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Introduction

Sultan Qaboos University is distinguished by providing high-quality postgraduate programs for various scientific and humanities programs. The University offers the support of the university's postgraduate students. It also seeks to attract outstanding students from inside and outside the Sultanate through scholarships offered by the University Which it sought to obtain from others. The Award for Graduate Studies was issued by Decree No. (64/2016) on March 15, 2006. Scholarships began in the academic year 2006 with 38 grants from the exemption from tuition fees and then developed to 105 distributed over 30 PhD scholarships and 75 grants for the Masters to include grants and the granting of exemption from tuition fees. In academic year 2020/2021 the number of scholarships has been increased to 120 (35 for PhD – 85 for MSc). The new postgraduates Scholarships Guidelines was issued by decree No. 180/2019 on 11 March 2019. (Available at www.squ.edu.om/ps)

This is in addition to the financial support for research projects for doctoral students, which began in 2010, a grant for research projects for doctoral students enrolled in the university to provide the necessary requirements for the completion of the research project such as chemicals, laboratory and laboratory tools and electronic devices and other supplies in accordance with the policy of Financial Support

for PhD Students Research Projects and approved by decision No. (8/2017), which was amended by decision No. (37/2018).

The Deanship also provides financial support to participate in the scientific conferences for doctoral thesis, which began in 2012, a financial grant to attend the scientific conferences, including allowance and ticket. Participation in a scientific paper at an international scientific conference for students enrolled in the thesis option is a requirement of graduation requirements. The University also supports graduate students through their colleges to participate in scientific conferences.

Scholarships and Sponsorships

Definition of Scholarships: These are supported funds from SQU allocated for the University postgraduate students. They cover either exemption from tuition fees or monthly allowance or both. These scholarships are advertised as per academic year.

Eligibility Requirements (Conditions)

- The student must have an acceptance for a postgraduate program.
- The acceptance must be unconditional.
- For Master's scholarships, the student must have a minimum Accumulative Grade Points Average of 3.00 out of 4.00 or equivalent in

the undergraduate degree.

- For PhD scholarships, applicants must satisfy the program's admission conditions.
- The student must be full time in order to be able to receive full and monthly allowance scholarships.

Definition of Sponsorships: These are supported funds from other institutes allocated for the University postgraduate students. They cover either exemption from tuition fees or monthly

allowance or both. These Sponsorships are advertised as per academic year.

Types:

- Full scholarships, including student exemption from tuition fees and a monthly allowance.
- Exemption from Tuition Fees, which is limited to exemption from fees only.
- Monthly Allowance, which is limited to a monthly allowance only.

Degree	Master	Doctorate
SQU Scholarships		
1. Annually for each Academic year	85	35
2. For Ministry of Education	25	-
3. For Palestinians Students	2	-
4. For Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs	2	-
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Sponsorships		
1. Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) Sponsorships	5	-
2. CGG for Services (Oman) Sponsorships	1	-
3. Oman Oil Marketing company	3	-
4. Petrofac E&C Oman LLC	3	-
Total	126	35



SQU Scholarships

1. Annually for each Academic year (**120 Scholarships for Master & PhD**)
2. For Ministry of Education (**25 Scholarships for Master – Exempted from tuition Fees**)
3. For Palestinians Students (**2 Full scholarships for Master**)
4. For Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs (**2 Full scholarships for Master**)

1. Annually for each Academic year (120 Scholarships for Master & PhD)

Scholarship Details

Validity	Yearly - from 2006
For	All (Omani & International)
Scholarship Type	Full & Exemption form Tuition fees Only
Number of scholarship	120 for Masters & PhD
Cohort	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admitted Students for the academic year (conditional / unconditional) in accordance with the general conditions of scholarships. Applicants who are expected to graduate in the second or summer semester should be considered, only if their GPA is not less than 2.97 when applying and not less than 3.00 after graduation. Admitted Students from previous years who meet the conditions of scholarships and not enrolled in the program yet shall be considered.
College	All Colleges
Major	All Major
Mode of Study	Full / Part time

Benefits & Fees Covers

Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	Master 250 O.R PhD 350 O.R
Ticket	Annually to International Students (Return)
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period, Repeating Courses, Postponement / Withdrawal, Extension

Procedures

Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce the scholarships available through the annual announcement of the programs All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the scholarship are automatically nominated for the available scholarships
Application	Admission Period
Nomination	Concerned College
Contract Signe	Second week of study for Full Scholarships
Conditions	Up to Scholarship Regulations

2. For Ministry of Education (25 Scholarships for Master – Exempted from tuition Fees)

Scholarship Details	
Validity	Yearly - from 2002
For	Ministry of Education employees
Scholarship Type	Exemption form Tuition fees Only
Number of scholarship	25 for Masters
Cohort	New student only
College	College of Education
Major	All Majors
Mode of Study	Full / Part time

Benefits & Fees Covers	
Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	Not Available
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period, Repeating Courses, Postponement / Withdrawal

Procedures	
Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce the scholarships available through the annual announcement of the programs• All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the scholarship are automatically nominated for the available scholarships
Application	Admission Period
Nomination	Ministry of Education
Contract Signe	Not available
Conditions	Up to Scholarship Regulations

3. For Palestinians Students (2 Full scholarships for Master)

Scholarship Details

Validity	Yearly - from 2017
For	Palestinians Students
Scholarship Type	Full
Number of scholarship	2 for Masters
Cohort	New student only
College	All Colleges
Major	All Majors
Mode of Study	Full Release

Benefits & Fees Covers

Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	250 OR
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period, Repeating Courses, Postponement / Withdrawal, Extension

Procedures

Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce the scholarships available through the annual announcement of the programs• All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the scholarship are automatically nominated for the available scholarships
Application	Program Admission Period
Nomination	Deanship of Postgraduate Studies
Contract Signe	Second week of study
Conditions	Up to Scholarship Regulations

4. For Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs (2 Full scholarships for Master)

Scholarship Details	
Validity	Yearly - from 2015
For	African students of Omani origin, graduated from College of Islamic Sciences
Scholarship Type	Full
Number of scholarship	2 for Masters
Cohort	New student only
College	College of Education
Major	Islamic
Mode of Study	Full Release

Benefits & Fees Covers	
Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	250 OR
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period, Repeating Courses, Postponement / Withdrawal, Extension

Procedures	
Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce the scholarships available through the annual announcement of the programs• All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the scholarship are automatically nominated for the available scholarships
Application	Admission Period
Nomination	Ministry of Endowments and Religious Affairs
Contract Signe	Second week of study
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to Scholarship Regulations• Pass Personal interview with Ministry



Sponsored Seats

1. Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) Sponsorships **(5 Full Seats for Master)**
2. CGG for Services (Oman) Sponsorships **(1 for Master Exempted from Tuition Fees)**
3. Oman Oil Marketing Company Sponsorships **(3 for Master Exempted from Tuition Fees)**



1. Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) Sponsorships (5 Full Seats for Master)

Scholarship Details	
Validity	Yearly - from 2011 to 2020
For	SQU Students only
Sponsorship Type	Full
Number of scholarship	5 for Masters
Cohort	New student only
College	College of Engineering and College of Science
Major	Petroleum and Gas Engineering / Geoscience
Mode of Study	Full

Benefits & Fees Covers	
Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	Up to the company
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period, Repeating Courses, Postponement / Withdrawal, Extension

Procedures	
Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announce the seats funded through the annual announcement of the programs• All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the sponsored seats are automatically nominated for the available sponsorships
Application	Up to the announcement
Nomination	Petroleum Development Oman (PDO)
Contract Signe	Second week of study
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to agreement between the company & SQU• Pass Personal interview with the company

2. CGG for Services (Oman) Sponsorships (1 for Master Exempted from Tuition Fees)

Scholarship Details	
Validity	Yearly - from 2014 to 2018 Extend till 2021
For	All Student
Sponsorship Type	Exemption form Tuition fees Only
Number of scholarship	1 for Masters
Cohort	New student only
College	College of Science
Major	Petroleum Geosciences
Mode of Study	Full / Part time

Benefits & Fees Covers	
Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	Not Available
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered
Conference / Bench fees	Not exceed 1000 OR

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period, Repeating Courses, Postponement / Withdrawal, Extension

Procedures	
Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announce the seats funded through the annual announcement of the programs All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the sponsored seats are automatically nominated for the available sponsorships
Application	Admission Period
Nomination	SQU, up to highest in GPA
Contract Signe	Not available
Conditions	Up to Scholarship Regulations

3. Oman Oil Marketing Company Sponsorships (3 for Master Exempted from Tuition Fees)

Scholarship Details	
Validity	3 years - from 2018 to 2020
For	Omani Student
Sponsorship Type	Academic fees
Number of scholarship	Three Scholarships annually
Cohort	Master
College	Business Administration (MBA)
Major	Economic and Political Science
Mode of Study	Full / Part time

Benefits & Fees Covers	
Academic Fees	Covered
Allowance	Not Available
English Requirement	Not Covered
Bridge Courses	Not Covered

Includes the fees required in the following cases: Probation Period

Procedures	
Announcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announce the seats funded through the annual announcement of the programs • All students accepted for the academic year and who meet the requirements of the sponsored seats are automatically nominated for the available sponsorships
Nomination	Unconditional Admitted to the program
Follow up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract Signing: Not Applicable • Academic Statues: Provided per semester to the sponsor • Academic Regulation & Academic Fees Regulation: Applied to the student
Conditions/ Target	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority to donor staff • Fresh Bachelor graduates or previously graduated from SQU or from other universities • employed or unemployed
Student responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the degree requirements with the official duration of the program • Tuition Fees for the following cases: Repeating Courses, Postponement, Extension



Financial Support for Postgraduate Students

1. Conference Support for PhD Students
2. Conference Support for Master Students
3. Financial Support for PhD Students Research Projects

1. Conference Support for PhD Students (Ticket & 400 R.O allowance)

Financial support provided for presentation in a scientific conference is only for PhD students. It covers allowances & ticket.

General Conditions:

- The conference objectives must be directly linked to the student's thesis proposal.
- The student must submit a scientific paper in which he/she is the Principal Investigator or Author to the conference attended.
- The student must complete two years of study (4 semesters).
- Only one financial conference support is allowed throughout the PhD study duration.
- The amount of money allocated to attend a conference in the is (400 R.O.), plus an economy class ticket that doesn't exceed (600 R.O., non-refundable).

Procedures:

1. Fill out Conference form (Supervisor).
2. Approve Request (Head of Department).
3. Sign Request (Assistant Dean for Postgraduate Studies and Research).
4. Study the Request and make recommendations (Dean of Postgraduate Studies).
5. Final Approval of Request (DVC-PSR).
6. Inform concerned College about the approval (Deanship of Postgraduate Studies).

7. Notify both Financial Affairs & Procurement departments to release approved allowance & ticket (Deanship of Postgraduate Studies).

Important Notes:

- Period (15 January - 30 November) of each Financial year: Opening of applications for participation in conferences
- Period (1 December to 14 January) of each Financial year: the closing period for receiving applications for participation in conferences
- It is need to submit the application and ensure that it reaches the Deanship two weeks before the conference.
- Once the application has been approved, the applicant must follow up with the Department of Finance and the Procurement Department
- After participating in the conference, the student must submit the report of participation in the conference to the Department of Scholarships and Financial Support
- The forms are available on the DPS website with numbers (DPS35 & DPS42)

2. Conference Support for Master Students

The amount and capacity of three thousand riyals for each college at the university was allocated to attend the master's students specialized scientific conferences. The College shall ensure the selection of students and follow-up their benefit from participation in the same manner as students of undergraduate studies according to the procedures followed in this regard

Beneficiary statistics from financial support for PhD Students who participate in scientific conference from 2014-2019

College	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Agriculture & Marine Sciences	1	5	4	10	4	9	33
Art & Social Sciences	3	4	7	6	3	5	28
Education	0	0	1	1	7	5	14
Engineering	4	5	2	2	3	5	21
Medicine & Health Sciences	5	5	1	4	1	0	16
Science	5	6	11	16	16	16	70
Total	18	25	26	39	34	40	182

3. Financial Support for PhD Students Research Projects

Financial Support: Financial Support is financial aid granted to doctoral students research projects to provide the necessary requirements for the completion of their research projects and is not granted for the student.

Scope of Coverage: Financial Support only covers the requirements needed for the research projects of PhD students and excludes conference attendance expenses, Academic Program Core Cost, and the cost of theses and book binding.

General Conditions

- Student research projects must not be financially supported by other funds.
- Students must successfully complete the Preliminary Oral Examination or Comprehensive Examination.
- Students must be registered when the Financial Support is disbursed.
- Items purchased before the financial support request is approved may not be reimbursed.
- The Financial Support request may be adjusted according to research requirements and budget availability.

Procedures

1. The Financial Support request is filled out by the student and supervisor.
2. The request is approved by the head of department and forwarded to the College Dean.
3. The request enclosed with the research proposal and the preliminary oral and comprehensive examination form is sent by the College Dean to the Dean of Postgraduate

Studies for recommendation.

4. The Dean of Postgraduate Studies forwards the request to the DVCPSR for final approval.
5. The Deanship of Postgraduate Studies informs the college about the decision of the request.
6. The concerned college follows up with the Department of Financial Affairs to disburse the approved funds.

College Responsibility

- The Financial Support request must not be submitted to DPS in case of other financial support availability.
- Review and forward the Financial Support request to the Deanship of Postgraduate Studies.
- Follow up with the Department of Financial Affairs to disburse the approved funds.
- Disburse the approved funds to students research projects in accordance with the rules and regulations in force at the university.
- Manage the purchased requirements based on the regulations in force at the university.

Request Process

- The Financial Support should be submitted according to the approved research project proposal.
- The request for Financial Support shall only be made once during the fiscal year.
- The approved Financial Support request may be adjusted according to research requirements and budget availability.

Research Project Requirements

Financial Support Used to Provide the Following:

- Chemicals and laboratory materials (including gaseous, liquid or solid materials).
- Laboratory equipment (including glass, metal, plastic or wood).
- Electronic devices (When the type of device is not available at the university).
- Books and references (When not available at university libraries).
- Office supplies (When not available in the college).
- Data collection and analysis (Internal long distance data collection and analysis using specialists in quantitative and qualitative analysis).
- Data Analysis Software such as statistical and content analysis software and learning software (When not available in the college).
- Translation fees (Translation of documents and data collection materials and tools).
- Publishing fees (Scientific journals).
- Implementing experimental treatments in

schools.

- Training courses (specialized internal or external courses in the student's research project).
- International Travel (data collection or testing procedures - this requires the approval of the DVC-PSR with college justifications).
- Others (for other materials not covered by this guide that are related to research).

Important Notes:

- Period (15 January - 30 November) of each Financial year: Opening of applications for participation in conferences
- Period (1 December to 14 January) of each Financial year: the closing period for receiving applications for participation in conferences
- After the application is approved, the student must follow the college (administrative director) to terminate the procedures of disbursement and transfer of funds.
- The form is available on the DPS website with number (DPS28)

Beneficiary statistics from financial support for research projects

College	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
Agriculture & Marine Sciences	2	4	2	9	0	7	24
Art & Social Sciences	2	3	1	0	9	4	19
Education	0	0	0	0	1	5	6
Engineering	0	2	1	1	3	3	10
Medicine & Health Sciences	3	0	2	4	0	2	11
Science	8	9	3	24	12	21	77
Total	15	18	9	38	25	42	147