



## FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP

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HBKU Student Financial Services is committed to helping students of HBKU and Qatar Campus universities at Education City to find the best financial solution to meet their specific needs.

HBKU is committed to helping undergraduate students at Education City achieve their goal of a university education. Each year, HBKU financial services office awards several merit-based scholarships to undergraduate students enrolled at the Qatar campuses of some of the world's leading universities in Education City. These scholarships will reward and assist students throughout their academic careers.

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### HBKU Financial Aid

#### The Financial Aid Need Based Loan - what is it?

Financial aid is a free of interest loan-based program that gives undergraduate students at Education City an equal opportunity to receive a quality university education. All resident and non-resident international students that demonstrate financial need are eligible to apply for an HBKU financial aid need based loan.

Financial Aid cycle for fresh students starts from 1st of April until 31st of May of every year.

Financial Aid cycle for returning students starts from 1st of February until 2nd of March of every year.

## **You're interested - what do you need to be eligible?**

- Full-time resident and non-resident international undergraduate student
- Acceptance to an undergraduate program at: Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, or Northwestern University in Qatar
- Demonstrate a financial need

## **You've been offered a loan - what are the next steps?**

- Provide two original signed copies of the financial aid contract to HBKU Student Financial Services
- Once the contract has been approved by Student Financial Services, upload a scanned copy of the signed contract to your Financial Aid account and accept the financial aid award electronically

## **How do you renew your loan?**

- Submit a new application each year starting from 1st February until 2nd of March, which will be subject to a re-evaluation process by HBKU Student Financial Services
- Maintain an average GPA of 2.0 and be in good academic standing during the entire period of university study
- Meet with a Student Financial Services representative periodically
- Maintain the standards of conduct within the Education City community

## **How do you repay your loan?**

Repayment of the financial aid loan is due:

- **Prior to graduation:**
  - If the student withdraws or is dismissed from HBKU or one of Qatar Campus universities at Education City, student and the legal guarantor during study the period should meet with financial aid repayment representative to sign a repayment plan for awarded financial aid amount.
- **Six months after graduation date through:**
  1. Paid service: where student can repay the loan by working in one of the organizations that are approved by Hamad Bin Khalifa University. The list is available upon request from Financial Services office. Total required numbers of working years will depend on the total awarded loan
  2. Loan repayment: employee will pay fifteen percent of his/her monthly basic salary, until loan is fully settled.

## **How do you access the financial aid system?**

To access the financial aid system and apply, click [here](#).

For more information:

**Financial Aid** email address:

**Repayment** email Address:

You may also visit our HBKU Student Financial Services office located at the HBKU Student Center, Suite 215.

## **HBKU Scholarship**

### **Student Eligibility**

- Full time students who have completed at least two semesters of undergraduate study at: Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Virginia Commonwealth University in Qatar, Weill Cornell Medicine-Qatar, Texas A&M University at Qatar, Carnegie Mellon University in Qatar, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar, or Northwestern University in Qatar
- Minimum 3.6 GPA

### **Applying for a Scholarship**

- Students are required to submit their application and supporting materials to HBKU Scholarship by June 15th. This deadline will remain the same each year.

### **Scholarship Requirements**

Scholarship applicants are required to fill the online scholarship application and to upload the following documents:

- Official transcript
- Two letters of recommendation from a faculty member
- Photocopies of passport and Qatari ID
- Student records release statement

## **Selection Process and Notification**

The Scholarship team will review all applications to make sure that applicants meet the required criteria. Successful applicants will receive a notification of their scholarship award and instructions for the next steps

## **Renewal**

Students are expected to maintain a GPA of 3.6 or higher and submitted an official transcript by the end of each semester

## **Annual Deadlines for Scholarship Application**

**Scholarship Application cycle starts from May 15<sup>th</sup>, until June 5<sup>th</sup>, of every year.**

## **Financial Aid deadline**

**Financial Aid cycle for fresh students starts from 15<sup>th</sup> of March until 31<sup>st</sup> of May of every year.**

**Financial Aid cycle for returning students starts from 1st of February until 2nd of March of every year**

## **Contact Info**

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For more information, please email

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- [Student Record Release Form](#)
- [Financial Aid Student Guidelines](#)

