

Policy Provisions

1. The University administers various financial assistance schemes for students registered in AU's programs of study.
2. Any type of financial assistance scheme requires the student to be registered in full load and to be in good academic standing.
3. If eligible for financial assistance based on the criteria mapped in this policy, students may apply through the Office of Student Financial Assistance.
4. Applications are assessed by the Student Financial Assistance Committee.
5. Even if eligible, the University cannot guarantee the availability of financial assistance to any student.
6. AU's financial assistance schemes are competitive, selective, based on academic merit and availability of seats.
7. AU's Student Financial Assistance Committee reviews, on an annual basis, the types, numbers and values of financial assistance schemes offered.
8. Students with a record of violation under the University's Code of Conduct and Conduct of Academic Integrity are not eligible for financial assistance.
9. Recipients of AU financial assistance cannot combine it with any other financial assistance schemes available at the University.
10. Financial assistance schemes are applied to tuition fees only.
11. Registration and amenities fees are not included in any financial assistance scheme. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that fees are paid in full to be eligible to apply for financial assistance.
The University's **financial assistance schemes are outlined below:**

2. Special Grants

2.1 New Students

- 2.1.1 New first-time self-funded students applying to AU with a High School GPA of 3.75 are eligible to apply for a discount determined by the Student Financial Assistance Committee.

2.1.2 To retain the discount, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 with a full academic load as per the terms stipulated in AU's Student Academic Load Policy throughout the duration of their studies.

2.1.3 If a student receives a "Fail" grade in any course during his/her study, he/she will no longer qualify for this discount. In this case, the student will be liable to pay the discounted amount for that course.

2.2 Early Settlement Discount

2.2.1 Students who pay the full semester fees or full academic year fees at the point of registration are eligible to apply for a discount determined by the Student Financial Assistance Committee.

2.3 First Degree Relative Discount

2.3.1 A discount of 10% on tuition fees is applied to the sibling of an existing self-funded AU student who are simultaneously registered as full-time students at the University.

2.3.2 AU offers up to 50% discount of tuition fees to the children of an existing full-time AU faculty/staff member.

2.3.3 AU offers a 15%-25% discount of tuition fees to a first degree relative of an existing full-time AU faculty/staff member.

2.3.4 Intending students are responsible to disclose the relative's degree information while applying to the University.

3. Bursary

3.1 Bursaries are available to any student studying at AU regardless of the semester of study they are undertaking.

3.2 Bursaries are up to KWD 1,000.

3.3 Bursaries approved by the Financial Assistance Committee will be offset against the tuition fees payable for the particular semester.

3.4 Funds are available on a semester basis. Students may only apply for and be awarded one bursary per semester.

3.5 Students must apply or re-apply each semester and disclose all required details in support of their application for assistance.

3.6 Prior to enrolment, if any student is in a situation, where they may face issues with payment of their fees, they are required to make a full disclosure of their situation. The University will consider various options with the student including deferral of enrolment.

3.7 Student Financial Assistance Committee will determine the allocation of funds based on academic performance, attendance, financial situation of the student and other criteria as applicable.

4. Academic Scholarship

4.1 Academic Scholarships cover the full tuition fees or a percentage of the tuition fees for one semester.

4.2 Students may apply for an Academic Scholarship after completing the first semester of their program of study.

4.3 Students in the English Language Program are not eligible to apply for Academic Scholarships.

4.4 Academic Scholarship holders must continue to perform at outstanding levels to enhance the opportunity for further allocations. Students may apply for a scholarship in subsequent semesters.

4.5 The key criteria in considering applications for Academic Scholarships are:

- Full academic load;
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.8 out of 4.0;
- Other factors such as but not limited to extra-curricular activities.

4.6 Students awarded an Academic Scholarship will have this citation included on their official transcript.