



ANNOUNCEMENT

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO FOREIGN STUDENTS TENABLE IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM FOR THE 2010/2011 ACADEMIC SESSION

With His Majesty's consent, the Government of Brunei Darussalam is offering annual scholarships under a special scholarship award scheme, commencing in 2010/2011 academic session.

Tenable in Brunei Darussalam, the aim of the Scholarship awards is to provide students, with the opportunity to study at Universiti Brunei Darussalam [UBD], Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali [UNISSA] and Institut Teknologi Brunei [ITB].

The academic year for UBD, UNISSA and ITB commences in July / August 2010.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Applicants must be citizens of ASEAN, OIC, Commonwealth Member Countries and others and must be between the ages of 18 - 25 at the commencement of the academic session for which they are applying for admission. However, under exceptional case, the age limit requirement may be waived for candidates who are applying for Masters and PhD Programmes.
- 2.1 The awards are **NOT** eligible to Brunei Permanent Residents and foreigners residing in Brunei Darussalam for more than three months.

2. TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- 2.1 The Scholarship award is normally tenable according to the duration of the specific programme which is **four years for an Honours First Degree** or **one to two years for a Master's Degree** or **three years for a Doctoral** programme at UBD, UNISSA and ITB, **two and a half years for HND at ITB** on full-time basis.
- 2.2 The Scholarship award is subject to the scholar maintaining satisfactory conduct and satisfactory progress in the scholar's studies (this requires the scholar to maintain an active registration status by passing the prescribed semester examinations and obtaining the minimum course credit units).

3. **TERMS OF AWARD**

THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERS :

- 3.1 Tuition fees.
- 3.2 Air-tickets by economy class for which the scholar will only be provided on the following occasions:
 - 3.2.1 from the scholar's home country to Brunei Darussalam at the commencement of the programme;
 - 3.2.2 from Brunei Darussalam to the scholar's home country after the completion of the programme.
- 3.3 Free medical and dental treatment at any Government hospital subject to conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Health. However there will be administrative charges for every consultation (currently at B\$3.00), admission to class A1, A2 and A3 wards and charges for certain dental treatment as stated in the schedule 1 Dental Treatment issued by the Ministry of Health.
- 3.4 Other allowances payable will include:
 - 3.4.1 Monthly personal allowance of B\$500.00.
 - 3.4.2 Annual Book Allowance of B\$600.00.
 - 3.4.3 Baggage Allowance maximum of B\$250.00 to ASEAN and \$500.00 to non ASEAN region.
- 3.5 The scholar is required to sign an agreement with the Brunei Darussalam Government to complete the course of study, failing which he/she will be liable to refund to the Brunei Darussalam Government all expenditures that have been extended on him / her.

4. **PROGRAMME OFFERED**

Please refer to accompanying information (Appendix 'A')

5. MINIMUM ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

To be considered for the award of Brunei Darussalam Government Scholarships, applicants must satisfy the entry requirements set by the following institutions :

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5.1 ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITI BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Applicants must satisfy the general entry requirements and specific entry requirements as set for each programme.

Applicants must also note that fulfilling the general entry requirements and specific entry requirements does not guarantee entry into UBD's programmes as admission to all programme is competitive and limited subject to availability of space.

5.1.1 Entry Requirements for Ph. D. Programmes.

i). General Entry Requirements.

The minimum requirement for Ph.D Programmes is normally a relevant Master's Degree or an Upper Second Class Bachelor's Degree with Honours or its equivalent from institutions recognized by the University Senate. Applicants are also required to submit a detailed research proposal which is normally expected to include the following topics: proposed title; rationale; aims and methodology; literature review; preliminary bibliography; provisional timetable; provisional table of contents; and an indication of any special requirements for the study. The duration of a Ph. D. programme is normally 3 to 5 years full-time.

5.1.2 Entry Requirements for Master Degree Programmes.

i. General Entry Requirements.

- The minimum requirement for Master Degree Programmes is normally a relevant Bachelor's Degree with Honours (Second Class and above) or its equivalent from institutions recognised by the University Senate **unless** otherwise stated.
- Applicants who do not possess a Second Class Honours Degree

may be considered, provided they have relevant working experience and passes other academic or professional qualifications deemed suitable and equivalent for the purpose of admission to the programme.

- For entry to English medium masters degree programme, applicants must be able to show English Language Proficiency and those who do not have an English medium undergraduate degree qualification must have at least a **credit 6** in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade '**C**' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language) or an IELTS score of **6.0** or TOEFL minimum overall score of at least **550**. Please take note that other specific entry requirements will be provided under the separate programmes.

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ii). Specific Entry Requirements :

- To enroll in a Master of Business Administration (MBA) by Coursework, applicants must also have minimum 3 years relevant managerial working experience.
- To enroll in a Master of Public Health, First degree in medicine (MBBS or MD) or other healthcare-related fields such as first degree in Nursing, Nutrition and other Allied Health Sciences (consideration may also be given to candidates with public health field experience and relevant professional qualifications on a case to case basis).
- Master of Teaching programme requires an IELTS score of 6.5 **OR** TOEFL minimum overall score of at least 600 **OR** completion of an English medium undergraduate degree.
- For Secondary and Vocational and Technical Education streams, the applicant's undergraduate studies must be relevant to the choice of subject specialisation(s).
- For the Primary and Early Childhood Education streams, the applicant's undergraduate studies must be relevant to the Primary Education curriculum.

5.1.3 Entry Requirements for First Degree Programmes.

i). General Entry Requirements :

For English-medium and Bilingual programmes, at least a credit **6** in English Language at GCE 'O' Level Examination or a grade '**C**' in IGCSE English (as a Second Language) or an IELTS score of **6.0** or a TOEFL minimum overall score of **550**.

ii). Specific Entry Requirements :

- **Bachelor of Arts (Hons)** programme requires the following minimum qualifications :
 - a. 160 points for two 'A' Level passes in relevant subjects; or
 - b. 200 points for three 'A' Level passes in relevant subjects; or
 - c. An International Baccalaureate score of 28 points;
 - d. Subjects such as Ulum Hadith, Ulum Al-Quran and Tahfiz Al-Quran can be considered as a third 'A' Level subject.

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- **Bachelor of Science (Hons)** programme requires the following minimum qualifications :
 - a. 160 points for two 'A' Level passes including at least one of the following subject : Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics; or
 - b. 200 points for three 'A' Level passes including at least one of the following subjects : Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics; or
 - c. An International Baccalaureate score of 28 points with minimum of 5 points in relevant subjects at higher level.
- **Bachelor of Business (Hons)** programme requires the following minimum qualifications :
 - a. 160 points for two 'A' Level passes in relevant subjects; or
 - b. 200 points for three 'A' Level passes in relevant subjects; or
 - c. An International Baccalaureate score of 28 points; and

- d. At least a credit 6 in Mathematics at GCE 'O' Level or a grade 'C' in GCSE Mathematics.
- e. *In order to major in Accounting and Finance, students must have a GPA of 3.5 in their 1st year of study.*

5.2 ADMISSION TO UNIVERSITI ISLAM SULTAN SHARIF ALI

5.2.1 Entry requirements for Ph. D programmes.

- Applicants must have obtained relevant Master's degree from institutions recognized by the University Senate.
- Applicants who obtained the relevant First Degree with First Class Honours may be considered.

5.2.2 Entry Requirements for Master Degree programmes.

- Applicants must have obtained a First Degree with at least a Second Class Honour or 'Jayyid' in the relevant discipline; or have a First Degree in the relevant discipline and had not less than three (3) years working experience in related fields.

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- Applicant applying for admission to Arabic-medium degree programmes may be required to sit and pass an Arabic Language Test.
- Applicant applying for admission to English-medium degree programmes should also obtained at least a credit 6 in English Language at IGCSE or an IELTS score of 6.0 or TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.
- The Masters programmes by Coursework and Coursework and Dissertation will only be offered if there are at least five (5) candidates registered for each of the programmes.
- Interest applicants for Master programmes by Research only are advised to consult the Admission Office of UNISSA before making formal application.

5.2.3 Entry Requirements for First Degree programmes.

- For Arabic-Medium degree programme must have obtained the High School Certificate of Religious Education or its equivalent with an average grade of 'jayyid' or a minimum points of 160 in 2 subjects or 200 in 3 subjects in GCE 'A' Level or its equivalent in Arabic-medium and the subjects should be at the minimum grade D.
- Applicants applying for admission to Arabic-Medium degree programme should also obtain at least a pass in English Language at GCE Ordinary Level or a pass in IGCSE English or an IELTS score of 4.5 or TOEFL minimum overall score of 450.
- For English-Medium degree programme must have obtained GCE 'A' Level or its equivalent with at least minimum points of 160 in 2 subjects or 200 in 3 subjects and the subjects should be at the minimum grade D; or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Examination with a minimum score of 28 points.
- Applicants applying for English-Medium degree programme should also obtain at least a credit 6 both in Mathematics and in English Language at GCE Ordinary Level or a grade C in IGCSE English (as a First Language) or an IELTS score of 6.0 or TOEFL minimum overall score of 550.
- Applicant applying for Bachelor of Laws should also pass General Paper (GP) subject with at least grade B in GCE 'A' Level or pass any subjects at GCE 'A' Level which may be considered relevant by the university.
- Applicant with Higher National Diploma (HND) who obtained at least 'merit' passes in five subjects relevant to the degree programme to which admission is being sought may be considered.
- Applicants may be required to sit and pass a University Entrance Test.

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5.3 ADMISSION TO INSTITUT TEKNOLOGI BRUNEI

5.3.1 Entry Requirements for First Degree programmes.

- At least Credit Passes in five GCE Ordinary Level subjects which must include Mathematics, and at least three GCE Advanced Level passes all at grade C or better or equivalent qualifications relevant to degree programme applied (obtained within the last two years),

AND

- At least a Credit in English Language at GCE Ordinary Level

examination or an average score of 6.5 and above in the British Council IELTS obtained within the last two years or TEOFL minimum overall score 550 or its equivalent.

5.3.2 Entry Requirements for Higher National Diploma programmes.

- At least Credit passes in four GCE Ordinary Level subjects which must include Mathematics and one GCE Advanced Level (obtained within the last two years) or its equivalent relevant to the programme applied for;

OR

- A BTEC National Diploma or its equivalent in subjects relevant to the programme applied for;

AND

- Applicants must obtain at least a Credit 6 in English Language at GCE Ordinary Level examination or an average score of 6.0 and above in the British Council IELTS obtained within the last two years or TEOFL minimum overall score 550 or its equivalent.

6. OTHER CONDITIONS OF THE AWARD

- 6.1 No marriage allowance or child allowance is payable to the scholar;
- 6.2 No accommodation is provided for any accompanying spouse or children;
- 6.3 The scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other award without the prior approval of the Government of Brunei Darussalam and the awarding body;
- 6.4 The scholar may not undertake paid employment during the award or serve on the staff of their country's representative in Brunei Darussalam;

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- 6.5 The Government of Brunei Darussalam will not be responsible for securing employment for the scholar after graduation;
- 6.6 An applicant may be required to appear for an interview at such place(s) as may be determined by the institutions offering the programmes, and to sit a written examination to assess his / her proficiency in the English Language /

Malay Language / Arabic Language (where applicable);

- 6.7 To abide with the rules and regulations of each individual Institution;
- 6.8 Successful applicants will not involved in all the Study Abroad Programmes as set by individual Institution;
- 6.9 Successful applicants are required to undergo medical examination in Brunei Darussalam;
- 6.10 The Government of Brunei Darussalam reserves the right to terminate the scholarship as recommended by the institutions as they found it deemed to be justifiable;
- 6.11 Upon completion of the course, graduates are required to return to their home country with immediate effect;
- 6.12 Successful applicants are recommended / advised to acquire travel and health insurance cover (24 hours cover) at their own expense for the whole duration of their stay here in Brunei Darussalam;
- 6.13 Successful applicants should get a security clearance from their National Security Agency / Police (clear from civil and criminal record).

7. HEALTH

Successful applicant are required to submit a Certificate of Medical Fitness from a registered medical practitioner to the Technical Assistance Department at the address given in paragraph 9.1. An award will only be confirmed / granted upon producing certificate of medical fitness. All charges for medical expenses to be borne by the applicant concerned.

8. VISA AND TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The successful applicant should have a valid travel document (passport) with a valid visa to travel to Brunei Darussalam. Air ticket will be arranged accordingly and collection will normally be arranged through an appointed travel agent in the applicant's home country.

9. APPLICATION FORMS

- 9.1 Application forms can be obtained from the Brunei Darussalam Diplomatic Missions and representatives of Brunei Darussalam or from the following address:

Technical Assistance Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Bandar Seri Begawan BD2710
Brunei Darussalam
Tel/Fax No.: (6732) 381412
website : www.mfa.gov.bn
Email : tad.scholarship@mfa.gov.bn

- 9.2 The application form must be duly completed and endorsed by the relevant authorities of the applicants country. Eg. Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the relevant agency responsible for the Negara Brunei Darussalam Scholarship in your country.

10. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Additional information with regards to the programmes offered should be referred to the institutions concerned through the following address:

- 10.1 Undergraduate Programmes UBD
Assistant Registrar
Admission and Students Records
Universiti Brunei Darussalam
Tel : +673 2 463001 ext 1194 / 1195
Fax : +673 2 461003
e-mail : admission.office@ubd.edu.bn

- 10.2 Postgraduate Programmes UBD
Assistant Registrar
Office of Postgraduate Studies and Research
Universiti Brunei Darussalam
Tel : +673 2 463001 ext 2303 / 2310 / 2311
Fax : +673 2 460590
e-mail : psr.ubd@gmail.com

Please visit UBD Website at www.ubd.edu.bn

- 10.3 Admission Section
Administration Block
Sultan Sharif Ali Islamic University
Jalan Pasar Baharu, Gadong BE 1310
Negara Brunei Darussalam.
Tel.: (+673) 2 462000
Website: www.unissa.edu.bn
Email: admissions@unissa.edu.bn

10.4 Institut Teknologi Brunei,
Jalan Tungku Link, Gadong BE 1410,
Negara Brunei Darussalam.
Tel.: (673) 2 461020 – 9 (10 lines)
Fax.: (673) 2 461035 / 2 461036
Website: <http://www.itb.edu.bn>
Email : enquiry@itb.edu.bn

11. APPLICATION AND CLOSING DATE

- 11.1 Completed application forms, together with certified copies of relevant certificates and documents, must be returned to the **Technical Assistance Department not later than 28 February 2010**.
- 11.2 The awarding body reserves the right to reject any applicant. No award will be made if there is no applicant of sufficient merit. The decision on selection of any candidate is final. Enquiries or disputes regarding its decisions will not be entertained.