

## TRANSCRIPT OF LECTURE DELIVERED ON SEPTEMBER 8, 2018 (FORUM 1)

Topic: **Securing “King Fahd University Of Petroleum And Minerals”  
(KFUPM) Scholarship.**

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### **Background**

King Fahd University of Petroleum AND Minerals (KFUPM) currently offers 37 MS Programmes and 15 PhD programmes in 31 different disciplines. There are two available scholarships for MS applicants (**full time** and **research assistantship**) and also, two for PhD applicants namely (**full time** and **lecturer B scholarship**).

### **Admission requirements**

*Mandatory documents for selection are as follows:*

- 1) International Passport
- 2) Complete transcripts for BS degree and MS degree (if applying for PhD).
- 3) Statement-of-Purpose (a one-page essay focusing on career and research goals)
- 4) Recommendation Letters from 3 Professors through the online recommendation system after submitting the online application
- 5) Certificates for BS degree and MS degree (if applying to PhD).

*Supporting documents (needed after provisional admission) are as follows:*

- 1) TOEFL score (minimum score is 68 iBT for MS and 79 iBT for PhD).
- 2) Acceptable GRE General score (minimum score for Quantitative reasoning is 156; minimum score for Analytical section is 4.0).

**N:B** Upon approval, original/certified copies of degree certificate(s) and transcript(s) are to be sent through postal mail.

## **Selection Hints**

- I. Emphasis is placed on having done related program in the undergraduate, however, deficiency courses can be offered if admitted.
- II. Applicants with First class honors are given preference, but there are also many second class successful applicants. Official transcript is not necessary for submission of application.
- III. Like most scholarships, a great SOP with recommendation increases chances of getting admission.
- IV. Non availability of GRE and TOEFL have little or no impact on admission result, however,
  - TOEFL result must be submitted before resumption of study or not long after resumption.
  - GRE can be waived having secured a GPA of 3.5/4 after first semester exam.
- V. KFUPM doesn't consider age during admission, but the ministry of education has a regulation of 30 yrs for MS, 35 yrs for PhD; however, in some exceptional cases, KFUPM extends a helping hand in getting the visa.

## **Other Information**

- The average waiting time for admission result is 3-4 months after application.
- The average waiting time for joining the school is 1year or more depending on visa availability as provided by appropriate ministry.
- There is no need contacting faculty before admission.
- Research assistantship and lecturer B scholarship have more benefits, however, both are limited and have more visa waiting time. In recent cases, students given research assistantship are converted to full time students to reduce visa waiting time.

## **Questions and Answers**

Q. Is the scholarship exclusive to Muslims alone?

A. The scholarship is not exclusive to muslims. Currently, there are many Non-muslim scholars in the school without any fear of coercion to abandon their beliefs.

Q. Is the application open to females too this time?

A. KFUPM is an all-male university, however, applications will be open to females (Saudi and residents only) as from January 23, 2019. This application will be considered for fall semester 2019/2020.

Q. If I have MS in view, can I still put in for PhD?

A. Yes, with up to date transcript.

Q. If I can't get up to 3 professors, Can I use associate professor as an alternative?

A. There is no strict policy on the use of professors for recommendation, associate/assistant professors should do.

Q. What's the latest regarding their visa entry policy on a medical ground?

A. Persons with Hepatitis B are either denied visa or kind of returned home after discovery of the illness. Persons concerned should get treatment while waiting for visa and at best, consider other countries, because Saudi is strict with regards to this.

Kindly visit <http://www.kfupm.edu.sa/deanships/dgs/Pages/prospective.aspx> for more information.

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