Call for Applications
Scholarships for AUAF-PDI/USAID-PROMOTE for Association of chartered certified Accountants (ACCA)

Background

The Professional Development Institute (PDI) is a branch of the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF) based in Kabul. It offers a broad range of training and education courses throughout Afghanistan to private businesses, non-profit agencies, NGOs, and governmental sectors. The Institute draws on the expertise of the world-class faculty at the American University of Afghanistan and others to provide courses custom tailored to specific needs as well as courses offered on an open enrollment basis. This expertise includes English language, business administration and management, public administration, and information technologies.

PDI is the exclusive tester for civil aviation English in Afghanistan and also provides testing services for internationally recognized certifying organizations. Some of the many tests PDI offers include: iBT TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, GMAT, ACCA, FIA, CAPM, Microsoft, Cisco, EC-Council and CompTIA.

PDI has three units which consist Business, English and Information Technology in Kabul as well in four regional centers: Kandahar, Mazar-e-Sharif, Herat and Jalalabad.

PDI’s objective is to educate Afghan males and females in their relevant field for the better future of Afghanistan.

Purpose of scholarship policy:

In an effort towards women empowerment in Afghanistan the Professional Development Institute (PDI) of the American University of Afghanistan (AUAF), with the support of The United States Agency for International Development (USAID), will enroll 540 women in its certification programs on full scholarships over five years under the PROMOTE project. The impact of completing these certification programs is distinct from a one-off, short-term training; at the conclusion, women will possess internationally recognized, highly esteemed certifications. The impact that the availability of such opportunities in four regions (Herat, Mazar, Kandahar and Jalalabad) of the country offers is significant: priming women to enter careers and jobs in management and finance that will not only change the lives of these particular women, but also has the potential to alter the landscape of these highly respected professional fields and set a precedent for other women.

AUAF/PDI through these scholarships will train a total of 540 students (108 students per year in average) throughout the life of the project (5 years). These 540 positions are designed to be held by unique students; in other words, a student receiving a scholarship for one certification course will not be available to receive a second scholarship for a second course.

Description of ACCA

ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is the global body for professional accountants. We aim to offer business-relevant, first-choice qualifications to people of application, ability and ambition around the world who seek a rewarding career in accountancy, finance and management.

Founded in 1904, ACCA has consistently held unique core values: opportunity, diversity, innovation, integrity and accountability. We believe that accountants bring value to economies in all stages of development. We aim to develop capacity in the profession and encourage the adoption of global standards. Our values are aligned to the needs of employers in all sectors and we ensure that, through our qualifications, we prepare accountants for business. We seek to open up the profession to people of all backgrounds and remove artificial barriers, innovating our qualifications and their delivery to meet the diverse needs of trainee professionals and their employers.
ACCA works to strengthen a global profession based on the application of consistent standards, which we believe best supports international business and the desire of talented people to have successful, international careers. We champion the needs of small and medium sized business (SMEs) and emerging economies, and promote the value of sustainable business.

To achieve this we work with global bodies such as the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC) and with more than 80 global accountancy partnerships. Above all, we seek to bring long-term value to economies in which we develop and support professional accountants.

ACCA support 178,000 members and 455,000 students in 180 countries, helping them to develop successful careers in accounting and business, with the skills needed by employers. ACCA work through a network of 95 offices and centers and 7,110 Approved Employers worldwide, who provide high standards of employee learning and development.

ACCA actively seek to enhance the public value of accounting in society through international research and we take a progressive stance on global issues to ensure accountancy as a profession continues to grow in reputation and influence.

Through ACCA students are also eligible to get BSc from Oxford Brookes University, UK and MSc from University of London, UK upon meeting the thesis and credits. [www.accaglobal.com](http://www.accaglobal.com)

**Eligibility criteria for scholarships:** Applicants who want to apply must meet the following eligibility requirements.

1. The applicant must be Afghan female citizen of the relevant province
2. Must have good command of English Language both oral and verbal
3. Must have basic math skills
4. Must have at least bachelor degree or FIA

**Application guidelines:** Interested candidates should submit their full application, including the items described below to the e-mail: [pdischolarships@auaf.edu.af](mailto:pdischolarships@auaf.edu.af) NOT LATER than Monday, 29th February 2016; Electronic applications will be considered only.

Please Indicate the below on the subject of your email for relevant province:

1. “Application for ACCA/JALALABAD” for Jalalabad,
2. “Application for ACCA/MAZAR” for Mazar,
3. “Application for ACCA/KANDAHAR” for Kandahar, and
4. “Application for ACCA/HERAT” for Herat

**Application Package:**

1. A copy of High School certificate, transcript and bachelor degree.
2. An updated Curriculum Vitae.
3. A 500 words statement of interest (explaining their commitment “in terms of time and other resources” towards completion of this Program, their future endeavors in their professional field and how this opportunity can help them get to their endeavors).
4. A letter of agreement from their current employer about their availability to attend the courses if applicable.
5. A copy of passport or NID (Tazkira)
6. One recent passport size photo.

Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for a round of entry test and interviews.

**For any further information please contact us**

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