APPLICATION

The U.S. Embassy, Kabul - Afghanistan

Afghan Students Scholarship Program

**FALL 2017**

**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 one-year preparatory program and 4-years undergraduate program at the fully accredited American University of Central Asia.

The program will provide the **20 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

Application deadline – **April 25, 2017**

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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 (AUCA). The duration of study is 5 years. A total of 20 full fellowships will be awarded for the 2017-2018 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;
* 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 September 2017;
* Committed to returning to Afghanistan after completion of the program to contribute to its development.

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

* 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 are ineligible to 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.

**Please complete this application on computer**

 hand written forms will **not** be accepted

Personal Information

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Biographical Information

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| **Gender:** |  |
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| **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)** |       |
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| **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

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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

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| Name of High School: |       |
| Student or 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. *Describe a place or environment where you are perfectly content. What do you do or experience there and why is it meaningful to you?*
2. *How has your family background affected that way you see the world?*



Emergency Contact Information

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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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