

15 Fully Funded Scholarships for Central Asian & Gulf Students in 2026

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Introduction

Studying abroad doesn't have to break the bank. At Ivy Owl, we've helped our students earn over \$1,000,000 in combined scholarship money. This guide compiles the best scholarship opportunities specifically available to students from Central Asia (Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan) and the Gulf region (UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman).

1. Fulbright Foreign Student Program

Country: USA

Coverage: Full tuition, living expenses, airfare, health insurance

Deadline: February (annual)

One of the most prestigious scholarships worldwide. Open to citizens of Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and other Central Asian countries.

2. Chevening Scholarships

Country: UK

Coverage: Full tuition, monthly stipend, travel costs

Deadline: November (annual)

Funded by the UK government. Extremely competitive but attainable with strong leadership experience.

3. DAAD Scholarships

Country: Germany

Coverage: Monthly stipend (€934-1,300), health insurance, travel

Deadline: Various deadlines

Germany's largest scholarship organization. Many programs are taught in English.

4. Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

Country: Europe (multiple countries)

Coverage: Full tuition, €1,400/month, travel, insurance

Deadline: January-March

Study in 2-3 European countries. Outstanding for students wanting a pan-European experience.

5. Aga Khan Foundation Scholarship

Country: Multiple countries

Coverage: 50% grant, 50% loan (interest-free)

Deadline: March (annual)

Specifically for students from Central Asia. Covers tuition and living expenses.

6. Boleashak Scholarship (Kazakhstan)

Country: Multiple countries

Coverage: Full tuition, living expenses, travel

Deadline: Varies

Kazakhstan's presidential scholarship. Requires return to Kazakhstan after studies.

7. Global Korea Scholarship

Country: South Korea

Coverage: Full tuition, monthly stipend, airfare, insurance

Deadline: February-March

Covers undergraduate and graduate studies. Includes 1 year of Korean language training.

8. Australian Awards Scholarships

Country: Australia

Coverage: Full tuition, living allowance, airfare, health insurance

Deadline: April (annual)

Open to students from developing countries including Central Asian nations.

9. Swiss Government Excellence Scholarships

Country: Switzerland

Coverage: Monthly stipend, tuition waiver, health insurance, airfare

Deadline: November

For graduate students. Switzerland's ETH Zurich and EPFL are world-class.

10. Türkiye Scholarships

Country: Turkey

Coverage: Full tuition, monthly stipend, accommodation, health insurance, Turkish language course

Deadline: January-February

Excellent for Turkmen and Central Asian students given cultural and linguistic ties.

11. MasterCard Foundation Scholars Program

Country: USA/Canada/Africa

Coverage: Full tuition, accommodation, books, stipend

Deadline: Varies by university

For students from developing countries. Partners with universities like U of Toronto.

12. University-Specific Merit Scholarships (USA)

Country: USA

Coverage: Varies (\$10,000 - full tuition)

Deadline: With application

Many US universities offer automatic merit awards. We help identify the best-fit schools.

13. Commonwealth Scholarships

Country: UK

Coverage: Full tuition, airfare, monthly stipend

Deadline: December

For students from Commonwealth nations or developing countries.

14. MEXT Scholarship (Japan)

Country: Japan

Coverage: Full tuition, monthly stipend (¥143,000-¥145,000), airfare

Deadline: April

Japanese government scholarship. Includes Japanese language training.

15. Qatar Foundation Scholarships

Country: Qatar

Coverage: Full tuition at Education City universities

Deadline: Varies

Study at Georgetown, Northwestern, CMU, or other top universities based in Qatar.

The Ivy Owl Scholarship Strategy

We don't just find scholarships—we build winning applications. Our team identifies the scholarships where your profile is strongest, then helps you craft compelling applications that highlight your unique story. Over \$1M earned for our students and counting.

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