



**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION
(Higher Education Division)**

Azerbaijan Government Scholarships – 2026/27

Applications are invited from eligible Sri Lankan applicants for the award of **03** Undergraduate/ Postgraduate (Master's/PhD) scholarships offered by the Republic of Azerbaijan under the “Heydar Aliyev – International Education Grant Program” for the academic year 2026/27.

01. General Eligibility Requirements: -

	Undergraduate	Master's	PhD
Age Limit	Age should be below 35 years as of 15.09.2026	Age should be below 45 years as of 15.09.2026	Age should be below 45 years as of 15.09.2026
Educational Qualifications	Minimum of three passes at the G.C.E. (A/L) Examination- 2024 conducted by the Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka.	Bachelor's Degree from a recognized University by University Grants Commission Sri Lanka	Bachelor's Degree and a Master's degree from a recognized University by University Grants Commission Sri Lanka
Language Proficiency	Applicants are required to have minimum IELTS 5.0 (TOEFL 40)	Applicants are required to have minimum IELTS 5.5 (TOEFL 50)	Applicants are required to have minimum IELTS 5.5 (TOEFL 50).
The language of study of the previous education must be English			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate degree applicants should not be registered or following a course at a state university in Sri Lanka as an internal student (a student selected by UGC based on the G.C.E. A/L results).• Applicant should be a citizen of Sri Lanka.• Should be in good health and ready to live in Azerbaijan during the period of study.			

02. Fields of Study: The details information on the programs are available at;

<https://studyinazerbaijan.edu.az/financial-support>.

- **Undergraduate students are advised not to apply for medical-related degree programs in Azerbaijan universities, as they are not recognized by the Sri Lanka Medical Council (SLMC) as of now.**

03. Terms of Award:

- **Tuition fee** for the study period.
- **International Flights**
An International Economy class flight ticket to Baku, Azerbaijan (from the country of origin and from Azerbaijan (to the country of origin respectively) once a year.
- **Monthly Allowance**
Yearly allowance of 800 AZN (470 USD) * for accommodation, daily expenses, education materials (**10 months each year, except July and August**).
- **Medical Insurance**
Yearly allowance of 200 AZN (117 USD) * for the medical care and medication during the period in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- **Visa & Registration**
A single entry visa to the Republic of Azerbaijan, as well as, the temporary residence permits for the stay in the country for the period of each academic year.

** Manat at the exchange rate set by the Central Bank of the Republic of Azerbaijan on the day of payment.*

04. Special notes:

- Candidates who are awarded this scholarship would not be considered for university admission process of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- Award of the scholarship conditions laid down in this notification may vary as per the criteria imposed by Republic of Azerbaijan, without prior notice.
- Candidates who received scholarships would select the Higher Educational Institutes recognized by the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka.
- If any student declines the offer after the selection process, he/she shall not be considered for any of the scholarships in future that offered by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education.
- Extension of the period of the scholarship will not be recommended by this Ministry.

05. Applications:

- a) Online application is available at: <https://foreignscholarships.mohe.gov.lk/>
- b) **The deadline of the submission of the application is 19th April 2026**
- c) **Applicants should submit only one application via aforementioned online portal and not required to send by post.**
- d) **No application from permanent employee of government sector, University or a state Corporation will be entertained unless channeled through the Head of the Institution concerned.**
- e) Any statement in the application, which is found to be incorrect/false will liable to disqualification at any time and will lead to the withdrawal of the award. Incomplete in any respect or received late, will be rejected.

06. Nominations & Selections:

Undergraduate	Master's/ PhD
Candidates will be shortlisted based on their Z. score at the G.C.E A/L exam and will be called for a structured interview by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, with a short notice via email in due course.	Candidates will be shortlisted based on their Academic Merit order and will be called for a structured interview by the Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Vocational Education, with a short notice via email in due course.

- The nomination will be forwarded to the Azerbaijan scholarship awarding authority through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Foreign Employment and Tourism No candidate should treat his/her nomination for this Scholarship as the confirmation of award and it is a matter entirely within the discretion of the awarding authority.
- Any form of canvassing either written or verbal will be considered as a disqualification for a scholarship.
- The final decision regarding the award rests solely at the discretion of the Secretary.

Secretary

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