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Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Commerce  
(Islamabad)



Islamabad, the 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2015

**C I R C U L A R**

Subject: **"MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME" FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2015-16:**

Economic Affairs Division's has informed that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has announced the "Merit Scholarship Programme" for the academic year 2015-16 which pursue a full time 3-year Ph.D study in scientific disciplines. The applications for post-doctoral are also invited to undertake a 6-12 months specific innovative project by specific fields.

2. It is, therefore, requested that nominations of suitable officers as per fulfilling the eligibility requirements duly approved/ endorsed by the respective heads of wings **along with their detailed C.V of the officer, in which the details of trainings/courses/seminars etc already attended by the officer** may kindly be furnished to Admn-I Section latest by 09-02-2015 for onwards submission to EAD, Islamabad.

3. The application form of the Merit scholarship programme can be downloaded from the IDB website: <http://www.isdb.org>, and also from EAD website: <http://www.ead.gov.pk>.



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**Forwarded to:-**

- i. All JSs/EC/DG(TP)/DG(DCW)/DG(STDC), Ministry of Commerce, Islamabad.
- ii. Copy to Network Administrator with the request to upload the subject scholarship programme on the Ministry's website on top priority basis.

Government of Pakistan  
Ministry of Finance, Revenue,  
Economic Affairs, Statistics and Privatization  
(Economic Affairs Division)  
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Islamabad, the 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2015.

**Office Memorandum**

Subject: **Merit Scholarship Programme for the Academic Year 2015-16**

The undersigned is directed to state that the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has announced the launching of "Merit Scholarship Programme for the academic year 2015-16" (copy enclosed). The programme is designed to help promising research students to pursue a full time three-year Ph.D study 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 ICT for development. The applications for post-doctoral research are invited to undertake a six-twelve month specific innovative project to address a problem-solving matter in member countries such as Malaria, Corona, Ebola, Food production Water Resources/Desertification, Energy etc.

2. The scholarship comprises tuition fees, living allowance on single-status basis, health insurance and round-trip air-ticket. The successful candidate for the Postdoctoral Research Project must secure invitation letter from one of the Research Centers of Excellence in either the IDB member countries or advanced countries, and not from a university.

3. 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.

4. The completed application forms along with all requisite material as mentioned in the form is required to be received in this Division latest **by 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2015**. Application Forms can be downloaded from IDB website <http://www.isdb.org>. and EAD website <http://www.ead.gov.pk>.

Encl: As above.



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**Distribution:** (As per attached list).

**Distribution List:**

1. Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad with the request to upload the facility on HEC website and publish the same in leading newspapers and journals in the country.
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Planning and Development, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
5. The Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
6. The Secretary, Ministry of Information Technology, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
7. The Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Rawalpindi.
8. The Secretary, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
9. The Secretary, M/o Law, Justice & Human Rights, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
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16. The Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development and Overseas Pakistanis, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
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20. The Secretary, Capital Administration & Development Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
21. The Secretary, Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
22. The Secretary, Ministry of Education Training and National Standards for Higher Education, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
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Copy to: System Analyst, Computer Center, EAD with the request to upload the subject facility on EAD website.



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Subject: Merit Scholarship Programme for the academic year 2015-16.

Excellency,

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the selection process for Merit Scholarship Programme for 2014-15 is concluded. I am attaching herewith the list of selected candidate for this year for Your Excellency's kind information. With this, I am taking the opportunity to announce the Merit Scholarship Programme for the next academic year of 2015-16.

Attached is the Announcement Poster inviting applications for the next academic year (2015-16). Your Excellency may kindly arrange to distribute the announcement to various educational and research institutions in your esteemed country. In order to attract a greater number of quality applications, I may solicit Your Excellency to kindly also publish the announcement in leading journals and newspapers in the country. It is very important that the Announcement Poster reaches all the relevant research/academic institutions to attract the most talented candidates.

Your Excellency will observe from the announcement that minor changes have been made in the Merit Scholarship Programme. Applications for PhD study are invited to study on single-status basis and priority shall be given to those Ph.D applicants who have secured admission at top universities that have concluded a cooperation agreement with the IDB.

As per established practice

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However, applications for the Post-doctoral research are invited to undertake a specific innovative project by specific fields to address a problem-solving matter in member countries such as Malaria, Corona, Ebola, Food production, Water Resources/Desertification, Energy, etc. This is to focus on most crucial development areas of IDB member countries in addition to what it was highlighted in the IDB Vision 1440H.

Your Excellency's good office or the designated Contact/Focal Point may receive applications from participating scholars and institutions until 29 February 2015. The applications then may kindly be screened by your good office/focal point to sort out the most suitable candidates to be forwarded to IDB by the end of March 2015.

In order to process the applications in a meaningful manner, Your Excellency may kindly instruct your good office to submit to the IDB only up to 25 of the most deserving applications.

I take this opportunity to appreciate the efforts of Your Excellency's good office for fully participating in the programme and look forward that this effort will continue to attract the most eligible and talented candidates to the IDB Merit Scholarship Programme.

With my best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Ahmad Mohamed Ali

President, IDB Group





**ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK  
MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY**

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Academic Year 2015-16**

1. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is delighted to announce that 50 scholarships under the IDB Merit Scholarship Programme for High Technology for the academic year 2015-16. The scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants effective September 2015.
2. The applicant must be a citizen of an IDB member country, 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.
3. The Programme is designed to help promising research students to pursue a full-time three-year Ph. D study 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 ICT for Development.
4. The successful candidate for the PhD programme 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>.
5. 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 University of Cambridge, University of Oxford, University of Nottingham, University of Birmingham, University of York and University College London in the UK, Princeton University in USA, Paris-Tech in France and KAUST in Saudi Arabia.
6. Applications for post-doctoral research are invited to undertake a six-twelve month specific innovative project to address a problem-solving matter in member countries such as Malaria, Corona, Ebola, Food production, Water Resources/Desertification, Energy, etc. at Research Centres of Excellence which have the facilities and equipment to undertake cutting-edge research projects, both in IDB member countries as well as in advanced countries. This is to focus on most crucial development areas of IDB member countries in addition to what it was highlighted in the IDB Vision 1440H.
7. The successful candidate for the Postdoctoral Research Project must secure invitation letter from one of the Research Centres of Excellence in either the IDB member countries or advanced countries, and not from a university.
8. The scholarship comprises tuition fees, living allowance on single-status basis, health insurance and round-trip air-ticket. The selected candidates are not entitled to bring their families with them.
9. The prospective applicants should visit the IDB website: [www.isdb.org](http://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.
10. 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 March 31, 2015**. Applications received directly at the IDB will not be entertained.

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