



Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program

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The Crown Prince's International Scholarship Program (CPISP) was established in 1999 by HRH the Crown Prince, Deputy Supreme Commander, and First Deputy Prime Minister, Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa. The Program is privately funded by HRH Prince Salman and various local and international sponsoring organizations and individuals who share HRH's vision of equipping outstanding young Bahrainis with the necessary tools to excel and achieve their aspirations and contribute to the building of a modern Bahraini state.

MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten fully funded university scholarships are awarded on an annual basis to young men and women from both governmental and private secondary schools, based on their academic merit. The selection criteria include SAT and IELTS scores, Grade Point Average (GPA), and results of training programs organized by the CPISP.

Scholars from Ministry of Education schools are placed into 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.

Since its inception, over 150 of Bahrain's brightest high school graduates have been selected to pursue higher education degrees at top international universities around the world.

OBJECTIVES

The Program provides its scholars with training and a solid international educational foundation, in addition to continuous opportunities to gain work experience and international cultural exposure.

Unique Characteristics of the Program

- Scholars choose their own desired field of study and accredited university they gain acceptance to, provided it is outside of the Kingdom of Bahrain and the region, to ensure international cultural exposure.
- Scholars can continue with post-graduate and doctoral degrees.
- Scholars are not required to return to Bahrain after graduation or work for a particular organization.
- HRH the Crown Prince meets with all students sponsored by the CPISP 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.
- The Program organizes courses and training for all qualifying candidates applying for scholarships, as part of the overall selection process.

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

“The most unique aspect of the scholarship is its freedom and flexibility.”

- Samir Khonji, majoring in Physics, BRISTOL UNIVERSITY



Application and Selection Process

Application Criteria:

1. Bahraini citizenship
2. Enrolled in the 11th grade (or equivalent)
3. Cumulative GPA of 97% or higher for grade 10 and the first semester of grade 11.

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 organized by the Program.

A minimum of 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. The selection process, including all student scores and grades, is reviewed by an independent auditing firm to ensure accuracy and transparency.

Candidacy Training

- Academic Writing Course (in cooperation w/BIBF)
- Critical Thinking Course (in cooperation w/BIBF)
- Leadership Training - CMI L3 Certificate in Team Leading from the Chartered Management Institute (in cooperation w/BIBF)
- Personality and Career Path Assessment (in cooperation w/BIBF)
- Guest lectures and panel discussions
- IELTS and SATs Preparation Course
- I Camp Business Challenge (in cooperation with INJAZ and BIBF)
- Outdoor Teambuilding Day (in cooperation w/BIBF)

CPISP Scholars

2014/15 Statistics: 52 undergrad scholars, 10 masters, 8 doctoral, 68 in job market (29 in Bahrain, 39 International)



CPISP SCHOLAR UNIVERSITIES:

Cambridge University, UK
Columbia University, USA
Harvard University, USA
Imperial College London, UK
MIT, USA
Oxford University, UK
Stanford University, USA
Sorbonne, France
Yale University, USA



ALUMNI EMPLOYMENT:

Aluminum Bahrain
Apple Inc., USA
Bahrain Petroleum Company
Bahrain Economic Development Board
Bahrain Mumtalakat Holding Company
Goldman Sachs, UK
Microsoft, USA
Standard Chartered Bank, UK
Viacom, USA



SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY scholar, Qassim Al Mansoor helps develop MP4-12C's brake ducts during internship at McLaren Automotive, UK.



CLAREMNOT MCKENNA COLLEGE CALIFORNIA scholar Elham Yusuf helps design and set up a micro-lending/mentorship program in Kenya for HIV/AIDS affected youth.

For more information on the Program, application, or scholars, please visit: www.cpisp.bh