



ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENT

Academic Year 2014-15

1. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is delighted to announce that scholarships under the IDB Merit Scholarship Programme for High Technology for the academic year 2014-15 are open for application. The scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants effective September 2014.
2. The Programme is designed to help promising research students to pursue a full-time three-year Ph. D study or a six-twelve month post-doctoral research work in scientific disciplines that enhance development in IDB member countries, with priority to health/medicine, agriculture/food production, water resources/desertification, energy/infrastructure development, nanotechnology and development-focused ICT. Some scholarships are also available for studies and research in invention-related pure sciences.
3. The scholarship comprises tuition fees, living allowance, health insurance, round-trip air-ticket and conference participation allowance in general, and computer and dependency allowances for Ph.D. students;
4. The applicant must be a citizen of an IDB member country, must be a permanent employee of an academic institution or a research centre of his/her country and must satisfy all the eligibility requirements of the Programme;
5. The successful candidate must secure admission at one of the universities listed in the Times Higher Education Supplement (THES). Please visit the THES website: <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/world-university-rankings/>
6. Priority shall be given to those Ph.D. applicants who have secured admission at universities that have concluded a cooperation agreement with the IDB such as Cambridge University, Oxford University, Nottingham University and Birmingham University, UCL in the UK, Princeton University in USA, Paris-Tech in France and KAUST in Saudi Arabia, or from the top 50 universities on the THES list.
7. The prospective applicants should visit the IDB website: www.isdb.org to download the Programme's application form and to read full information about the eligibility requirements, how to apply, the Programme's benefits and facilities as well as the names of universities.
8. The applicant must complete the application form and send it together with all the requisite documents, as mentioned on the concluding page of the form, through the office of the IDB Governor for the applicant's country. and not directly to the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah. The application must reach the concerned IDB Governor's Office or its designated office by January 31, 2014. Applications received directly at the IDB will not be entertained.

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