



ANNOUNCEMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF BRUNEI DARUSSALAM SCHOLARSHIP TO FOREIGN STUDENTS TENABLE IN BRUNEI DARUSSLAM 2017/ 2018 ACADEMIC SESSION

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade is pleased to invite applications for the Government of Brunei Darussalam Scholarship under the above Scholarship Award Scheme for the 2017/ 2018 Academic Session.

Tenable in Brunei Darussalam, the scholarship award provides applicants with the opportunity to study at any one of the following institutions of higher education:

- Universiti Brunei Darussalam (UBD),
- Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA),
- Universiti Teknologi Brunei (UTB) and
- Politeknik Brunei (PB).

The academic year commences July/ August 2017.

1 ELIGIBILITY

- 1.1 Applications are open to citizens of, but not limited to, ASEAN, Commonwealth and OIC member countries;
- 1.2 Applicants should be nominated by their Government;
- 1.3 Applicants must be certified to be medically fit to undertake the scholarship and to study in Brunei Darussalam, by a qualified medical practitioner who is registered with any Government Authority (ies) prior to arrival in Brunei Darussalam. Any and all costs incurred in obtaining this certification are to be borne by the applicant.
- 1.4 Applicants must be, between the ages of 18-25 for undergraduate and diploma programmes and must not exceed the age of 35 for postgraduate programmes on the 31st July 2017;
- 1.5 The award is NOT eligible to Brunei Darussalam Permanent Residents.

2 PROGRAMMES OFFERED AND ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

Please refer to the accompanying information in Appendix A.

Further information on Programmes may also be available from the following websites:

- i) www.ubd.edu.bn
- ii) www.unissa.edu.bn
- iii) www.utb.edu.bn
- iv) www.pb.edu.bn

3 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The full listing of the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship Award will be provided to the applicant once the application is successful and a Scholarship Award is offered. A declaration will be required to be signed confirming understanding and agreement to these terms and conditions before accepting the scholarship.

The general terms and conditions are as follows:

3.1 The Government of Brunei Darussalam will bear the following expenses:

- i) Tuition fees.
- ii) An economy class air-ticket to Brunei Darussalam from the applicant's country of origin and vice versa upon completion of the programme.
- iii) A monthly personal allowance of BND500.00;
- iv) A monthly food allowance of BND150.00;
- v) An annual book allowance of BND600.00;
- vi) Baggage allowance for shipment of your personal effects to your country of origin upon completion of the programme, at a maximum amount of:
 - BND250.00 to a country within the ASEAN region; or
 - BND500.00 to a country outside the ASEAN region.
- vii) Accommodation at the residential college of the University/ Polytechnic.

3.2 Applicants may be required to appear for an interview at such place(s) as may be determined by the institutions offering the programmes, and to sit a written examination to assess the scholar's proficiency in the English Language / Malay Language / Arabic Language (where applicable).

3.3 This scholarship may not be held concurrently with any other scholarship, fellowship, grant or loan without the prior approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. This scholarship will be terminated immediately should the scholarship recipient be found to concurrently hold another scholarship.

3.4 A scholarship recipient is not encouraged to bring any family members for the duration of the scholarship. Accommodation will not be provided to any accompanying spouse, child or children.

- 3.5 A scholarship recipient may not undertake any paid employment or serve on the staff of any country's representative mission in Brunei Darussalam during the duration of the Scholarship award.
- 3.6 A scholarship recipient is required to:
- i) Conform to all the rules and regulations underlying this scholarship award scheme;
 - ii) Abide by the rules and regulations of the host University/ Polytechnic;
 - iii) Respect the customs, culture and official religion of Brunei Darussalam;
 - iv) Obey all the laws and regulations of Brunei Darussalam;
 - v) Refrain from engaging in political activities;
 - vi) Insure oneself with a comprehensive insurance cover, including for health and travel for the whole duration of stay in Brunei Darussalam. Insurance coverage is to be borne by the scholarship recipient.
- 3.7 Upon completion of the programme, the scholarship recipient is required to return to their country of origin with immediate effect.

4 APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND CLOSING DATES

- 4.1 Application forms can be downloaded from the following link:

<http://www.mofat.gov.bn/Pages/BDScholarship.aspx>

- 4.2 Application forms must be duly completed and endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or the National Focal Point for Scholarships of the applicant's country.

- 4.3 Applicants are required to also submit a security clearance statement from their National Security Agency (ies)/ Police Station (ie a statement/ report certifying that applicants are clear from any civil and criminal charges).

- 4.4 Completed application forms are to be emailed to the following address:

applyBDGS2017@mfa.gov.bn

Applicants applying to Univeristi Brunei Darussalam must also complete an online application through <https://apply.ubd.edu.bn/orbeon/uis-welcome/>

- 4.5 Incomplete application forms will not be considered.
- 4.6 The closing date for the reception of completed application forms, together with certified copies of relevant certificates and documents is, **not later than 1600 hrs (Brunei time) on 13 March 2017**.

- 4.7 The Government of Brunei Darussalam reserves the right to reject any applications. The decision on the selection of candidates is final. Any disputes or enquiries pertaining to the decision made will not be entertained.
- 4.8 For further enquiries please contact:

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