



## Information on Scholarships/Freeships

The following Scholarships/Freeships are available to students admitted to SAU in the Academic Session 2017-18:

- a) **President's Scholarships (For MA/MSc and LLM students only):** Two scholarships are offered for each academic programme: one to the student scoring the highest marks in the Entrance Test in the Indian list and the other to the student scoring the highest marks in the non-Indian list (South Asian countries other than India) who finally enrolls/joins the University. The scholarship will comprise: Tuition fee waiver + Hostel fee waiver (if applicable) + INR 7,000 per month as living allowance. Awardees will also receive an amount of INR 10,000 (in respect of non-Indian Students) and Rupees 5,000 (in respect of Indian students) as a "Start-up Allowance" at the beginning of their tenure so as to help meet part of their inbound travel cost and book purchases etc, and as a "Pack-up Allowance" at the end to cover their outbound travel and excess baggage cost respectively.

The continuation of the President's Scholarships for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and the recipients obtaining the highest CGPA in the Indian and non-Indian (South Asian countries other than India) lists, which must, however, not be below 6 CGPA at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

- b) **SAARC India Silver Jubilee Scholarships for Master's and PhD Programmes:** SAARC-India Silver Jubilee Scholarships (SJS), instituted by the Government of India, are offered for Master's and Doctoral level studies to meritorious students coming from the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of the region i.e., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives and Nepal. This Scholarship includes full Tuition Fee waiver + Hostel Fee waiver + living allowance of INR 7,000 per month (Master's level programmes) or INR 25,000 per month (PhD programmes). Awardees will also receive an amount of Rupees 10,000 as a "Start-up Allowance" at the beginning of their tenure so as to help meet part of their inbound travel cost and book purchases etc, and as a "Pack-up Allowance" at the end to cover their outbound travel and extra baggage cost respectively.

SJS Scholarships are awarded to students from the LDCs scoring the highest marks in the Entrance Test. Students from India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka are not eligible for the Silver Jubilee Scholarships.

The continuation of the SJS for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and recipients maintaining their meritorious positions at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, which, however must not fall below a CGPA of 6 (for Master's Students) 6.5 (for PhD students).

- c) **SAU Merit Scholarships (For MA/MSc and LLM students only):** Ten scholarships are available in each academic programme: five to the next highest scoring students in the Indian list and five to the next highest scoring students in the non-Indian (South Asian countries other than India) list in the Entrance Test, after the award of the SJS and Presidents Scholarships, who finally enroll/join the University. The scholarship will comprise: Tuition fee waiver + Hostel fee waiver (if applicable) + INR 5,000 per month as living allowance.

The continuation of the SAU Merit Scholarship for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and recipients maintaining their meritorious positions at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, obtaining a CGPA not below 5.5.

- d) **SAU Freeships (For MA/MSc and LLM students only):** As per SAU mandate, no student will be denied admission to the University because s/he cannot pay the fees. Therefore SAU will provide free education to such students by waiving the tuition and hostel fee (if applicable). No additional support for living expenses will be provided. The Scholarship Award Committee will accept applications from such students after joining the university, which must be supported by the following documents:

- Authenticated Original Annual income certificate of parents issued by Government authorities or by a Revenue Officer (in case of parents being in business) in English language or accompanied by an authenticated English translation.
- A recent, original salary slip/salary statement of Father/Mother in English or an authenticated English translation (in case of parents being in government/private service).
- Income tax returns of Father/Mother in case income comes under tax bracket.

The continuation of freeships for the subsequent year is subject to good conduct and obtaining a CGPA of 5 or above at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

- e) **SAU Tuition Fee Waiver for PhD Students:** All PhD students will receive tuition fee waiver.
- f) **Financial Support from SAU for PhD Programmes:** Financial support for PhD students of INR 25,000 per month is awarded to students not receiving any kind of scholarship/sponsorship or JRF support from agencies like UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICMR etc. or similar agencies in other SAARC countries.

However, the continuation of SAU Financial Support in subsequent years is subject to good conduct and satisfactory performance.

**Duration of Scholarships/Freeships:** In all cases, scholarships and freeships are granted for one year. They are extended in subsequent year(s) subject to satisfactory academic performance, maintenance of hostel/university discipline and good conduct, to be reviewed at the end of the first year. All recipients of scholarships and freeships must therefore be regular in attending classes and make full efforts in sustaining and improving their academic performance. Maximum duration of SAU PhD scholarship would be 5 years.

First year scholarships will cover the summer vacation period at the end of the first two semesters. Scholarships for June and July to continuing students will be disbursed at the end of July, after they re-join the University. In the second year of all Master's level programmes, scholarships and freeships will cease at the end of the academic session i.e. end of May 2018 and will not cover the summer vacation period at the end of the second year.

**PhD fellowships from external agencies:** PhD students who have qualified for JRF support from agencies like the Indian UGC/CSIR/DBT and ICMR, may avail the fellowship as per the terms and conditions of the granting agencies. However, if they receive fees and hostel allowances, these will be recovered from them to the extent of their allowance.

**No student can avail of two scholarships at any one time.**

*While the SAU has a liberal policy with regard to awarding freeships to students from economically weaker families, it is not guaranteed that all applicants will necessarily receive some scholarship or freeship. Students must be prepared to meet the deficit from their own sources.*

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