Call for Applications

Scholarships for AUAF-PDI/USAID-PROMOTE for Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM)

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 CAPM

The CAPM certification offers recognition to practitioners who are starting a career in project management as well as project team members who wish to demonstrate their project management knowledge. This certification denotes that the individual possesses the knowledge in the principles and terminology of A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide), the standard of project management’s generally recognized good practices.

Individuals who contribute specialized skills to a project team can benefit from this certification by allowing them to align their work with that of project managers. The knowledge a practitioner gains from earning the CAPM certification can be applied to on-the-job experiences which help develop growing levels of competence in the practice of project management. Individuals who carry the CAPM designation after their name enjoy a high level of credibility from PMP® credential holders, project managers, employers and peers. [www.pmi.org](http://www.pmi.org)
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 high school certificate.

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

Please Indicate “Application for CAPM/HERAT” on the subject of your email.

Application Package:
1. A copy of High School with transcript.
2. An updated Curriculum Vitae.
3. A 300 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