

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Sultanate of Oman- Muscat**

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Cultural Cooperation Department) presents its compliments to the following Embassies: Republic of the Russian Federation, Republic of Turkey, People's Republic of Bangladesh, Japan, Republic of Philippine, Republic of Korea and Republic of Cyprus in Muscat.

The Ministry has the pleasure to enclose herewith the circular issued by the Ministry of Higher Education regarding the Omani Program for cultural and scientific cooperation as it was decided to provide one scholarship for each country for the academic year 2016-2017.

The Ministry wishes to inform the concerned authorities of the said countries to kindly submit the appropriate nomination in accordance with the mentioned conditions.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurances of its highest consideration.

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The Omani scholarships program for cultural and scientific cooperation offering by the Sultanate of Oman to the friend countries or by the said countries is a significant factor in the human and cultural communication between the Sultanate and other world countries. In the meantime, the program is considered a main window for the world to overlooking the Sultanate of Oman with its cultural remoteness and depth of history.

In this respect, the Ministry of Higher Education of the Sultanate of Oman wishes to offer University scholarships to the brotherly and friendly countries attached herewith are the followings:

1- Admission requirements at the institutions of Higher Education proposed to study in the said program

- Institute of Sharia Sciences 65%
- Higher College of Technology 75%
- Colleges of Applied Sciences 75%
- College of Banking and Financial Studies 70%
- Faculties of the Sultan Qaboos University, candidate must get the minimum of the specialized subjects for each program
- Private Higher Education Institutions 80% if possible

(Attached herewith is the address list of the Government and Private Higher Education Institutions with the available specialties).

2- Students must attach a proof that they got the same marks in the certificate of the General Secondary education / General education diploma.

3- Candidate students to the Arabic language program in government and private higher education institutions must get in Arabic language minimum rate of 80% at least.

4- General Secondary education (General education diploma) issued outside of the Sultanate should be ratified by the Ministry of Education in the Sultanate, in case the diploma is not ratified, the Ministry will not be considered the application (attach is the evaluation application form in Arabic and English) to be submitted to the Ministry of Higher education in Oman.

5- Scholarship application form in Arabic and English (one of them must be fulfilled in).

6-Special conditions are as below for candidate students who wish to apply for the scholarship:

- Applicant age must be less than 25 years old in 1/10/2016.

- Adherence to the actual proposed numbers for each country.

7- The deadline date to submit for the scholarship program is 1/09/2016 for admission to the first and Mid of November 2016 is for the second semester.

8- Noting that there are other advantages will be provided for the selected students such as:

- 200 Omani Riyal = 518 US Dollar will be given as a pocket money + living + accommodation and transportation.

- Free medical treatment will be offered at the government hospitals and not covered for the treatments occur by road accidents or if they have unsecured vehicles or driving a vehicle without holding a driving License Or others

- Air ticket once every year for arrival and departure.