

Government of Pakistan
Poverty Alleviation and Social Safety Division
Brief



Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship Program

Prime Minister Imran Khan gave away need based Ehsaas undergraduate scholarships to the first batch of deserving bright students on March 2, 2020.

The Ehsaas undergraduate scholarships initiative was launched by the PM on Nov 4, 2019.

This is the largest ever needs-based undergraduate scholarship program in the history of Pakistan. Every year, 50,000 students from low-income families (family income less than Rs. 45,000/month) will be awarded scholarships for 4 to 5-year undergraduate degree programs.

Over four years, 200,000 undergraduate scholarships will be awarded.

50% of awardees will be girls and 2% will be differently abled.

Total budget over 4 years is Rs. 24 Billion.

Ehsaas Scholarships is being offered at 125 public sector universities recognized by HEC across all four provinces, GB and AJK.

Higher Education Commission (HEC) is the lead implementing agency for the Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Scholarships will cover 100% of the tuition fee and living stipend (Rs. 4,000 per month). The tuition is paid directly to the University whereas the living stipend will be paid in the bank account of the student after necessary verifications.

The programme commenced in Nov 2019 for the academic year 2019-20.

Scholarships worth Rs. 4.82 Billion were disbursed to 50,762 students in the year 2019-20.

For the academic year 2020-21, total 92,003 scholarships worth Rs. 8.4 Billion have been awarded nationwide among eligible students.

The HEC's online portal will be opened by the mid of September 2021 to receive applications for the academic year 2021-22. Portal: <https://ehsaas.hec.gov.pk/hec>