

AAOU • ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF OPEN UNIVERSITIES

INTER-UNIVERSITY STAFF EXCHANGE FELLOWSHIP 2026

Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU) • Islamabad, Pakistan



PROGRAM PERIOD

14 DEC – 28 DEC 2026



FELLOWSHIPS

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

30 SEP 2026



AIU is offering two short-term fellowships to staff of AAOU member institutions.

The program supports capacity building, sustainable partnerships, knowledge exchange, and mutual understanding among staff of open universities across Asia.

WHY APPLY?



Collaborate with AIU academic and research staff on open and distance education.



Develop and refine a research project with practical relevance to open and distance learning.



Share expertise through seminars and receive exposure to AIU practices and regional perspectives.



Build professional networks with colleagues from AAOU member institutions.

SUGGESTED RESEARCH TOPICS

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| 01 Recognition and Quality Assurance of MOOCs and Micro-Credentials within Open University Systems | 05 Quality Assurance of AI-Generated E-Content and E-Assessment in Open Universities |
| 02 Developing an AI-Enabled Personalized Learning Framework for Open and Distance Education | 06 Stackable Micro-Credentials in Open and Distance Education: Pathways towards Flexible and Lifelong Learning |
| 03 Responsible AI in Open and Distance Education: Developing a Framework for Ethical and Effective AI Adoption | 07 Virtual Student Mobility and Collaborative Online International Learning in Open Universities |
| 04 Predictive Learning Analytics for Improving Student Retention and Success in Open Universities | 08 Comparative Study of Asian Open Universities: Innovative Practices, Challenges and Opportunities for Collaboration |

APPLICATION & FELLOWSHIP INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

- Academic or research staff member of an AAOU member institution.
- Master's or Doctoral degree holder.
- Good command of written and spoken English.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

- Curriculum Vitae, including a selected list of publications.
- Research proposal of up to 2,000 words, based on one of the listed research themes and relevant to open and distance education.
- University recommendation Letter from Rector/Vice Chancellor/President.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL SHOULD INCLUDE



ACTIVITIES DURING THE FELLOWSHIP



RESEARCH THEMES



MOOCs, Micro-Credentials and Flexible Learning



Artificial Intelligence in Open and Distance Education



Learning Analytics, Assessment and Quality Assurance



Internationalization and Collaborative Online Learning



Innovation and Comparative Perspectives in Open Universities

WHAT AIU PROVIDES

- Full accommodation at AIU Guest House.
- Daily meals (Rs.10000/Day, total 15 days).
- Office space with internet access, computer, printer and stationery.
- Airport Pick & Drop.
- Local transportation to research sites / regional offices, if required.
- Formal invitation letter for visa purposes.

PARENT INSTITUTION / FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES



Parent institution: round-trip air ticket, per diem (if any), and international travel and health insurance.



Fellow: Visa arrangements, compliance with Pakistani laws, personal safety, belongings, and appropriate insurance/medical arrangements. Medical coverage is not provided by AIU.

KEY DATES

- 30 September 2026** Submission deadline
- 12 October 2026** Notification of selected participants
- 14 DEC – 28 DEC 2026** Fellowship period

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