

Pathway to Pursue Higher Education in the U.S. for Afghan Students

Exploring Bachelor's, Masters, and
Ph.D. Programs

Bachelor's

- Requirements
- Scholarship Opportunities
- Process Costs

Requirements for Admission

- High School Diploma with above 90% GPA
- SAT Score of above 1300
- Valid Passport

Cost of the Process (Before Admission)

- SAT Fee: \$120
- Admission Fee: \$70 - \$100

Cost After Admission and Scholarship Decision

- I-20 Form Fee: \$350
- F-1 Visa Fee: \$160
- Total: \$730

Presidential Merit-Based Scholarship

- Requires high school GPA above 90% along with 1300 or above score in SAT
- Significantly increases chances of visa approval
- Reduces tuition to 40% - 30% of original cost
- No separate application needed. The admission team will reward you if you meet the criteria

SAT

- SAT consists of Math and English tests
- 44 Math questions and 54 English questions
- All questions are multiple choice
- Best resource: *Khanacademy.org* completely free for SAT preparation and practice tests
- Can only be taken in-person
- Most convenient country to take the exam is Pakistan

Work Opportunities as a Student

- 20 hours/week on-campus with monthly pay of at least \$900

Master's and Ph.D.

- Requirements
- Funding Opportunities
- Process Cost

Admission Requirements for Master's and Ph.D.

- Bachelor's degree in the related field with a high GPA
- Strong Proposal Letter
- Resume
- Valid Passport
- Duolingo English Test Score of at least 120

Cost of the Process (Before Admission)

- Admission Fee: \$70 - \$100
- Duolingo Test Fee: \$70

Cost After Admission

- I-20 Form Fee: \$350
- F-1 Visa Fee: \$160

- Total: \$680

Duolingo Test

- Best resource:
<https://englishtest.duolingo.com/register>
- Free practice tests and learning resources
- Can be taken online at home
- A score above 120 improves chances of receiving funding which in turn improves the chances of visa approval

Funding Opportunities for Master's and Ph.D.

- 20 hours/week on-campus work, monthly pay of at least \$900
- Research/Teaching Assistantships: Full coverage of tuition and living expenses
- After getting admitted to the program, reach out to your degree's department and individual professors and show interest in their research. If they admit you to their research group, tuition and living expenses will be paid for you.

Conclusion

- Pursuing higher education in the U.S. involves various costs, but scholarships and assistantships can make it affordable.
- International students have ample opportunities for work and scholarships to support their education.
- I will guide you every step of the way if you decide to pursue higher education in the U.S.
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