



**ISLAMIC DEVELOPMENT BANK**  
**MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**  
**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**Academic Year 2018-2019**



1. The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) is delighted to announce the “**Merit Scholarship Programme for Ph.D. and Post-Doctoral Research**” for the academic year 2018-2019. The scholarships will be awarded to successful applicants effective from **September 2018**.
2. The Programme is designed to help promising professionals and researchers from IDB Member Countries to pursue a full-time Ph.D. study and/or Post-doctoral research in development-related fields such as:

<b>Sustainable Agriculture:</b>	<i>Food Security, Resilient Crops, Postharvest Technologies</i>
<b>Education</b>	<i>Quality of Teaching, Pupil/Teacher Ratio, High Level Training</i>
<b>Education for Sustainable Development</b>	<i>Integration of Sustainability-related issues into national curricula and teaching syllabus documents</i>
<b>Climate Change</b>	<i>Strategies for Reductions of CO2 Emissions, and Climate Mitigation and Carbon Sequestration Methods</i>
<b>Energy</b>	<i>Renewable Energy and Green Technologies, Solar Potential and Hydrogen, Fuel Cells, Biogas and Biodiesel</i>
<b>Sustainable Cities</b>	<i>Insulation Technologies, Transportation and Urban Planning</i>
<b>Responsible Growth</b>	<i>Reduction of Waste, Serving Communities, Ethics of Growth</i>
<b>Waste Management</b>	<i>Recycling, Carbon Footprint Reduction, Waste to Energy Technologies</i>
<b>Population Growth</b>	<i>Urban Sprawl, Density and Epidemics, and Overshoot</i>
<b>Green Chemistry</b>	<i>Alternative Technologies, Cutting-edge Research, and Limitation of Pollution</i>
<b>Biodiversity</b>	<i>Loss of Biodiversity, Ecosystem Services, Mass Extinction, and Agrobiodiversity</i>
<b>Plastic pollution and Microplastics</b>	<i>Plastic Incorporation into the Food Chain, Biodegradable Plastics, and Recycling Possibilities.</i>
<b>Water and Hygiene</b>	<i>Water Purity and Availability, Sanitation and Quality.</i>
<b>Health</b>	<i>Medicine, Pharmacy and Nutrition, etc.</i>
<b>ICT for Development</b>	<i>Computer Science, Laser and Fibre Optics, Telecommunication, and Electronic</i>
<b>Innovation &amp; Infrastructure Development</b>	<i>Build Resilient Infrastructure, Innovation and Industrial Development, Technological Infrastructure and Product Innovation.</i>
<b>Islamic Economics, Finance and Banking</b>	<i>Mode &amp; Services of Islamic Banking and Finance, Sharia Standards for IFIs, Islamic Insurance &amp; Takaful, Islamic Capital Market, Sharia &amp; Operational Aspects of Sukuk, Islamic Micro-Finance, Zakat Management, Awqaf &amp; Zakat Management.</i>
<b>Development-related Social Sciences</b>	<i>International economics, Journalism, Law, IP, Political Sciences, Entrepreneurships, etc.</i>

3. The successful candidate for the PhD programme must secure admission at one of the reputable renowned institutions of study in advanced countries and/or Member Countries. Priority shall be given to Ph.D. applicants who have secured admission at universities that have concluded a cooperation agreement with the IDB such as, **University of Cambridge, University of Birmingham, Queen Mary University of London, Imperial College London, and University College London in the United Kingdom, Copenhagen University in Denmark, Princeton University in USA, KAUST in Saudi Arabia and McGill University in Canada.**
4. The scholarship comprises tuition fees, living allowance on single-status basis, health insurance and round-trip air-ticket.
5. The prospective applicants should visit the IDB website: [www.isdb.org](http://www.isdb.org) to download the application form and read full information about the eligibility requirements, how to apply and the Programme’s benefits and facilities.
6. Eligible applicants must complete the application form and send it together with all the requisite documents, as mentioned on the concluding page of the form, through the office of the IDB Governor for the applicant’s country to the IDB Headquarters in Jeddah no later than February 28, 2018.

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