

# Scholarship Guide



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The State of Qatar is working hard to develop a critical mass of future leaders to guide our nation and ensure our continuing role in the global economy. Since education is the key to a knowledge-based society, our citizens must have access to the best colleges and universities around the world.

New government-funded scholarship programs are now available that will help make this possible – for continuing students as well as working professionals who want to update their skills or upgrade their careers.

Ultimately the state will offer nine scholarship programs. However, only six programs have been implemented for the 2005-06 academic year.

### **About the Higher Education Institute**

Established in September 2004, the Higher Education Institute (HEI) operates alongside the Education Institute and the Evaluation Institute under the purview of the Supreme Education Council (SEC). The mission of the HEI is to promote opportunities for excellence by ensuring that students get a high quality education at top universities in Qatar and around the world. In turn, this will help us prepare our citizens to ultimately become leaders in Qatar's business, government and academic sectors, help them attain success in life, and help meet our future workforce needs.

Specifically, the Higher Education Institute:

- Administers scholarship programs to ensure that talented individuals are able to pursue a broad range of higher education and career options, from attending the world's most prestigious universities to short-term professional development grants for professionals who want to improve their skills.
- Provides information and guidance on higher education options, career opportunities, and professional development programs to help individuals attain success in life and contribute to Qatar's developing knowledge-based society.

- Maintains a quality assurance process to identify top universities, degree programs, and short-term professional development courses at home and abroad for HEI scholarship applicants. It will also authorize the educational and training programs accredited in Qatar, and work with relevant parties to prioritize careers that meet the needs of Qatar's labor market.

### **About the Scholarship Office**

The Scholarship Office of the HEI is responsible for administering and supporting a comprehensive set of national scholarship programs. This Office also administers and supports previous scholarship programs until students graduate or transition to one of the new programs. These scholarship programs provide HEI scholarship applicants with a wealth of opportunities to pursue higher education and career options at home and abroad.

The Scholarship Office financially and professionally assists students who are admitted to an institution included in the HEI list or a program approved by the HEI and are qualified to receive a scholarship. Help is available throughout the entire process, including issues such as pre-enrollment orientation and other matters related to university study.

The following scholarship programs are being offered by the HEI for academic year 2005-06. Three of these programs include both undergraduate and graduate study options – the Emiri, National, and Employee Scholarship Programs. There are also the Diploma Scholarship Program, the Pre-College Grant Program, and the previous scholarship program.

### **THE EMIRI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Providing top students with the opportunity to study at some of the best colleges and universities around the world, the Emiri Scholarship aims to encourage academic excellence and foster strong leadership skills. It is intended for exceptional students with high academic achievement and the potential to become national leaders. It will be offered to Qatari students accepted into the very highest quality institutions certified by the HEI.





**To receive an Emiri Scholarship for undergraduate study, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Have a minimum score of 85% on the secondary school exit exam and a TOEFL score of 570 or higher.
- Hold the GSC, A levels, IB or equivalent and have graduated from secondary school within the last five years.
- Be accepted at an institution approved by the HEI for the Emiri Scholarship OR have an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the other institutions approved by the HEI.
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.

**To receive an Emiri Scholarship for graduate study, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Have a "B" average for their Bachelor's degree if seeking a Master's.
- Have a "B" average for their Master's degree if seeking a Ph.D.
- Have a TOEFL score of 580 or higher, or a 6.5 on IELTS for universities in the UK.
- Be accepted at an institution approved by the HEI for the Emiri Scholarship OR have an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the other institutions approved by the HEI.
- If seeking a Ph.D., receive their degree in a maximum of four years, non-extendable, for study in the UK and five years for study in the US.
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.

**THE NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The National Scholarship provides support for accomplished students with the potential to become future business and professional leaders in Qatar. It will be offered to students accepted into an HEI-approved institution and in a course of study considered critical to Qatar's future.

**To receive a National Scholarship for undergraduate study, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Have a minimum score of 80% on the secondary school exit exam and a TOEFL score of 530 or higher.
- Hold the GSC, A levels, IB or equivalent and have graduated from secondary school within the last five years.
- Apply and be accepted to an institution approved by the HEI for the Emiri Scholarship OR have an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the institutions approved by the HEI.
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.

**To receive a National Scholarship for graduate study, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Have a "B" average for their Bachelor's degree if seeking a Master's.
- Have a "B" average for their Master's degree if seeking a Ph.D.
- Have a TOEFL score of 580 or higher, or a 6.5 on IELTS for universities in the UK.
- Apply to an institution approved by the HEI for the National Scholarship OR have an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the other institutions approved by the HEI.
- If seeking a Ph.D., receive their degree in a maximum of four years, non-extendable, for study in the UK and five years for study in the US.
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.

**THE EMPLOYEE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Employee Scholarship allows accomplished young employees in both the public and private sectors to pursue additional training and education. Offered in partnership with public and private employers in Qatar, these scholarships will help employed students develop an appropriate career plan for study at HEI-approved universities in specific fields of study.





**To receive an Employee Scholarship for undergraduate study, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Be selected for the scholarship by his/her employer for a specific field of study approved by the HEI.
- Hold the GSC, A levels, IB or equivalent and have graduated from secondary school within the last five years.
- Be accepted to an institution approved by the HEI for the Emiri Scholarship OR have an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the other institutions approved by the HEI.
- Meet criteria of the scholarship program required (Emiri, National, Diploma or Pre-grant).
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.

**To receive an Employee Scholarship for graduate study, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Be selected for the scholarship by his/her employer for a specific field of study approved by the HEI.
- Have a "B" average for their Bachelor's degree if seeking a Master's.
- Have a "B" average for their Master's degree if seeking a Ph.D.
- Have a TOEFL score of 580 or higher, or a 6.5 on IELTS for universities in the UK.
- Apply to an institution approved by the HEI for the Emiri or National Scholarship OR have an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the other institutions approved by the HEI.
- If seeking a Ph.D., receive their degree in a maximum of four years, non-extendable, for study in the UK and five years for study in the US.
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.



**THE DIPLOMA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Diploma Scholarship supports students who seek technical and specialized diplomas in demand in Qatar's labor market, such as nursing, aviation and related fields. Scholarships are limited to the College of the North Atlantic and are offered on a competitive basis.

**To receive a Diploma Scholarship, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Hold the GSC, A levels, IB or equivalent and have graduated from secondary school within the last five years.
- Have a minimum score of 65% on the secondary school exit exam.
- Have a TOEFL score of 400 or higher.
- Have an acceptance letter from the College of the North Atlantic.
- Agree to work in Qatar upon graduation for at least the same duration of years as the HEI scholarship.

**THE PRE-COLLEGE GRANT PROGRAM**

(for English-speaking universities)

The Pre-College Grant supports students who need additional academic preparation prior to beginning their post-secondary studies. It is available for the Academic Bridge Program (ABP) and other programs, and is offered to students with the expectation that they will then be accepted into an HEI-approved college or university.

**To receive a Pre-College Grant for the Academic Bridge Program, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Hold the GSC, IB or equivalent and have graduated from secondary school within the last five years.
- Have a minimum score of 80% on the secondary school exit exam.
- Have a TOEFL score of 400 as a minimum.
- Pass the ABP with a "C" average or higher.
- Submit an application no later than two weeks after final exit exam scores are published.





## **THE PRE-COLLEGE GRANT PROGRAM**

(for non-English-speaking universities)

**To receive a Pre-College Grant for a non-English institution, a student must:**

- Be a Qatari citizen.
- Hold the GSC, A levels, IB or equivalent and have graduated from secondary school within the last five years.
- Have a minimum score of 80% on the secondary school exit exam.
- Submit an application no later than two weeks after final exit exam scores are published.
- Receive an unconditional acceptance letter from one of the institutions included in HEI list for the Emiri or National Scholarships within two years of receiving the grant.

## **THE PREVIOUS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

(closed for newcomers)

While no new applicants will be accepted into the previous scholarship program, the HEI will ensure that those students who are currently receiving scholarships under this program will be fully supported until they graduate. However, students in the previous program who qualify for the Emiri and National Scholarships Program will be transitioned into these new scholarship programs.



For additional information about the scholarship programs listed above, please visit [www.education.gov.qa](http://www.education.gov.qa) or contact the Scholarship Office at +974-455-9555.