APPLICATION

The U.S. Embassy, Kabul - Afghanistan

Afghan Students Scholarship Program

**FALL 2019**

**U.S. Embassy Kabul Scholarship** **to the American University of Central Asia (AUCA)**

American University of Central Asia (AUCA) is accepting applications for the Afghan Students Scholarship Program, funded by US Embassy in Kabul, and administered by American Councils for International Education. Through this program, AUCA will provide merit-based scholarships for citizens of Afghanistan (primarily female applicants) to study at 1-year preparatory program and 4-years undergraduate program at the fully accredited American University of Central Asia.

The program will provide the **59 finalists** from Afghanistan with:

* Tuition and mandatory academic fees to attend the American University of Central Asia;
* Housing;
* Meal Stipend;
* Visa sponsorship for the duration of study in Kyrgyzstan;
* Roundtrip travel from home to host university once per academic year;
* Medical insurance; and
* Pre-departure orientation

**Please complete this application on computer**

hand written form will **not** be accepted

**Application deadline:** **August 20, 2019**

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The Afghan Students Scholarship Program is funded by the U.S. Embassy and run in partnership with the American University of Central Asia (AUCA) and American Councils for International Education (ACIE). The program provides merit-based scholarships to academically qualified students of Afghanistan to study at one year preparatory program and 4 years undergraduate program at American University of Central Asia. The duration of study is 5 years. A total of 59 full fellowships will be awarded for the 2019-2020 academic year.

#### Eligibility Requirements

The Afghan Students Scholarship Program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, religion, national and ethnic origin, or disability. Competition is merit-based (primarily focused on female applicants) and open to anyone who is:

* A citizen/resident of Afghanistan at the time of application & during the selection process;
* The recipient of a high school diploma by the time of application;
* College freshmen or students who are currently in the first year of their undergraduate study;
* Proficient in spoken and written English at the time of application;
* Able to demonstrate academic excellence, professional aptitude, and leadership potential;
* Able to begin the academic program in a time range September-November 2019;
* Committed to returning to Afghanistan after completion of the program to contribute to its development and
* All the male applicants should attach the certificates or other documentation that proves their participation in the USG programs.

**Individuals in the following circumstances are NOT eligible:**

* High school students who have not graduated yet;
* College graduates or students who are currently in the second year of college and beyond;
* U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States;
* Spouses of U.S. citizens and permanent residents of the United States;
* Individuals currently participating in academic, training or research programs outside of Afghanistan;
* Individuals currently residing or working outside Afghanistan;
* Employees, officers, or directors of the Afghan Students Scholarship Program or American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, their spouse, children, sibling, or a person in a committed relationship with an employee.
* **Current and past recipients of U.S. Embassy funded scholarships CANNOT apply.  For example, if you are a current/past U.S. Embassy AUAF scholar or PROMOTE scholar, you are ineligible for the Afghan Students Scholarship Program at AUCA.**

American Councils for International Education: ACTR/ACCELS, an international non-profit organization, believes in the fundamental role of education in fostering positive change for individuals, institutions, and societies. American Councils advances education and research worldwide through international programs that provide the global perspective essential for academic and professional excellence. Founded in 1974 as an association for area and language professionals, American Councils has focused its expertise on academic exchange, professional training, distance learning, curriculum and test development, and delivery of technical assistance, research, evaluation, and institution building.

**Disclaimer:**

American Councils is committed to ensuring that all eligible candidates are treated with respect and dignity and believes that each eligible individual has the right to apply for scholarship opportunities by taking part in the recruitment process. American Councils prohibits unlawful discriminatory practices and takes affirmative steps to extend recruitment for scholarship opportunities to all eligible candidates irrespective of their religious affiliation, ethnic and economic backgrounds, and their local language or geographical location. American Councils’ has a longstanding record of extending its recruitment activities to diverse regions of Afghanistan to enable all eligible Afghans apply for its programs. While American Councils is committed to maintaining diverse pool of applicants during the recruitment phase, it does not play any role nor can it guarantee ethnic, linguistic, religious, and regional diversity among program finalists. American University in Central Asia and the U.S. Embassy in Kabul are responsible for final selection and they are the sole authorities in making final decisions.

Personal Information

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| **First name** |  | **Middle Name** |  | **Last (Family) Name** |

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| **City:** |  | | |
| **Province:** |  | **Passport OR Tazkera #:** |  |
| **Phone #1:** |  | | |
| **Phone #2:** |  | | |
| **Email**: |  | | |

Biographical Information

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| **Date of Birth:** | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  | | **Day** | **Month** | **Year** | | | |
| **Gender:** |  | | |
| **Ethnicity:** |  | | |
| **Current Location** **(From which *City* & *Province* you are applying?):** |  | | |
| **City of Birth:** |  | **Country of Birth**: |  |
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| **Have you graduated from high school?**  **(Yes or No)** |  | | |
|  | **If Yes, Diploma Number:**  **Place of Issue:** | | |
| **Are you currently in college/university?**  **(Yes or No)**  ***If yes, what year?*** |  | | |

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| **Are you a current or past recipient of U.S. Embassy scholarship?**  **(Yes or No)**  ***If yes, please explain.*** |  |
| **Have you participated in any of these programs?**  **(*If yes, please choose*** |  |







Educational Information

## College/University (*Complete this part ONLY if you have started college/university*)

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| Name of College/University: |  |
| Major *(department name)*: |  |
| Start Date *(when did you start?)*: |  |
| End Date *(when will you graduate?)*: |  |

## High School *(Provide complete information below)*

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| Name of High School: |  |
| Student or Graduated? |  |
| **If Student:**  Expected Date of Graduation: |  |
| **If Graduated:**  Start Date *(when did you start?)*: |  |
| End Date *(when did you graduate?)*: |  |

Academic Achievements/Accomplishments

**Please list, provide a date, and describe any awards or honors you have received.**



Non-Academic Achievements

**Please indicate any awards or accomplishments outside of the school/university (for example, volunteer work, civic work, social services, community service).**



Essays - IMPORTANT: Both essays are required

## Statement of Purpose

Write a clear and detailed essay ***explaining your reasons for applying to this program***. Explain how your ***background has prepared you to study*** at the American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyzstan, and your ***specific area of interest***, how participating in this program will help you achieve ***your professional and personal goals***, and how this will ***contribute to the development of Afghanistan***.



## Personal Essay

**Choose *only one of the topics below* and respond with a short essay between 400-600 words.**

1. *Reflect on a time when you questioned or challenged a belief or idea. What prompted your thinking? What was the outcome?*
2. *Describe a topic, idea, or concept you find so engaging that it makes you lose all track of time. Why does it captivate you? What or who do you turn to when you want to learn more?*



Emergency Contact Information

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| **First Name** |  | **Last Name** |  |
| **Relationship to You** |  | | |
| **Address:** |  | | |
| **Telephone:** |  | | |
| **Email:** |  | | |



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**I certify that the information given in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. The US Embassy/American Councils reserves the right to verify all of the information indicated in this application. In the event that there is a discrepancy, or information is found to be false, the application will be declared invalid and the application ineligible.**

**Please type your name and date below.**

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| **FULL NAME:** |  | **DATE:** | **[Today’s Date]** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |