

AUA Scholars Award 2019-2020

Application Guidelines

The Asian Universities Alliance (AUA) set up the “AUA Scholars Award” (AUASA) in March 2018 with the purpose of increasing the mobility of scholars among the AUA member institutions. The Award is open to all faculty members and researchers of the AUA institutions. The AUA provides financial support to scholars who wish to conduct short-term academic visits at another overseas AUA institution. Scholars are encouraged to take this opportunity to advance research, share knowledge, conduct field study or establish international academic links in the community of AUA.

1. General Information

- a) AUA Scholars shall research/lecture/study at the host institution for a minimum of 10 working days.
- b) AUA provides a total of 2,000 USD grant to each AUA Scholar via the home institution or the host institution.
- c) A maximum of 60 applicants will be granted the AUA Scholars Award in the year of 2019-2020.

2. Benefits to AUA Scholars

- a) AUA Scholars will have the opportunity to broaden research perspectives and establish/maintain international academic links with their overseas peers.
- b) AUA Scholars may have the opportunity to advance their research by approaching needed facilities, unique data, or leading scholars.
- c) AUA Scholars will gain international experience in teaching and research in a new academic environment.
- d) AUA Scholars will receive a total of 2,000 USD grant (including tax and bank charges generated from the recipient's side) and a certificate signed by the AUA President.

3. Eligibility of AUA Scholars

This award is open to scholars who meet the following requirements.

- a) Candidates must be employed as full-time faculty members or researchers of an AUA member. (Appendix I: List of AUA members) This award is open to scholars of all disciplines and research areas.
- b) Candidates shall schedule their academic visit between **1 June 2019 and 31 March 2020**, i.e., the first day of the visit is no earlier than 1 June 2019 and the last day of the visit is no later than 31 March 2020.

- c) The academic visit shall be no shorter than **10 working days**.

Please kindly note:

- ♦ A working day means a **weekday** that is scheduled for academic activities.
- ♦ Arrival or departure days are **not** considered as working days.

For example, a professor from Tsinghua University will visit the University of Malaya. His schedule is as follows. Please refer to the column of “Any Academic Activities Scheduled?” for the calculation of working days.

Date	Item	Any Academic Activities Scheduled?
01/06/2019 (Sat)	Departing from Beijing	No
02/06/2019 (Sun)	Arriving in Kuala Lumpur	Yes (but not considered as a working day)
03-04/06/2019 (Mon-Tue)	Weekdays	Yes (Day 1-2)
05-06/06/2019 (Wed-Thu)	Public Holidays	No
07/06/2019 (Fri)	Weekday	Yes (Day 3)
08-09/06/2019 (Sat-Sun)	Weekend	Yes (but not considered as working days)
10-14/06/2019 (Mon-Fri)	Weekdays	Yes (Day 4-8)
15-16/06/2019 (Sat-Sun)	Weekend	No
17/06/2019 (Mon)	Weekday	No
18-19/06/2019 (Tue-Wed)	Weekdays	Yes (Day 9-10)
20/06/2019 (Thu)	Departing from Kuala Lumpur	Yes (but not considered as a working day)
21/06/2019 (Fri)	Arriving in Beijing	No

- d) Candidates shall have a detailed visit plan, which is approved by the host professor. The host professor shall be a professor or researcher employed by the host institution.
- e) Candidates’ research/lectures/study shall be based at the host institution.

4. Submission of Application Materials

To apply for this award, applicants shall submit the following materials to the AUA Secretariat (AUA@tsinghua.edu.cn) by **15 February (Fri) 2019**.

- a) 2 copies of the Application Form (attached in a separate file), one is the scanned copy with signatures, one is the editable electronic copy without signatures.
- b) A current curriculum vitae of the candidate
- c) A scanned copy of an employment certification of the candidate issued by the candidate’s home institution. The certification shall be signed, dated and stamped. Please kindly note the certification shall indicate the permission/acknowledgement of the candidate’s leave during the period of the planned academic visit.

Application materials shall be written in English. The subject of the application submission email shall follow this format: AUASA2019 App + abbreviation of host institution name + last name of applicant + starting date of visit, e.g., AUASA2019 App NUS Chan 26-09-2019.

5. Review of Application Materials

- a) Applicants who meet the eligibility and have submitted a complete set of application materials by deadline will receive an acknowledgement email from the AUA Secretariat by 28 Feb (Thu) 2019.

The AUA Secretariat will contact the applicants who do not meet the eligibility or have missing/wrong application materials.

- b) Application materials that meet the basic requirements will be forwarded to the host institution for selection. The host institution will inform the AUA Secretariat of the shortlisted name list.
- c) The AUA Secretariat will inform the successful applicants by 15 April (Mon) 2019. An email attached with the official offer letter will be sent to successful applicants. Unsuccessful applicants will also receive a notification email from the AUA Secretariat.

6. Reception of Grant

- a) The AUA Secretariat will contact each AUA Scholar and their home institution to confirm the details of grant remittance about 1 month ahead of the academic visit.
- b) The grant is expected to reach the home institution before the academic visit. In the event that the grant may reach the home institution after the academic visit starts, the AUA Secretariat will contact the AUA Scholar in advance.

7. Requirements for AUA Scholars

- a) AUA Scholars shall conduct the academic visit as stated in the Application Form. Each AUA Scholar is permitted to change the visiting dates for only once. Once awarded, AUA Scholars are not allowed to change the host professor or the host institution.
- b) Each AUA Scholar is required to complete the form of *AUA Scholars Award Summary and Review* (attached separately) within one month since the end of the visit.

A certificate of AUA Scholars Award, signed by the AUA President, will be mailed to the AUA Scholars who have successfully completed the academic visit and the form of *AUA Scholars Award Summary and Review*.

Should you have any queries regarding the application, please feel free to contact the AUA Secretariat (AUA@Tsinghua.edu.cn)

Appendix I. List of AUA Members

Institution Name	Location	Abbreviation
Chulalongkorn University	Bangkok, Thailand	CU
The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology	Hong Kong, China	HKUST
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay	Mumbai, India	IITB
King Saud University	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	KSU
National University of Singapore	Singapore	NUS
Nazarbayev University	Astana, Kazakhstan	NU
Peking University	Beijing, China	PKU
Seoul National University	Seoul, South Korea	SNU
Tsinghua University	Beijing, China	THU
United Arab Emirates University	Al Ain, United Arab Emirates	UAEU
Universitas Indonesia	Jakarta, Indonesia	UI
University of Colombo	Colombo, Sri Lanka	UoC
University of Malaya	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	UM
The University of Tokyo	Tokyo, Japan	UTokyo
University of Yangon	Yangon, Myanmar	UY