

6.I.1 Grants and Financial Aid

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Title of The Policy	Grants and Financial Aid	Next Review	Dec - 2025
Responsible Entity	Scholarships and Humanitarian Aid Committee	Policy Pages	5
Definitions	AAU: Al Ain University		
Purpose	The purpose of the Grants and Financial Aid fund is to offer financial incentives to students who excel academically or in extracurricular activities. The University also provides humanitarian assistance to students who have harsh financial conditions preventing them from completing their undergraduate studies.		
Scope	- Academic Grants. - Humanitarian Aid Grants.		
Statement	The AAU provides grants and financial support for various purposes, including recognizing high-achieving “A” students, supporting active and engaged students, assisting those in financial need, and rewarding students for their research contributions. These initiatives aim to encourage academic excellence, student involvement, and scholarly achievements.		
Procedures	First: Academic Grants 1-High School Excellence Grants: 100% Grant Eligible Category: Top Five Students in UAE Conditions: Achieving a semester GPA of at least 3.8, based on registration for a minimum of 15 credit hours. 50% Grant Eligible Category: Students with a secondary school grade of at least 99% Conditions: Achieving a semester GPA of at least 3.8, based on registration for a minimum of 15 credit hours. 40% Grant Eligible Category: Students with a secondary school grade of at least 98% Conditions: Achieving a semester GPA of at least 3.8, based on registration for a minimum of 15 credit hours. 30% Grant Eligible Category: Students with a secondary school grade between 94% and 97.99% Conditions: Achieving a semester GPA of at least 3.6, based on registration for a minimum of 15 credit hours. 20% Grant Eligible Category: Students with a secondary school grade between 90% and 93.99% Conditions: The 30% discount continues into the next semester if the student		

	achieves a semester GPA of at least 3.6, based on registration for a minimum of 15 credit hours. 2-Academic Excellence grants for Bachelor's Degree: • Dean's List ◦ Discount Percentage: 30% ◦ Discount Terms: The student must achieve a semester GPA of at least 3.6 by registering for a minimum of 15 credit hours. • University Honor Roll ◦ Discount Percentage: 40% ◦ Discount Terms: The student must continue receiving the Dean's List scholarship for three consecutive semesters. 3. The university offers grants to siblings and relatives enrolled in the same semester as per the following: a. Each sibling (excluding the eldest) is granted a 20% discount on registered credit hour fees. b. Parents, sons, daughters, and spouses, registered in university are treated as siblings. 4. The University offers grants to students when the father (or their primary provider) passes away during their University studies. This grant is 50% of the student's tuition fees, and continues until the student is graduated by AAU. The following rules govern this type of grant: a. An attested death certificate shall be submitted. b. The student has not been awarded another scholarship from any other official party. c. The student will benefit from this grant in the semester following the submission of the relevant death certificate. d. The student does not have other resources which enable him/her to continue his/her university studies. 5. Graduate Programs Grants based on the following categories: a. Discount for the Professional Graduate Diploma in Teaching: - The university offers a 15% discount on registered credit hours for all specializations in the Diploma program. b. Master's Programs Discount: • 15% ◦ Eligible Category: Graduates from Al Ain University who enrolled from the first semester of the academic year 2019-2020 until the first semester of the academic year 2022-2023. Conditions: • To register for a minimum of 6 credit hours. • To maintain the discount for the following semester, the student must register for at least 6 credit hours and achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3. • 10% ◦ Eligible Category: Graduates from other accredited universities recognized by the
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	Higher Education Authority with a GPA of at least 3.60. Conditions: • To register for a minimum of 6 credit hours. • To maintain the discount for the following semester, the student must enroll in at least 6 credit hours and achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3. • 30% ◦ Eligible Category: Graduates with a bachelor's degree from Al Ain University who enrolled starting from the second semester of the academic year 2022-2023 (applies to pre-courses only). Conditions: Unconditional (one-time only). • 40% ◦ Eligible Category: Graduates of Al Ain University from all levels who enrolled starting from the second semester of the academic year 2022-2023. ▪ To register for a minimum of 6 credit hours. ▪ To maintain the discount for the following semester, the student must enroll in at least 6 credit hours and achieve a minimum semester GPA of 3.3. ▪ If the GPA drops below 3.3, the discount will be reduced to 15%, provided that the GPA does not fall below 3. • Conditions: 6. Fazaa card holders: New students registered for a bachelor's degree starting from the academic year 2022/2023 are granted a Fazaa card discount with 20% discount from the credit hour fees for some specializations offered at the university according to the conditions announced in this regard 7. The University offers 50% discount on tuition fees within the regular semesters (except summer semesters) for students of determination, while maintaining a cumulative GPA of no less than (2.50). 8. The University offers the sons and daughters of the university's academic and administrative staff, grants up to the value of 50% of the credit hour fees, with the exception of graduate students. 9. The University offers scholarships for one semester for outstanding students in extracurricular activities, according to the following: • The extracurricular activity must be at the national or international level and can be individual or in a group of no more than four people. If the activity is sports-related, all team members will receive a discount based on the position achieved. • The student must participate in extracurricular activities during their time at the university. • The student must participate in extracurricular activities on behalf of the university. • The student's GPA must not be less than 2.00. • All documents proving the extracurricular achievement must be provided. • Students will receive a discount ranging from 10% to 30%, depending on the position achieved, for one semester.
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- The discount will be applied in the semester following the achievement.
- If the student achieves extracurricular excellence in the graduation semester, they lose the right to the discount.
- Students can apply for the extracurricular discount each time they achieve excellence during their studies.
- The student must not have any behavioral violations or academic integrity violations in the semester they apply for the discount.
- If the student achieves multiple extracurricular distinctions in the same semester, the discount will be based on the highest achievement.
- Students must fill out the extracurricular discount application and submit it to the Student Affairs Department, for review by the Grants and Humanitarian Assistance Committee.
- The application must be submitted within two weeks of the achievement.
- The application must be signed by the department responsible for the activity within the university (e.g., College Dean, Student Affairs, etc.).
- The conditions and rules for all other discounts provided by the university, as stated in the student handbook, will apply.

Humanitarian Aid Grants.

- The University offers grants for one semester for students who cannot afford to pursue their studies.

- Based on the recommendation of the Deans' Council at the beginning of each academic year, AAU president forms a committee entitled "The Grants and Financial Aid Committee". This committee is responsible for making decisions regarding humanitarian financial aid granted to students.

Grants Regulations

- These grants are given on the undergraduate level only.
- Grants cover only the first and second semester credit hours fees.
- Applications for humanitarian aids should be submitted to the Deanship of Student Affairs at the beginning of each semester (first and second only).
- The minimum CGPA for the continuation of financial aid grants, except the General Secondary and Academic Excellence grants is 2.5.
- Grants and discounts do not apply to English Language Levels, registration fees, or extracurricular activities fees.
- Grants and discounts do not apply to students funded or sponsored by other parties.
- A student is entitled to one grant at a time. In case a student qualifies for two grants, he/she shall receive that which is higher.
- Grants do not apply to repeated courses.
- Any financial obligations should be paid on time.
- The student shall not receive a grant for a semester in which he/she has received an academic warning.
- If the student receives a disciplinary punishment, he/ she is not entitled to apply for a humanitarian aid grant in the following semester.
- Grants and discounts are not given backdated.
- Grants and discounts do not apply for the summer semesters.

	• A student receiving a grant cannot postpone studying for the duration of the grant. • A student receiving a grant is expected to be exemplary in terms of abiding by the AAU Student Code of Conduct. Procedures for applying for a grant of Humanitarian Aid: • Fill in the student form "Request for Humanitarian Aid" available at the Deanship of Student Affairs • Submit the request by explaining the social situation in detail. • Submit documents which verify a student's case • Submit a copy of the passport • Provide recent grade transcripts.
Recent Changes	February 2025: The Grants and Financial Aid policy has been updated based on the institution's new guidelines regarding tuition fees and grants for the Academic Year 2024-2025.