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Islamabad, the 13th November, 2012

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Copy of Economic Affairs Division's O.M No.2(37)IDB/2012 dated 24-10-2012 is forwarded for information/necessary action with the request that the nominations of suitable officers duly approved/recommended by their senior respective officers along with the complete application form & all the requisite documents mentioned on the concluding page of the form may kindly be forwarded to Admn-I Section latest by **10-12-2012** for onward submission to EAD, Islamabad. The form of the Merit scholarship programme for the academic year 2013-2014 can be downloaded from the IDB website: <http://www.isdb.org>. (Under the scholarship menu) and [http:// www.ead.gov.pk](http://www.ead.gov.pk). The same form will also be available on the Ministry of Commerce's website: www.commerce.gov.pk.


(MARIA KAZI)
Section Officer (Admn-I)

Government of Pakistan
Economic Affairs Division

No.2(37)IDB/2012

Islamabad, the 24th October, 2012.

Office Memorandum

Subject: **Merit Scholarship Programme for the Academic Year 2013-14**

The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject noted above and to say that the Islamic Development Bank has announced the launching of "Merit Scholarship Programme for the academic year 2013-14" (copy enclosed) where 100 scholarships are available for all IDB member countries. Under the programme, the scholars may pursue 3-year Ph.D study or 6-12 months 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.

2. 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.

3. The completed application forms along with all requisite material as mentioned in the Form is required to be received in this Division latest by 31st December, 2012. Form can also be downloaded from IDB website <http://www.isdb.org>. (Under the scholarship menu) and <http://www.ead.gov.pk>.

Encl: As above

 24.10.12

(Ali Qayyum Raja)
Section Officer (IDB)
Ph: 9202894

1. Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad with the request to upload the facility on HEC website as well as publish the same in leading newspapers and journals.
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.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
11. The Secretary, Interior Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
12. The Secretary, Revenue Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
13. The Secretary, Establishment Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
14. The Secretary, Industries and Production Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
15. The Secretary, Petroleum & Natural Resources Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.
16. The Secretary, M/o Overseas Pakistanis, Government of Pakistan, Zero Point, Islamabad.
17. The Secretary, Labour and Manpower Division, Government of Pakistan, Islamabad.



ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK

MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY

ANNOUNCEMENT

Academic Year 2013-14

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 2013-14 are open for application. The scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants effective September 2013.
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 in the UK, 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 December 31, 2012. Applications received directly at the IDB will not be entertained.

Scholarship Division
Islamic Development Bank
P.O. Box 5925, Jeddah 21432, Saudi Arabia
Tel: (966-2) 646-6833 / 636-1400; Fax: 646-6887
e-mail: scholar@isdb.org



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MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY

ELIGIBILITY CHECK-LIST (For 3-YEAR Ph.D. STUDY)

Name	
Nationality	
Field of Study	

Please make sure that you meet all the criteria of the programme listed hereunder. Application will not be considered eligible failing to meet any of the criteria.

(failing to tick the appropriate box in each of the following items may lead to cancellation of your application)

- 1 My age is not over 35 years Yes No
- 2 I have an M.Sc. degree in the field of my research proposal in science and technology related to or listed under the programme Yes No
- 3 My academic background and grades are at least 'very good' Yes No
- 4 I have minimum of 2 years of post-Masters degree research/work experience in the field of my proposed research project Yes No
- 5 My proposed research/study is toward development of my country/region and I can demonstrate its scientific and development relevance in my research proposal Yes No
- 6 I have proven proficiency in English/French or both languages Yes No
- 7 My application is nominated by my institution and the concerned section of the application form is signed and stamped by the Head of the institution Yes No
- 8 My application is being submitted through the Office of the IDB Governor for my country Yes No
- 9 Have declined or not availed any IDB scholarship awarded to me before Yes No
- 10 My spouse is currently availing an IDB merit scholarship Yes No

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MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME FOR HIGH TECHNOLOGY

APPLICATION FORM **(FOR 3-YEAR Ph.D. STUDY)**

Write in **BLOCK LETTERS** and use only the space available for each information item, and do not use any separate sheet. Your application is assessed on point system, so if you knowingly leave any item/part incomplete or ignore given instructions, you may either lose points or your application be considered ineligible.

A. THE APPLICANT

1. Name in full: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____
(circle appropriate title)
2. Date and Place of Birth _____
3. Religion _____
4. Nationality: Present _____; at birth: _____
(As proof of nationality - birth certificate or passport copy - must be submitted)
5. Marital Status (please circle as appropriate): Single Married Divorcee Widow
Number of Children _____ Age range of children _____
6. Home address: _____
Town/City: _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____
Telephone (with country and city codes) _____
Fax _____ e-mail: _____
(Correspondence with you will be mainly by e-mail, so you must have an e-mail address)
7. Alternative Contact: (name, relationship, address, tel/fax and e-mail): _____

B. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1. M.Sc Study : Degree obtained _____
Name of University: _____
Town/City: _____ Country: _____
Field of study: _____ Length of study: _____ years
Date of graduation: _____ Grade/GPA obtained _____
obtained Grade/GPA stands as Excellent Very Good Good
Masters' Thesis title: _____
Field: _____ Year approved: _____ Published? (Yes/No) _____

2. **B.Sc Study:** Degree obtained _____
 Name of University: _____
 Town/City: _____ Country _____
 Field of study: _____ Length of study: _____ years
 Date of graduation: _____ Grade/GPA _____
 obtained Grade/GPA stands as Excellent Very Good Good

3. **Scholarship awarded for any of the above programmes/studies: Yes/No, if Yes,**
 Name of the Scholarship _____
 Programme/Study _____

4. **Language Proficiency** (you must tick/cross all the columns, as relevant):

<u>Language(s)</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>	<u>Speaking</u>	<u>Certificate</u>
English	_____	_____	_____	_____
French	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: In case of mentioning of holding certificate, a copy must be attached. Placement at the university accepted by IDB will be cleared only on the basis of language proficiency on the medium of language of the university. If selected, you must arrange to produce an internationally recognized language proficiency certificate, such as IELTS, TOEFL, etc.

C. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1. **Name of Institution/Organization where you work now**

(Please do not use abbreviations)

Type: Academic Research Public/Private Govt. Organization

Town/City _____ Province/State: _____

Telephone (with country and city codes): _____ Fax _____

E-mail: _____ working since _____

Your current position: _____

Level of the position: Junior/Assistant Mid-level Senior

2. **List previous employments, if any**

i. Name of institution _____

Address: _____

Type of institution _____ Position _____

Field/Type of work _____ Duration _____

ii. Name of institution _____

Address: _____

Type of institution _____ Position _____

Field/Type of work _____ Duration _____

3. Total years of experience in your field of study: _____ years
(evidence of research/work experience must be submitted)

4. Extra curricular activities _____

D. PLAN OF STUDY AND RESEARCH PROPOSAL

1. Your current area or field of expertise: _____

2. The field of your research proposal? _____
(Research proposal must be related to your academic background and current area of expertise)

3. Title: _____

4. Objective: (write below, not in a separate sheet, one brief paragraph on the development relevance of your research to the needs of the country/region)

5. Admission Offers: Yes ___ No _____. If yes, furnish the following information:

University _____

Department/Faculty _____

Place/Country _____

(copy of offer/ acceptance letter, as mentioned above, must be submitted herewith)

Note: An admission offer mentioned here is not an automatic choice for you to commence the programme by this admission. It will be subject to meeting the admission/university criteria. Also, if awarded, the scholarship requires you to commence the research/study from the beginning rather than for completion that you have already commenced with other funding.

G. HOW TO APPLY

1. **Submit one (1) copy of each required documents below** (tick if you have them and have included them in your package):
 - 1.1 Application Form Yes No
 - 1.2 Curriculum vitae or CV Yes No
 - 1.3 Copies of B.Sc. degree and transcript Yes No
 - 1.4 Copies of M.Sc. degree and transcript Yes No
 - 1.5 Two (2) Passport-size pictures (put in a transparent/plastic pouch) Yes No
 - 1.6 Proof of nationality (birth certificate/relevant pages of passport) Yes No
 - 1.7 Language certificate or test score (if any) Yes No
 - 1.8 Copies of work experience certificate Yes No
 - 1.9 Letter or evidence of pre-admission (if any) Yes No
 2. **Organize your documents** so that each item is separated by a white/colour separator. Clip or staple, number them (1.1 - 1.9) and write the titles as above on the separators. If any item is missing, your application will be considered as ineligible.
 3. **If any of your documents are not in English, French or Arabic, please have them translated or describe the content(s) briefly in English/French. Failing to submit the English/French translation will be considered non-recognition of the document and may lead to cancellation of your application due to not meeting the eligibility criteria.**
 4. Send your application along with all the above required documents to/through the Office of the IDB Governor for your country to arrive at the IDB **before the deadline (31 December).**
 5. Keep a copy of the completed application form along with the above documents you are attaching with the application form. You may be asked to send these documents once again.
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Important Note

- ***This Application form is the first information sheet to assess your eligibility as a candidate for the programme. If you are found eligible and qualify for the next phase selection process, you will be asked to send another set of documents.***
- ***You will be contacted only if you qualify for the next phase. No other letter/intimation will be given to you if you do not qualify for the next phase.***



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ELIGIBILITY CHECK-LIST (FOR POST-DOCTORAL RESEARCH)

Name	
Nationality	
Field of Study	

Please make sure that you meet all the criteria of the programme listed hereunder.
Application will not be considered eligible failing to meet any of the criteria.

(failing to tick the appropriate box in each of the following items may lead to cancellation of your application)

1. My age is not over 40 years Yes No
2. I have a Ph.D. degree in the field of science or technology related to or listed under the Programme Yes No
3. I have a minimum of 5 years of work/research experience in the same field, at post-M.Sc. & Ph.D. levels, of which minimum 2 years at post-Ph. D. level Yes No
4. I have not undertaken any Post-Doctoral research work in the last (previous) two (2) years Yes No
5. My overall academic standing/grades are at least "Very Good" Yes No
6. I have proven proficiency in the English/French or both languages Yes No
7. I have record of publications/research in the same field Yes No
8. My proposed research is a problem solving approach toward development of my country/region and I can demonstrate its scientific and developmental relevance clearly in my research proposal Yes No
9. My application is sponsored by my institution and the concerned page of the application form is signed and stamped by the Head of my Institution Yes No
10. My application is being submitted through the Office of the IDB Governor for my country Yes No
11. Have declined or not availed any IDB scholarship awarded to me before Yes No
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1. Name in full: Mr/Mrs/Ms _____
(circle appropriate title)
2. Date and Place of Birth _____ 3. Religion _____
4. Nationality: Present _____; at birth: _____
(As proof of nationality, birth certificate or passport copy must be submitted)
5. Marital Status (please circle as appropriate): Single Married Divorcee Widow
Number of Children _____ Age range of children _____
6. Home address: _____
Town/City: _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____
Telephone (with country and city codes) _____
Fax _____ e-mail: _____
(Correspondence with you will be mainly by e-mail, so you must have an e-mail address)
7. Alternative Contact: (name, relationship, address, tel/fax. and e-mail): _____

B. ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

1. **Last Post-Doctoral:** year/length of research: From _____ to _____
Name of University _____
Town/City: _____ Country: _____
Research title: _____

Field of research: _____ Published? (Yes/No) _____

2. **Ph.D study:** year/length of study: From _____ to _____
 Name of University _____
 Town/City: _____ Country: _____
 Research title: _____

 Field of research: _____ Published? (Yes/No) _____

3. **M.Sc Study :** Degree obtained _____
 Name of University: _____
 Town/City: _____ Country: _____
 Field of study: _____ Length of study: _____ years
 Date of graduation: _____ Grade/GPA obtained _____
 obtained Grade/GPA stands as Excellent Very Good Good
 Masters' Thesis title: _____
 _____ Published? (Yes/No) _____

4. **B.Sc Study:** Degree obtained _____
 Name of University: _____
 Town/City: _____ Country _____
 Field of study: _____ Length of study: _____ years
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7. **Publications:** (only in your field of study, excluding academic reports or thesis):

<u>Type of publications</u>	<u>Total Nos.</u>	<u>distribute total nos. by place of publications</u>			
		<u>Institutional</u>	<u>National</u>	<u>Regional</u>	<u>International</u>
Articles	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Books	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Conf. Papers	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Reports	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Note: Face copies (first page only) of all the above publications must be submitted

C. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

1. Name of Institution/Organization where you work now: _____

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Town/City _____ Province/State: _____

Telephone (with country and city codes): _____ Fax _____

E-mail: _____ working since _____

Your current position: _____

Level of the position: Junior/Assistant Mid-level Senior

2. List previous employments, if any:

i. Name of institution _____

Address: _____

Type of institution _____ Position _____

Field/Type of work _____ Duration _____

ii. Name of institution _____

Address: _____

Type of institution _____ Position _____

Field/Type of work _____ Duration _____

3. Total years of experience in your field of study: _____ years

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E. NOMINATION / ATTESTATION BY THE HEAD OF YOUR INSTITUTION

The applicant is hereby nominated for IDB Merit Scholarship. On award of the scholarship to the applicant, we declare to abide by the following:

- 1. He/she shall be facilitated with study leave for the duration of study/research;*
- 2. He/She shall be regarded as an active employee and continue to receive salary/ allowance(s) during the said study leave;*
- 3. His/her study leave duration will be counted within the length of service and will maintain the seniority for entitlement to promotion, etc.;*
- 4. On return, his his/her new degree/research outcome will be recognised and every effort will be made to fully utilize his/her enhanced knowledge and expertise.*

Name/Title of Head/Director: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Official Stamp:

F. DECLARATION OF THE APPLICANT

I hereby solemnly declare that all information given in this application is complete and correct.

Signature

Date

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