



BENEFITS AND EXPECTATIONS INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PhD STUDENTS

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 1) The student is selected as International Scholarship PhD Student at the University.
- 2) The student shall discharge his/her academic responsibilities and affiliated duties in this position with due trust and to the best of his/her knowledge.
- 3) This offer is subject to final approval of the student visa from related authorities.
- 4) Once this approval is granted, the student will be provided a student visa to enter the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 5) The student shall contact the chosen Saudi Embassy / Consulate / Mission in his/her home/residence country to learn about the formalities for obtaining the entry visa to Saudi Arabia in due time.
- 6) This agreement shall start from the date the student reports to the University and end upon completion of studies.

B. BENEFITS

- 1) A yearly stipend of Saudi Riyals Ten Thousand only (SR 10000).
- 2) Full waiver of tuition fee.
- 3) Free furnished air-conditioned on-campus housing, with utilities and maintenance in the University's bachelor housing as per the policy of Deanship of Student Affairs.
- 4) Family accommodation for married PhD students as per the following:
 - a) The married PhD student should arrive alone for the first time to the Kingdom and then apply for family visa through the University's Passport Office.
 - b) Family accommodation is provided only upon availability.
- 5) Air tickets according to the following:



- a) One-way ticket upon departure from student's country of origin to Dammam, Saudi Arabia at the beginning of the studies and one-way ticket at the end of studies; unless the student was residing in Saudi Arabia at the time of recruitment.
 - b) A round-trip ticket from Saudi Arabia to student's country of origin and return to Dammam, Saudi Arabia once every year during the program period, for annual vacation.
 - c) The air tickets shall be provided on economy excursion class, maximum worth Saudi Riyals Three Thousand (SR 3000).
- 6) Cost-free borrowable textbooks for registered courses from University bookstore to be returned at the end of semester.
 - 7) Subsidized meals in the University Student Cafeteria.
 - 8) Free basic medical/dental care in the University Clinic.
 - 9) Opportunity to obtain additional funding by either:
 - a) Obtaining teaching/research assistantship based on student's performance & availability of duties in the student's academic department and the yearly stipend shall be upgraded to Saudi Riyals Fifty Thousand (SR 50000).
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- b) Working on part-time jobs provided and approved by the University. If available, the student may spend a maximum of 30 hours per month on paid part-time duties through Deanship of Student Affairs.
- 10) Opportunity to work on funded research projects with faculty members through Deanship of Scientific Research or Research Centers.
 - 11) Funding for participating in conferences under certain conditions, subject to approval of concerned departments.
 - 12) Main library and department resources center.
 - 13) Safe & secure environment.
 - 14) Recreational facilities (including a private beach).



C. EXPECTATIONS

- 1) The student shall successfully pass at least nine (9) credit hours every semester, and shall complete the required coursework and pass the PhD Comprehensive Exam within four (4) semesters at maximum.
- 2) The student shall complete his/her PhD Program within eight (8) academic semesters. If this period expires before completing the intended program, an extension of a maximum of one (1) more semester may be provided upon approval of the Dean of Graduate Studies, in very special cases with revised set of benefits.
- 3) The University may ask the student to take pre-requisite course(s) in order to make up for any academic deficiency for his/her intended program of study.
- 4) The student must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00. Failure to do so will result in serious consequences including dismissal from the program of study.
- 5) It is understood that, for the duration of the program of study, the student will fully devote his/her time for completing the PhD program and will be prohibited from any full-time or part-time employment within the Kingdom.
- 6) The University is a community of students, faculty and staff and all members of the community are expected to follow the Code of Conduct resolutely.
- 7) Reference shall be made to the University Regulations and its supplementary terms and conditions, for all what is not provided for hereunder.