

EGYPT SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction

This group seeks to enlighten people with information on scholarships in Egypt. Members are expected to ask questions and contribute answers. There is no room for ABUSE, CURSE OR OFFENSIVE QUESTIONS/ANSWERS. Offenders will be suspended IMMEDIATELY. Please adhere to the instructions for using this group as STRICTLY as possible.

Major universities in Egypt for Nigerians are Al-Azhar University, The American University in Cairo (AUC), Cairo University, and Egypt-Japan University of Science & Tech (E-JUST).

Right now, we have representatives in all of these universities except Cairo University situated in Giza. We are still hoping to get at least one representative there also.

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To begin with, I am by name Kathiir, a MSc student in the American University in Cairo, Egypt.

From my experience, studying in Egypt for many aspirants has marred by cloudy, not-so-clear admission/entry procedures. This might be due to a very long history of the country creating chances for notable changes/developments as well as the widely diverse disciplines available in Egyptian universities. These disciplines range from Holy Qur-aan, Arabic/Islamic Sciences as well as science, technology/engineering, medical/health sciences and business/social/administration disciplines.

Within my 2-year stay in Egypt, I have constantly questioned why many aspirants fail to succeed in applying for and resuming in their desired universities or why many tens of thousands still do not know study opportunities that abound in Egypt. I have therefore decided to alert Nigerians alike as to how to go about what they can/want to achieve in Egypt and Egyptian universities.

I'm going to post from time to time on the group vital pieces of information to help us achieve our various goals as seekers of knowledge.

Egypt is not just a country, it's an age-old hub/seat of scholars in Western education as well as islamic education. It had once in the past been a first-world country attracting multi-ethnic human migrations and its central location at the heart of the earth (right in the middle of Europe-Africa, Asia-Americas) puts it as a strategic situation which has defined it's culture and shaped its around 5,000-year old history till the modern times.

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Egypt has a number of sister names notable among which are Land of the Pharaohs, Seat of the Pyramids, and Home of the Nile, the longest river in the world.

As a knowledge hub, its scholars have made waves in Islam and Arabic literate science and technology. If we have to mention the names of hundreds of its scholars who have sailed through the ocean of knowledge, we would need a novel to encapsulate them.

NOTABLE UNIVERSITIES IN EGYPT

Notable universities in Egypt include, but not limited to:

- ☞ Al-Azhar University,
- ☞ Cairo University,
- The American University in Cairo,
- ☞ Monsoura University,
- ☞ Alexandria University,
- ☞ Ain Shams University,
- ☞ The German University in Cairo,
- ☞ Arab Academy for Science, Technology & Maritime Transport,
- ☞ Benha University,
- ☞ Modern Sciences & Arts University,
- ☞ Zagazig University, and
- ☞ Helwan University.

All these universities can be explored and applied for online for study opportunities. However, a few of them still prefer the traditional way of admission application whereby a prospective candidate has to get his/her hard copy application documents to the exact university admission office either in person (where applicable) or by proxy (submitted on behalf of the candidate).

Quick Question and Answer (QQA)

Question (Q): Can someone with bachelors degree Islamic studies in a Nigerian university, I mean conventional university that use English and not Arabic apply for masters in azhar ? With that degree

Answer (A): That's a good question. However, a good answer cannot be provided until we ask Azhar University students specifically. Once a good response is obtained, you will be notified on this group appropriately. Thanks.

One of such universities which deal with with prospective/current students in the traditional way, where you are to send documents here and there for almost every single

step is the famous Al-Azhar University. Cairo University also employs this method to a limited extent.

Because of the difficulties facing thousands of prospective candidates willing to enter Al-Azhar University through the traditional application mode, we have tried to simplify these processes in real details as best as possible. Therefore, I'm going to begin with Al-Azhar University admission process.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION INTO AL-AZHAR UNIVERSITY

Points of Note

All pieces of information posted concerning Al-Azhar University are based on the authors experience/investigation and are valid as at the time of position on this platform. Any modification(s) thereof is/are welcomed by a group member/admin as deemed fit and from time to time.

Azhar University has 3 stages of education:

1. Pre-university education
2. Undergraduate education (Bachelors)
3. Postgraduate education (Masters and PhD)

Pre-University education: Azhar i.e. Azhar Ma'had:

Azhar Ma'had – The main institute before entry into the university consists of two stages;

Stage 1 - I'daadi (Primary School)

3-Year programme, where students study a range of subjects such as.

- *Nahw (Grammar) & Sarf (Morphology)
- *Mutala3a Wa Kataabah (Reading and Writing)
- *Al Haasib al Aali (ICT)
- *Tafseer (Exegesis) & Hadith (Sayings and the traditions of Prophet Muhammad)
- *Fiqh (Jurisprudence – According to the school of thought you choose to study)
- *Al Qur-aan & Tajweed (Proficiency in Qur-aan recitation)
- *Tawheed (Theology) & As Seerah (Life of the Prophet Muhammad)

Stage 2 - Thanawiyyah (High School)

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3-year programme covering the following subjects;

*Nahw (Grammar)

*Sarf (Morphology)

*Balagha (Rheto...

QQA

Q: Please, How much will it cost me for tourist visa and flight

A: Tourist visa is currently \$75 and you pay it in US dollars. Also, this amount of money is not paid at the time of application. Rather, its payment is contingent only upon the approval of your visa. Once a notification is sent to a visa applicant that his/her visa has been approved, you can then proceed to the embassy to make the payment and collect your visa-stamped passport. If for any reason one's visa is disapproved, may Allaah forbid, then one will not pay this amount of money at all

Undergraduate education i.e. bachelors degree

Once you have completed the pre-university education levels and have attained the Thanawiyyah certificate from Azhar Ma'had or Azhar-affiliated Ma'had (either of these 2 categories could have been completed in Egypt or from outside Egypt), you can enter the Azhar University to study at the faculty of your choice. These faculties include:

Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion (Usool-ud-Deen)

Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudence (Shari'ah and Law)

Faculty of Islamic and Arab studies

Faculty of Islamic preaching (Da'wah)

Faculty of Arabic Language (Lughah Arabiyya)

Q: Is it mandatory to travel immediately after the visa has been approved or one can travel at his/her convenient time

A: An approved tourist (entry) visa only lasts for 3 months from the date of approval. You must travel to Egypt within these 3 months. If for any reason you are not able to utilize the approved tourist visa, as it has been gathered, it might make subsequent tourist visa application from the same candidate futile unless Allaah wills otherwise.

These faculties are comprised of the following departments:

Faculty of Fundamentals of Religion (Usool Ud Deen) offers the Bachelor's degree in:

✓Tafseer - Interpretation (Exegesis) and sciences of Qur-aan

✓Hadith and its Sciences

✓Aqeedah Wa Falsafa - Faith and Philosophy

✓Islamic Propagation (Da'wah)

Faculty of Islamic Jurisprudences (Shari'ah and law) offers the Bachelor's degree in:

- ✓Islamic Jurisprudence (Shari'ah)
- ✓Shari'ah Wa Qanoon (Shari'ah and law)

Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies which offers the Bachelor's degree in:

- ✓Islamic and Arabic Studies

Faculty of Preaching (Da'wah) offers a degree in:

- ✓Da'wah - The Islamic Preaching

Faculty of the Arabic Language offers the Bachelor's degree in:

- ✓ Lughatul Arabiyyah - The Arabic Language...

Q: And about flight, one can prepare like how much?

A: The price of flight ticket varies greatly depending on 3 factors:

1. Is it one-way or two-way ticket?
2. Date of booking versus date of departure
3. The particular airline from which you are booking:

<https://www.travelstart.com.ng/>

Use the link above to verify wide-ranging flight ticket prices by changing inputs such as dates/places of departure. Type name of your preferred city of departure from Nigeria (e.g. Lagos, Abuja, Kano etc)

Step 2: Type name of your preferred city of arrival in Egypt (Cairo)

Step 3: Select date of departure

Step 4: Select date of return (if the ticket is two-way i.e. to&fro)

Step 5: Click 'search'

Step 6: Summary results of all available flights (based on your input parameters) are displayed for you to choose from

Q: Do they only offer courses in Arabic? (as in Islamic studies related?) Also, what's different between economy, business, first, premium economy and first?

A: The university offers courses in all areas of studies, including sciences, engineering, mathematics, administration, arts and humanities. However, international students have to pay for studies in those areas or find an external means of funding. Therefore, you cannot win Azhar scholarship to study these disciplines.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR AZHAR UNIVERSITY AT PRE-UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

Now, we will discuss how to enter Azhar I'daadiy and Thaanawiyi

These 2 levels in Azhar system are meant for all candidates who:

☞ 1a. Have never attended any madrasah before and thus do not have thaanaawiiyyah certificate that can make them eligible for Azhar's bachelors degree

b. Finished I'daadiy from a madrasah/markaz/ma'had not owned by Azhar and not affiliated with Azhar

c. Finished thaanaawiiyy from a madrasah/markaz/ma'had not owned by Azhar and not affiliated with Azhar

☞ 2. Are not above 30 years of age as shown on their international passport at the time of admission application in when they arrive in Egypt

3. Apply for tourist visa to Egypt

☞ go to Nigerian embassy in Cairo

☞ tell them you want to apply at diraasah khaasoh (Azhar primary school)

☞ take the go-ahead document given to you at the Nigerian embassy to Azhar University

☞ it's automatic admission

☞ and you are in.

General Application Documents for people entering Azhar pre-university education levels i.e. I'daadiy and thaanaawiiyy

At least:

2 Passport sized photos

4 Photocopies of bio-data page of your international passport

4 Photocopies of your valid tourist visa and/or resident visa (for those already having resident visa)

4 Photocopies of recommendation letter from the Nigerian embassy in Cairo

I have provided above two examples of recommendation letters from 2 different embassies permitting their citizens to study in Al-Azhar University at all levels. After you arrival in Egypt, you will visit the Nigerian embassy, fill a request form at the Embassy, tick recommendation letter on the form and submit appropriately for

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approval. The following Wednesday (i.e. after 48 hours), you would get approval inshaAllaah.

Once you have the recommendation from the embassy, you have been admitted. Just go to Azhar and follow other supporting procedures appropriately. As time goes on, I'm going to share information about the processes after you get the recommendation letter from the embassy. Thank you.

Remember: getting to Cairo first is for someone who wants to enter Azhar's Ma'had (Primary or high school). The only way to do it is to take a recommendation letter from Nigerian embassy in Cairo in person (cannot be done on candidate's behalf). Once that is done, you just go and complete the registration process in Azhar. That's all.

Registering at Azhar Ma'had after Recommendation from the Nigerian Embassy in Cairo

The documents listed above need to be taken across to Muraaqabah (Azhar office for foreign students), which is a building close to Kulliyyatu Banaat (Just off Awwalu-thaamin - well known).

You will hand in the documents in one of the floors alongside filling in a basic application form.

The candidate will then return on the date the management specify and check to see if their names have been listed in the next batch of students to be enrolled. The time for the lists to be released can vary according to when one applies but there are generally two intake dates (Around September/October & around January/February).

Once you return on the specified date and find your name listed...

Entry into the Azhar system after passing the entrance exams

The entrance exams will require you to cover the content from the primary school (i'daadi) and the high school (thanawiyah) and you will be placed at your appropriate level if you pass the relevant exams.

Once you enter, if you are placed in the first year of primary school (Awwal I'daadiy) or first year of high school (Awwal Thaanawiy), whichever one your entrance exam score meets, the academic year must be completed from start to finish.

If you enter the second year of primary school (Thaanii i'daadiy) or second year of high school (Thaanii thaanawiy) due to your entrance test score, you can choose to

complete the second year alongside the third year (combine thaaniy with thaalith), which ...

[19:18, 8/24/2019] Bro Katheer Egypt: *Scholarship/Financial Aid: Privileges/Benefits of the Scholarship:

- ✓Free accommodation on the Madinatul Bu'uuth or housing allowance of 250LE or more
- ✓Monthly stipend of 750LE or more
- ✓Tuition fee waiver
- ✓Free flight tickets during sessional breaks based on academic performance (not sure if this applies to I'daadiy but applies to Thaanawiyy upwards)

Note: The student must be registered and not be benefiting from any other scholarships.

How to apply for the scholarship/financial aid

- ☞Go to the muraaqabah (close to Madinatul banaat)
- ☞Take two copies of your passport, 2 passport photos
- ☞Ask for the room to submit your application for the financial aid (minhah)
- ☞When you reach the room which has a clear sign on the outside, they will ask you what type

If you study in any azhar institution in Nigeria and you're done with your studies there, you'll be able to get scholarship into azhar -in shaa Allaah-, and automatically you become who have access to financial aid and accommodation

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☞ Go to the muraaqabah (close to Madinatul banaat)

☞ Take two copies of your passport, 2 passport photos and your tasdeeq. Tasdeeq is the approval you'll collect wherever you are studying (be it ma'had or diraasah khaasah or university) at the end of each session, showing that...

And whoever come through this process will not start anymore from i'daadi or thanawiyy when he reach Egypt, he'll start from the university directly

They offer primary (I'daadiy) and secondary (thaanawiyy) education. To the best of my knowledge, there are only 4 of them in Nigeria. One in Saki, Ilorin, Kano and Maiduguri. Anyone that finishes I'daadiy or thaanaawiyy from these 4 places are automatically placed on Azhar scholarship/financial aid and would not repeat the same level of education already completed at home when they come to Cairo.

There are 3 ways to enter Azhar University

1. Finish from Azhar-established secondary school

☞ apply for admission

☞ if you are selected

☞ you enter 100L in any department of choice

There are 4 of these Azhar-owned secondary schools in Nigeria: Saki, Ilorin, Kano and Maiduguri.

2. Finish from Azhar-affiliated secondary school

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☞ if you are selected

☞ you enter 100L in any department of your choice

3. This route is for every single candidate who cannot use method 1&2 above plus all candidates who did not attend ilé kéwú before in their life.

For category 3, Azhar University will put all of us in her primary school (called diraasah khaasoh).

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In order to apply for diraasah khaasoh/Azhar ma'had (primary/high school), getting to Cairo is the first thing is for someone who wants to enter Azhar's Ma'had (Primary or high school). Immediately you land in Cairo, visit the Nigerian embassy in Cairo on a Monday. Fill a form that allows you to request for the embassy's recommendation letter for Azhar ma'had.

After your request is submitted, the embassy will tell you to come back for approval on Wednesday (48 hours). On Wednesday, you will be given the recommendation letter addressed to Azhar

The following documents are required for the next stage

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Q: How many years will it take if one wants to complete degree through starting with diraasah khaasah.

A: This depends on a lot of factors. In any education system, it's usually the minimum number of years that can be estimated, the maximum cannot. Why? The number of years each candidate spends varies because of success/failure factors or because of other factors beyond human control.

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Similarly, information on western education scholarships will be posted frequently for those interested in them also as time goes on inshaAllaah. Again, only add someone who really really needs to be a member of this group.

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