



برنامج ولي العهد للمنح الدراسية العالمية Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program



The Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP) was established in 1999 by HRH the Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. Since its inception, 136 of Bahrain's brightest high school graduates have been selected on merit to receive this scholarship. The selection criteria include SAT and IELTS scores, Grade Point Average (GPA), and results of

training programs organized by the CPISP.

The Program awards 10 fully funded scholarships each year, to the brightest, most dedicated and most motivated secondary school students, providing them the opportunity to study at top international universities and colleges. The annual scholarship recipients include 5 young men and 5 young women from both private and governmental secondary schools. Scholarship recipients choose their own majors and universities that they gain acceptance from, and are not required to return to Bahrain to work after graduation. Graduates are encouraged to follow their desired career paths and pursue employment opportunities in Bahrain and the global arena, where they receive international work experience and exposure.

Scholars from the Ministry of Education schools are placed into prep and boarding schools for a period of two years, where they obtain either an American High School Diploma or complete their A-Levels, before applying to university. The results have proven to be outstanding when it comes to obtaining a seat in prestigious universities.



HRH the Crown Prince receives the 2013 Scholarship Recipients at the Court of the Crown Prince, Kingdom of Bahrain.



Unique Characteristics of the Program

- HRH the Crown Prince meets with all students sponsored by the CPISP twice a year during their holiday breaks to personally follow up on their progress.
- The CPISP provides its scholars with internships and career development guidance, and facilitates them with job placement after graduation.
- Students choose their own desired field of study and accredited university they gain acceptance to,

provided that it is outside of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the region, to ensure international cultural exposure.

- Students are not required to return to Bahrain after graduation or work for a particular organization. In fact, the CPISP welcomes international work experience.
- The Program organizes courses and training for all qualifying candidates applying for scholarships, as part of the overall selection process.

Application and Selection Process

The Program has developed its own specialized process to shortlist scholarship candidates and select the final recipients. First, CPISP staff brief 11th grade students with high GPAs about the Program and its application criteria through presentations and school visits. Students then submit their applications to the Scholarship Office within a specified annual deadline, and sit for qualifying tests to assess their English proficiency and critical reasoning abilities. To qualify as a CPISP applicant, students must be enrolled in the 11th grade and have a 97 per cent or higher cumulative GPA for grade 10 and the first semester of grade 11, as well as Bahraini citizenship. About 60 students are then shortlisted based on their GPAs and qualifying test scores, and join the CPISP Candidacy Program, which leads to the selection of the final recipients.

During the candidacy stage, the CPISP works in cooperation with various local institutions, and arranges for the candidates to take part in various educational workshops over the summer and throughout the academic year, before selecting the final recipients based on their GPA, IELTS and SAT scores, and their performance in specified training programs. The selection process, including all student scores and grades, is reviewed by an independent auditing firm to ensure accuracy and transparency.

Specialized Training Programs for Candidates:

- **Personality and Career Path assessment**
- **Critical Thinking course**
- **Leadership Training Program (CMI L3 Certificate in Team Leading)**
- **IELTS and SATs preparation course**
- **Guest Lectures**
- **Outdoor Teambuilding Day**

Final Selection Criteria	Percentage
Grade Point Average	30 %
IELTS Score	25%
SAT – Critical Reading score	5%
SAT – Math score	25%
SAT – Writing score	5%
Leadership Training Score	6%
Critical Thinking Score	4%

For more information on the Program and application deadline, please visit www.cpisb.bh