries, who have no other means of financing their studies, to pursue full-time postgraduate studies at reputable higher education institutions. AKF ISP award recipients are selected through an annual, global, competitive application process. Please refer to the AKF ISP website to review the programme's selection criteria, application process, application timelines, award conditions, and contact details for selected countries where the ISP is available.

Eligible candidates should keep in mind that the ISP should be considered as a funder of last resort. This means that candidates must explore, and secure, alternative sources of funding (e.g., family contributions, personal savings, income from part-time work during studies (assistantships or off-campus employment), private/other loans, university/other scholarships, etc.). By securing multiple sources of funding, eligible candidates will be able to reduce the amount requested from the ISP, thereby enabling the programme to reach a larger group of students. Interested candidates should also remember that AKF ISP awards are structured as 50% grant and 50% loan. This means that award recipients need to repay 50% of the total award amount given to them (see our website for additional details).

Thank you for your interest in the AKF ISP. We look forward to receiving and reviewing your completed application package.

For more information, please visit the AKF ISP website at: <https://the.akdn/en/what-we-do/developing-human-capacity/education/international-scholarships>

### General Instructions for AKF ISP Application

1. All fields in this form are to be filled in **English**. Text can be inserted electronically or handwritten (in black, block letters). Questions must be answered completely. Limit your responses to the space provided. **Do not leave sections blank.**
2. All dates in the application form should be entered in the dd/mm/yy format (that is: day/month/year).
3. **Completed application package should include:** (i) fully completed and signed application form (pages 1 to 10); (ii) completed application checklist (page 11); and, (iii) all supporting documents (to be enclosed with the application form and application checklist).
4. The **completed, full application package should be returned to the local office** from where the application was originally obtained.
5. **The deadline for submission of applications to local offices is 31st March 2024.**
6. Please provide an English translation of all supporting documents which are in a different language.
7. Applications that do not comply with the aforementioned instructions will not be accepted. In addition, late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.
8. Eligible applicants must reside in one of the countries where there is a local office which processes applications. Applicants should be prepared to appear for an in- person interview.
9. **Applicants must have confirmed admission by the time of local country interviews.** Check with your local office for interview dates.



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## International Scholarship Programme Application

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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

1. NAME (*as it appears on your passport*)

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Last Name or Family Name

First Name

Middle Name(s)

2. NAME ON PREVIOUS ACADEMIC RECORDS (*if different from above*):

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3. COUNTRY OF BIRTH:

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4. DATE OF BIRTH:

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5. CURRENT AGE:

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6. GENDER:  Male  Female

7. MARITAL STATUS:

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8. NATIONALITY ONE:

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9. NATIONALITY TWO (*if applicable*):

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10. COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE:

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11. DATE OF ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY

OF RESIDENCE (*if other than the country  
of birth*):

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12. APPLICANT'S IMMIGRATION  
STATUS (*if residing in country other than the  
country of nationality*):

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13. FAMILY'S COUNTRY OF  
RESIDENCE:

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14. PERMANENT/HOME ADDRESS

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No. and Street

Apt#

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City/Town

State/Province

Postal code

Country

15. CURRENT MAILING ADDRESS (*if different from permanent address*)

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No. and Street

Apt#

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City/Town

State/Province

Postal code

Country

16. EMAIL

ADDRESSES: \_\_\_\_\_

17. TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**COURSE OF STUDY** (for which you have admission, per an official admission letter)18. DEGREE LEVEL (select one):       Master's     Doctorate     Non-Degree

19. UNIVERSITY NAME AND COUNTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

20. COURSE OF STUDY: \_\_\_\_\_ 21. DEGREE TO BE OBTAINED: \_\_\_\_\_

22. LENGTH OF COURSE: \_\_\_\_\_

23. COURSE START DATE (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_ 24. EXPECTED GRADUATION DATE (dd/mm/yy): \_\_\_\_\_

25. HAVE YOU RECEIVED WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION?       Yes     No26. IF YES TO ABOVE, IS THE ADMISSION OFFER UNCONDITIONAL?       Yes     No

27. IF YOUR ADMISSION IS CONDITIONAL, THEN PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU WILL MEET THESE CONDITIONS.

28. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED ADMISSION, BY WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION?

29. IS THIS COURSE OF STUDY AVAILABLE IN YOUR HOME COUNTRY?       Yes     No30. IF YES, HAVE YOU APPLIED FOR ADMISSION?       Yes     No

31. IF NOT APPLIED, OR APPLICATION WAS UNSUCCESSFUL, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW.

32. PROVIDE DETAILS OF OTHER UNIVERSITIES TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED, INCLUDING COURSE OF STUDY, DEGREE AND ADMISSION STATUS.

**LANGUAGE/STANDARDIZED TEST RESULTS**33. WERE YOU REQUIRED TO PASS LANGUAGE/STANDARDIZED TEST TO QUALIFY FOR ADMISSION?     Yes     No  
PROVIDE DATES AND SCORES BELOW.

TEST	DATE TAKEN (mm/yy)	TOTAL SCORE	PERCENTILE	VERBAL SCORE	%	QUANTITATIVE SCORE	%	ANALYTICAL SCORE	%
IELTS	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TOEFL	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
TSE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GMAT	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
GRE	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Test	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## **EDUCATION HISTORY**

**34.** LIST EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED FROM SECONDARY (HIGH SCHOOL) ONWARDS STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT, INCLUDING ANY IN WHICH YOU MAYBE PRESENTLY ENROLLED.

NAME OF INSTITUTION AND LOCATION (city, country) <i>(starting with the most recent)</i>	FIELD OF STUDY	SPECIFY DEGREE OR DIPLOMA OBTAINED	DATES ATTENDED (mm/yy)		FINAL RESULT (%, GPA, Grade)
			From	To	

**35.** LIST MAJOR ACADEMIC HONORS OR PRIZES YOU HAVE RECEIVED SINCE COMPLETING YOUR SECONDARY (HIGH SCHOOL) EDUCATION. INCLUDE TITLES AND DATES.

**36.** LIST ANY BOOKS, ARTICLES OR RESEARCH PAPER PUBLISHED BY YOU, ESPECIALLY IN YOUR FIELD OF STUDY. INCLUDE TITLE AND DATE OF PUBLICATION.

**37.** LIST ANY ACADEMIC CLUBS, SOCIETIES OR ORGANIZATIONS OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER OR WERE ACTIVE IN SINCE COMPLETING YOUR SECONDARY (HIGH SCHOOL). INCLUDE POSITIONS HELD AND DATES.

**38.** KNOWLEDGE OF LANGUAGES: Indicate the languages you speak, read, write, and rate the degree of competency.

MOTHER TONGUE: \_\_\_\_\_

LANGUAGE	FLUENT	GOOD	MODERATE	LIMITED
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**39. LIST CURRENT AND PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, STARTING WITH THE MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT.**

<b>NAME AND LOCATION (city, country) OF EMPLOYER</b> <i>(starting with the most recent)</i>	<b>JOB TITLE/POSITION</b>	<b>DATES of EMPLOYMENT (mm/yy)</b>	
		<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>

**40. IF NOT STUDYING OR WORKING IN THE PAST YEAR, DESCRIBE YOUR ACTIVITIES DURING THIS TIME.**

## **EXTRACURRICULAR & ENTREPRENEURIAL ACTIVITIES**

**41. LIST YOUR SIGNIFICANT HOBBIES/EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES E.G., IN COMMUNITY SERVICE, ARTS, MUSIC, THEATRE, SPORTS, ETC. BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE ACTIVITIES AND STATE THE NUMBER OF YEARS YOU HAVE BEEN PURSUING THEM. (Do not list academic activities you may have stated on the previous page)**

**42. IF YOU HAVE TRAVELED, LIVED OR STUDIED IN COUNTRIES OTHER THAN YOUR OWN FOR MORE THAN A MONTH, INDICATE PLACES, DATES AND BRIEFLY STATE THE REASONS FOR TRAVEL.**

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## **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

**43.** The personal statement provides an opportunity to distinguish yourself. The statement is your chance to tell the Selection Committee why you have decided to pursue a graduate degree in your field of study at your chosen university. The statement should be a thoughtful, original narrative that reflects maturity and profound thinking about your educational and career goals and future course of action. Do not provide a statement that was written for another purpose or institution.

**Please attach your personal statement to this application form, as there is no space within this form to insert your personal statement.** The statement should be no longer than two pages (Times New Roman font, in size 12).

Your personal statement should specifically address:

- a. Significant factors that have influenced your personal and professional development.
- b. Reasons why you wish to undertake further studies in this field and how is the graduate programme a good fit with your professional aspirations.
- c. Why you have chosen the university/institution which you wish to attend?
- d. How will the course you plan to pursue prepare you for the future and how do you intend to use this education for the benefit of your country? The statement should also include your proposed occupation or profession after completion of your studies.

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**44.** HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY APPLIED FOR AN ISP SCHOLARSHIP? IF YES, STATE THE APPLICATION YEAR AND OUTCOME.

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**45.** PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW YOU LEARNED ABOUT THE AKF ISP (E.G., INTERNET SEARCH, ISP ALUMNI, AKDN STAFF, FLYER, UNIVERSITY, FAMILY, FRIENDS, ETC.)

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**46.** RECOMMENDATION LETTERS: Provide the following details for each of the three recommendation letters you have obtained.

Letter 1: Name, Title, Organisation; Relationship with applicant; Email address

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Letter 2: Name, Title, Organisation; Relationship with applicant; Email address

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Letter 3: Name, Title, Organisation; Relationship with applicant; Email address

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**47.** USE THIS SPACE BELOW TO PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THE LOCAL OFFICE PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION.

## **HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION**

**48i.** NUMBER OF FAMILY MEMBERS IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD (*do not include yourself*): \_\_\_\_\_

**48ii.** IF NEED BE, USE THE SPACE BELOW TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR FAMILY/HOUSEHOLD SITUATION.

**49.** BELOW PROVIDE DETAILS OF YOUR PARENTS.  
IF MARRIED, INCLUDE DETAILS OF YOUR SPOUSE

FAMILY MEMBER	NAME	CHECK IF DECEASED	AGE	CHECK IF EARNING MEMBER	CURRENT OCCUPATION/ TITLE	NAME OF EMPLOYER/ BUSINESS
FATHER	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
MOTHER	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
SPOUSE (if married)	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

**50.** DEPENDENTS AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS: Provide details of other family members who are dependent on your parents or on you for support.

RELATIONSHIP	NAME	AGE	CHECK IF ENROLLED IN SCHOOL	CHECK IF ENROLLED IN UNIVERSITY	NAME OF SCHOOL/ UNIVERSITY	CHECK IF EARNING MEMBER
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**51.** HAS ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY BEEN AWARDED AN AKF SCHOLARSHIP?  Yes  No  
IF YES, PROVIDE DETAILS BELOW.

**FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE FAMILY MEMBER**

**AKF ISP YEARS**  
(provide start and end years)

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## **HOUSEHOLD FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**52. STATE THE CURRENT EXCHANGE RATE OF YOUR LOCAL CURRENCY WITH THE CURRENCY OF COUNTRY OF STUDY.** \_\_\_\_\_

**53. ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME AND EXPENSES:** List the family's annual income/expenses for the last calendar year.

	ANNUAL AMOUNT IN LOCAL CURRENCY		ANNUAL AMOUNT IN CURRENCY OF COUNTRY OF STUDY	
	Currency	Amount	Currency	Amount
<b>ANNUAL INCOME</b>				
APPLICANT'S INCOME				
PARENT'S INCOME				
SPOUSE'S INCOME				
INCOME FROM ASSETS				
INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES				
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>				
<b>ANNUAL EXPENSES</b>				
GENERAL LIVING EXPENSES				
EDUCATION RELATED EXPENSES				
SIGNIFICANT MEDICAL EXPENSES				
OTHER MAJOR EXPENSES				
<b>TOTAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR</b>				

**54. DO THE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES EXCEED THE ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME?**  Yes  No  
IF YES, PROVIDE EXPLANATION OF HOW THE HOUSEHOLD MEETS ITS ANNUAL EXPENSES.

**55. HOUSEHOLD ASSETS AND SAVINGS:** List details of assets and savings owned by the household. Indicate whether these resources will be utilized towards the cost of applicant's proposed course of study. (*Attach another sheet if necessary*)

TYPE OF ASSETS/SAVINGS	VALUE IN LOCAL CURRENCY		VALUE IN CURRENCY OF COUNTRY OF STUDY		CHECK IF TO BE UTILIZED TOWARDS COST OF STUDY
	Currency	Amount	Currency	Amount	
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

**56. USE THE SPACE BELOW TO PROVIDE ANY CLARIFYING COMMENTS REGARDING YOUR OR THE HOUSEHOLD'S FINANCIAL SITUATION THAT WILL HELP WITH THE APPLICATION REVIEW.**

## **OTHER EXPENSES**

**57. DEPENDENTS:** The AKF International Scholarship Programme award does not provide funding for dependents. Should any dependents accompany you, you will be responsible for meeting all their expenses.  
Provide details of dependents who will accompany you to the country of study and how you intend to meet their expenses.

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**58. TRAVEL AND PERSONAL EXPENSES:** AKF ISP award does not fund international travel expenses and personal items (including clothes and furnishings). Provide details of how you intend to meet these expenses.

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## **EXTERNAL SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**59. EXTERNAL FUNDING RECEIVED / CONFIRMED:** List agencies/foundations/government/university/other funders from which you will receive funding towards your cost of study. Please state the amount in the currency used in the country of study.

TYPE OF FUNDING (Grant, loan, assistantship)	AGENCIES/ FOUNDATIONS/ GOVERNMENT/ UNIVERSITY / OTHER FUNDERS	NAME OF AWARD	ANNUAL AMOUNT IN CURRENCY OF COUNTRY OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	CHECK IF RENEWABLE
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>
					<input type="checkbox"/>

**60. EXTERNAL FUNDING DECISIONS PENDING:** List agencies/foundations/government/university/other funders where you have applied for funding and the decision is awaited. (*Attach another sheet if necessary*) If you receive any of these awards after the submission of the AKF ISP application, you are required to notify the local office processing your application.

TYPE OF FUNDING (Grant, loan, assistantship)	AGENCIES/ FOUNDATIONS/ GOVERNMENT/ UNIVERSITY / OTHERS	NAME OF AWARD	ANNUAL AMOUNT IN CURRENCY OF COUNTRY OF STUDY	DURATION OF AWARD	CHECK IF RENEWABLE	AWARD NOTIFICATION DATE
					<input type="checkbox"/>	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	
					<input type="checkbox"/>	

**61. DOCTORAL CANDIDATES:** Funding for doctoral studies is provided for the first two years of study, after which the students are expected to find funding from outside sources. State how you plan to fund your studies after the first two year.

## **COST OF STUDY AND FUNDING SOURCES TO COVER COST OF STUDY**

**62.** AKF International Scholarship Programme (AKF ISP) awards provide funding to meet the expenses related to an individual student's approved course of study. AKF ISP awards are approved for a specific academic year but are renewable each year upon evidence of satisfactory academic progress and compliance with programme policies. In the form below:

- a. State eligible expenses related to your proposed programme of study, using the official cost of attendance estimates, provided university, for the academic year in which you will start your course. If your course extends beyond one year, then provide best estimates of the costs for the subsequent years.
- b. International travel expense, personal items (including clothes and furnishings) and dependent costs are NOT covered by AKF ISP and should not be included in the estimates below.
- c. **State all confirmed sources of funding** that will contribute towards meeting the costs of study. If you have pending sources of funding (i.e. which are not confirmed at the time of submitting the AKF ISP application form, do not include them in the table below). If you secure additional funding after you have submitted your AKF ISP application form, you must inform the local office that is processing your application. You will be required to submit a revised table below.
- d. Doctoral students are requested to provide estimates for the first two years of their study.
- e. In the table below, all amounts are to be stated in the **currency of the country of study**.

	<b>AMOUNT IN CURRENCY OF THE COUNTRY OF STUDY</b>			
	<b>YEAR 1</b>	<b>YEAR 2</b>	<b>YEAR 3</b>	<b>YEAR 4</b>
<b>A. ELIGIBLE EXPENSES PER ACADEMIC YEAR</b>				
TUITION AND COMPULSORY ACADEMIC FEES				
LIVING EXPENSES ( <i>if not living at home</i> )				
1. HOUSING FOR THE STUDENT				
2. FOOD FOR THE STUDENT				
3. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION				
HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE STUDENT				
BOOKS + ACADEMIC MATERIALS				
OTHERS ( <i>specify details below</i> )				
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES (A)</b>				
<b>B. AVAILABLE/ EXPECTED FUNDS PER ACADEMIC YEAR</b>				
HOUSEHOLD CONTRIBUTION ( <i>Personal and Family</i> )				
PERSONAL EARNINGS ( <i>e.g. through work</i> )				
LOANS ( <i>including from government, banks, university, or other sources</i> )				
OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS ( <i>including from government, university, or other sources</i> )				
TEACHING OR RESEARCH ASSISTANTSHIPS				
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS (B)</b>				
<b>AMOUNT REQUESTED FROM AKF ISP PER ACADEMIC YEAR (total A minus total B)</b>				

**63. ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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## **SIGNATURE PAGE**

**This page must be signed and returned to the local office, along with the completed application package and all required supporting documents.**

**The applicant and the head of household must provide a signature and date.**

**By signing this form,**

1. I certify that the information provided on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge.
2. I understand that the selection committee reserves the right to require proof of the resources stated in the Financial Information section, to verify the financial need.
3. I understand that if awarded any other scholarships or awards, I agree to notify the Foundation immediately.
4. If selected for the AKF ISP award, I agree to comply with the regulations and policies of the Aga Khan Foundation's International Scholarship Programme.
5. I understand that information in this application and my records will be used by the Aga Khan Foundation, and affiliated agencies, for evaluation and other programme purposes. All information will be kept in strict confidence. I authorize release and use of this information, as described above.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF HOUSEHOLD HEAD  
(*if different from applicant*): \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HOUSEHOLD  
HEAD: \_\_\_\_\_



# AGA KHAN FOUNDATION

## International Scholarship Programme

### APPLICATION PACKAGE - CHECKLIST

APPLICANT'S NAME

& SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Completed application package should include the original application and the supplementary documents **arranged in the order below**. Documents will not be returned to you so please provide copies.

- Completed, original application form (signed and dated), and one passport size photo (the photo should be recent/clear, and attached to the application form; write your name on the back of the photo)
- Two page personal statement (two page limit)
- Official university letter of admission (this letter should clearly indicate your course of study)
- Official university cost estimate for first year (costs must be in the university's local currency)
- Official academic transcripts and diplomas from high school and post-secondary institutions
- Results of language and standardised tests (especially if these were required for admission)
- Certificates of academic/extra-curricular achievements (only the most significant)
- Curriculum Vitae/Resume (two page limit)
- Three** professional letters of recommendation from professors and/or employers (sealed)
- Award letters from external funding sources (e.g., scholarships, grants, loans, etc.)
- Any other documents requested by the local office