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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
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## Message from the Rector



**Prof. Dr. Muhammad T. Afzal**  
Rector

I am pleased to welcome you to COMSATS University Islamabad, one of the premier public sector institutions of higher education in Pakistan. CUI is proud of its achievements and roots in research and development which have enabled its listing among top universities of the world on all reputable international university rankings. Our focus has been on creating useful and responsible citizens who add value to the socio-economic fabric as well as nurturing competent professionals who outshine their contemporaries in the skills market.

The world as you know has come together due to advances in information communication technologies and nations are converging efforts on a global sustainable development agenda. Preparing students for the challenges of a highly integrated market and providing them opportunities to realize their entrepreneurial goals has been our priority. Our fast-paced quality research environment in a diverse cultural context stimulates intellectual faculties and helps our students rise to the best of their potential. A range of academic programs offered on serene and green campuses make CUI an ideal place for starting your higher studies.

Our academic programs are regularly improved in consultation with industry experts as well as reflect relevance to current advances in science and technology. Over 1,100 faculty members, drawn largely from reputed universities of China, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, USA and UK, form the largest PhD pool in Pakistan available to any university.

CUI owes its academic experience to inclusivity and diversity as it welcomes students regardless of ethnicity, race or religion from around the world. Our campuses in Islamabad, Lahore, Abbottabad, Wah, Attock, Sahiwal and Vehari host over 500 International students from over 20 nationalities. These International Students enrich the culture and bring a fresh global perspective to class.

We understand that moving out of one's country for education can be a daunting thought for many students. Therefore, a team of dedicated professionals at CUI's International Office is always available to assist and solve any issues faced by our students who travel to Pakistan to study at any of our campuses. I can safely say that unmatched hospitality of Pakistan and learning its rich heritage, language, history and culture, will be a unique and exhilarating life experience.

As you set about achieving one of the most important academic goals of your life, CUI will inspire, enable and move you towards success. If you are ready to challenge your abilities and creativity, and refine your skills, come join the COMSIAN fraternity. I am excited to welcome you on board with my team and see you grow with us.



## Message from Head, International Office



**Ali Tawab Baloch**  
Head International Office

It is a privilege for me to share with you our prospectus for the international Students.

The COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) is a public sector degree awarding Higher Education University. With seven (7) fully functional beautiful campuses in different cities of Pakistan and over 36, 000 students contributing to both academic excellence and community development, we are proud to have produced more than 70,000 Graduates including 400+ PhDs.

Currently 500+ International Students from 24 different countries are registered in different campuses of CUI system.

CUI ranked 159th in THE Emerging Economies Rankings 2020, 149th in THE Asia University Rankings 2020, and was among 150-200 THE top young universities of world in 2020

It has long been customary for young people to travel to neighboring countries before entering into professional world to learn about foreign cultures and different ways of life. International studies are critically important in shaping young people's values and global outlook. A variety of difficulties must be overcome to acquire this sort of cultural knowledge. Even with today's advanced communication technologies, there are still things one cannot learn without physically visiting the country itself. The ability to achieve this kind of knowledge - the kind that transcends even what we can learn through our advanced technological world - is what gives such great significance to the study abroad experience.

"With faith, discipline and selfless devotion to duty, there is nothing worthwhile that you cannot achieve" Muhammad Ali Jinnah

I welcome you to come and study in one of the top ranked universities of Pakistan having state of the art infrastructure and facilities as well as experience first hand rich culture of Pakistan. I wish you success in future endeavors

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**Founded 1998**



CUI was also ranked **159th** in THE Emerging Economies Rankings 2020, **149th** in THE Asia University Rankings 2020, and was among **150-200** THE top young universities of world in 2020.



In THE World Universities Rankings **2021**, CUI has been placed among **601-800** world best universities, and ranked **3rd** in Pakistan. Besides, it was also ranked at **#301-400** in THE Engineering & Technology, **#301-400** in Business and Economics, **#401-500** in Computer Science, **#401-500** in Life Science and **#501-600** in Physical Sciences subject rankings **2021**.



Ranked at **221** in THE University Impact Rankings 2020, and **2nd** in Pakistan.



Ranked at **301+** in THE University Impact Rankings **2019** and **5th** in Pakistan.



Ranked among **801-1000** world best universities as per QS World Universities Rankings **2020**. Besides, it was ranked **151th** in QS Asian Universities Rankings **2020**.



CUI was also ranked among **751-800** in the world best universities as per QS World Universities Rankings **2019** and **135th** in QS Asian Universities Rankings **2019**.

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**1** among top **10** Pakistani universities according to Nature Index in **2018**.



**15** National Civil awards have been awarded to its faculty/officers.



**3** star rating by QS university rankings



Ranked first in Pakistan and amongst **501-600** ranked university of the world by Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) prestigious Shanghai Rankings **2019**.



**Centers of Excellence  
of COMSATS**



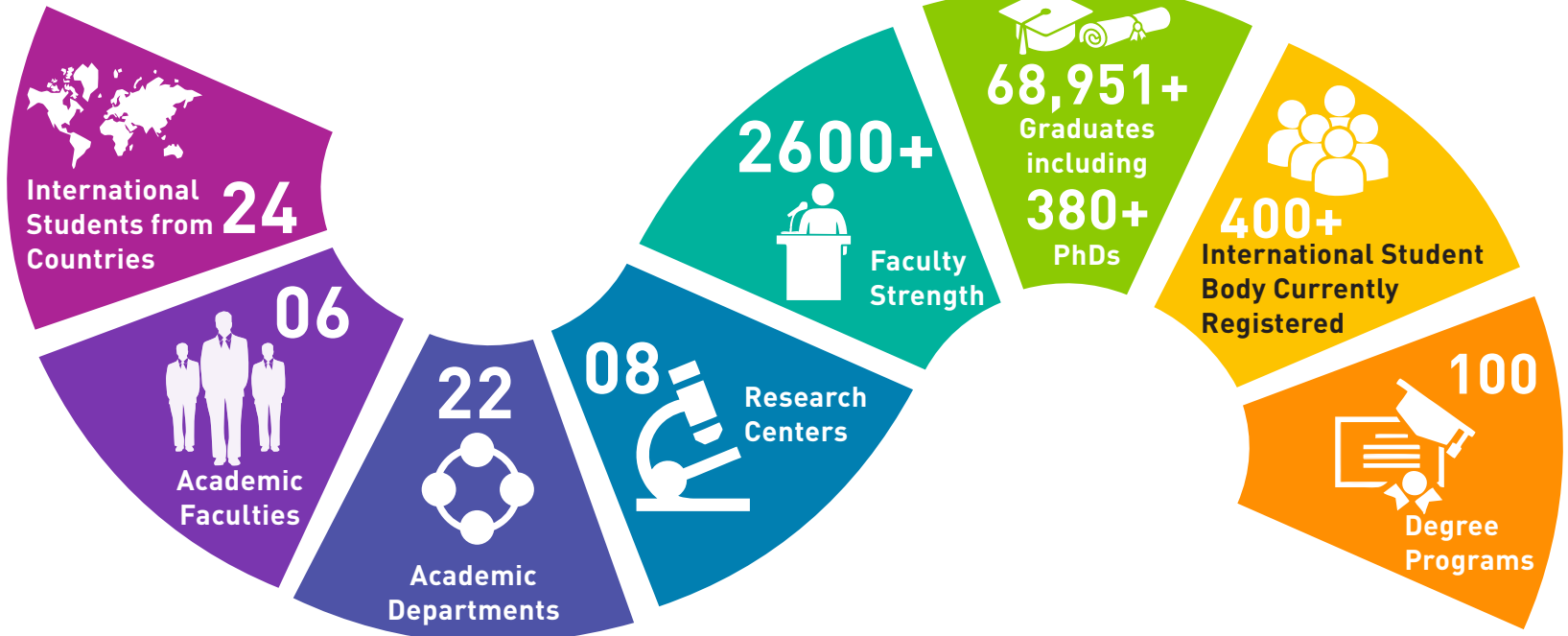
**Campuses  
Across Pakistan**



**A Virtual Campus**



**Students**





## Why Choose CUI?

For excellent teaching, a great student experience and above all, a quality degree that opens doors in the market place for you. Our excellence in research, dynamic and interactive teaching, wide range of academic degree programs, vast network of interdisciplinary research centers, multicultural campuses, along with our strong reputation and world rankings, are just some of the reasons international students come to COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) in Pakistan.

### Academic Quality

You can choose from 100 academic programs of study in CUI's seven campuses dotted across Pakistan. CUI has been consistently ranked among top national and regional universities.

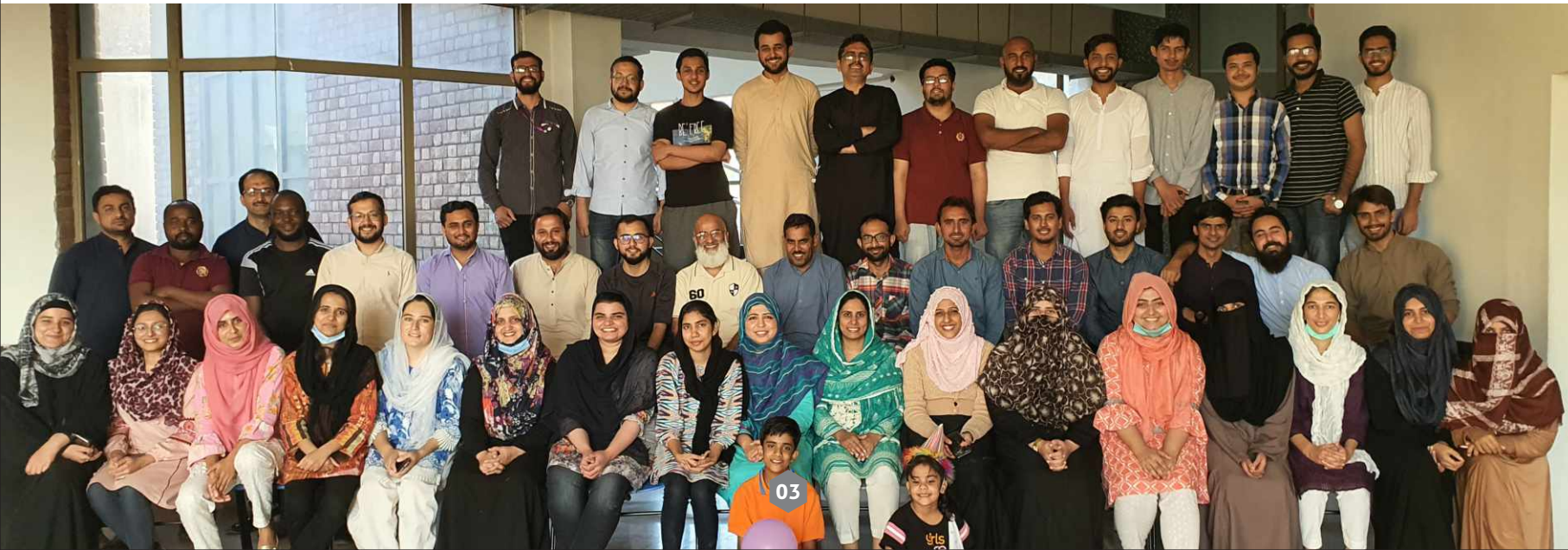
### Affordability

CUI provides a range of merit-based scholarships for Postgraduate

programs to international students nominated by various organizations and Governments. These scholarships offer a combination of tuition and accommodation fee waivers, ensuring that no student is left out from the fruits of higher education due to lack of resources.

### Facilities

CUI has some of the most sophisticated, high-tech campuses in the nation, with extensive wireless computer access, state-of-the-art research and computer labs, well-stocked libraries with access to the latest academic and industrial journals, and lecture theatres equipped with multimedia-based technologies. We also have a range of health services offered by qualified medical practitioners on campus.





## Campus Life

You can join any of the students clubs and organizations on campus related to sports, debating, literature and art, to name a few. Each campus offers unique opportunities for extracurricular activities based on the interests and strengths of their students and faculties.

## Celebrating Diversity

CUI is one of the most culturally diverse institution in Pakistan, with students from all of Pakistan and 24 foreign countries including Afghanistan, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, China, Denmark, Ethiopia, Germany, Gambia, Indonesia, Ivory Coast, Iceland, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Nepal, Nigeria, Palestine, Somalia, Syria, Sudan, Tanzania, Turkey, Ghana and USA,.

## Access and Support Services

A dedicated International Students Affairs (ISA) unit on each campus supports international students on matters related to academia, facilitation in obtaining study visas, finding accommodation, and student advising.

## Quality of Research

At CUI, we place extra emphasis on expanding our research capacity to pursue interdisciplinary research initiatives that garner national and international recognition. Our growing community of internationally-qualified researchers are committed to nurturing our students' curiosity and drive for innovation in an environment that supports development, training, and entrepreneurship.

## Internationalization

CUI prides itself in creating an internationalized experience on campus to promote global values and general knowledge. For this purpose we have foreign scholars, lecture series by visiting international scholars, as well as regular visits by members of the diplomatic corps and our international partners. In addition,

different CUI campuses are the chosen hosts for several annual international events that welcome over 1500 international visitors each year.

## Exchange Program

CUI offers exchange program under which students from universities around the world come for research and study purpose. Visiting students can spend up to two semesters in any degree program at the university. Moreover, our students also get an opportunity to attend summer and winter schools abroad.



## Student Success – Hear it from the students themselves!

### Aqsa Amini Afghan Alumnus

CUI is home to students from all over the world; with its great academic programs, supportive faculty, staff and social environment. CUI has given me confidence and taught me to never stop yearning for knowledge. I have become an independent individual and am equipped with skills necessary to be positive and confident to face the social world ahead of me.



Thanks CUI and Thanks Pakistan.

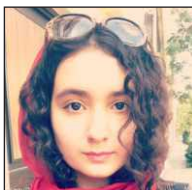
### Shazia Yagana Sultani Afghan Alumnus

COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) offers an enjoyable learning environment with wonderful students from all over the world. The university offers many growth and development opportunities and a chance to learn how to think outside the box and to always find new ways to achieve the best results from their faculty, staff and students. CUI is an exciting place to explore diverse and innovative ideas. I felt like a part of CUI family during my course work because it was an exciting experience to work at CUI and I look forward to the opportunities and challenges that come with the expansion of research with the university again.



### Ghazal Sarwari Irani Alumnus

One very interesting and important aspect of my stay at CUI was the sound disposition of all the faculty members I have interacted with, always willing to listen to you and help out in whatever



way both academically and on personal basis. I must say my stay at CUI and in Pakistan has been really worthwhile.

### Dr O Atolani Nigerian Alumnus

COMSATS University Islamabad stands for excellence, professionalism and hope for the common man. During my research in CUI, I experienced a different lifestyle, made new friends, and learnt new things. The university provided world-class faculty members and supported high level research activities with state of art facilities. Furthermore, CUI provides scholarships to talented and promising students from all over the world, of which I am a beneficiary. I am proud to be associated with this great institution of learning.



### ANYANWU, Nneoma Confidence Nigerian Alumnus

My experience at CUI was pretty amazing. The diversity of culture and the unique combination of people and students made it a special place for an unforgettable learning and growth experience. It has broadened my horizons and engaged me in constant personal development, not only from my classes but from the wonderful community around me as well. The memories I made during my study time at CUI will be with me forever.



### Enoch Ghanian Alumnus

I have a fantastic time at CUI, where I got to learn from my class fellows, scholarly faculty and staff who were always very kind and helpful in every possible way. I also met people belonging to



different nationalities and made numerous friends during my stay at the university.

**Loai Nizar Abu Saif**  
**Palestinian Alumnus**

My friend, a CUI alumnus recommended this university to me and I'm glad I took his advice. CUI staff and faculty have been very helpful in accommodating me by making me familiar to the university environment. These 2 years of my Master's journey at CUI and Pakistan were the best experiences of my life.



**Haneen Anwar**  
**Jordanian Alumnus**

My overall experience at CUI is all about happiness, good news and a dream come true. So many things are worth acknowledging about this university. Starting off with highly qualified academic staff and faculty members, who are always there to help and guide you; as their teaching style is student focused. Moreover, CUI library is world standard and very well equipped with reading and research material to aid in learning.



**Omaji Samuel**  
**Nigerian Alumnus**

I enjoyed studying at CUI, all the staff was truly professional and the progress is sure and fast. I appreciated the high level of involvement of the faculty, fully focused on the student objectives. The environment at CUI is helpful for learning and career development. One of my most favorite things was the multi varied culture at the university, there are students from everywhere like Nigeria, Palestine, Sudan, Somalia and so on.



**Ramzan Ali Changezi**  
**Afghani Alumnus**

I am proud to be a part of a professional environment at CUI where students are provided state of art facilities for their studies and stay. The faculty members are very professional and friendly. The students are taught and trained in a manner that they can perform best in their professional life. For nourishment of our soft skills we have also been provided opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, where we have an access to use the sports facilities like cricket ground, football, badminton, tennis courts, gymnasium etc.



I am glad to be the part of CUI family and wish to make this University proud by contributing for welfare of society.

**Rumeng HE**  
**Chinese Alumna**

My experience can simply be described as amazing and fulfilling. Studying in such a serene and comfortable environment under the tutelage of professors greatly helped my academic pursuit. Hence, I look forward to a future academic engagement with CUI again.



**Prem Thapamagar**  
**Nepalese Alumnus**

The University staff has helped me to learn more about the university and my course, and all the other students in my course are very nice. The COMSATS University Islamabad is very nice the tutors are very good it is a very beautiful campus and it's worth coming here!





Pakistan has been very hospitable to me the people here are very welcoming and I've also discovered a large community of other students from my country here.

**Moein Rahmani**  
**Iranian Alumnus**

I looked at various universities but chose this because it had the specialization I wanted. My strongest impression of the University is the kindness of its teachers. I was anxious about many things before I entered university but as soon as I started here the teachers gave me lots of advice and eased my mind.



Biochemistry, Kano University of Science & Technology Wudil (KUST-wudil), Kano. My area of research study includes Molecular & Cancer biology, Neurobiochemistry as well as Immunotherapy.

**Aliyu Abubakar Aliyu**  
**Nigerian**

I'm working (temporary) in a Private Company and looking for my PhD.



## Success Stories of ACU Graduated

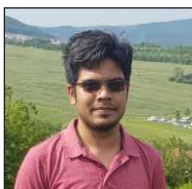
**M. Hassan Dalhat**  
**Nigerian**

After successfully completed MS at CUI now I am a PhD student, Biochemistry Department, King Abdul-Aziz University, Jeddah Saudi Arabia. With research interest in cancer epitranscriptomics.



**Hasanul Banna**  
**Bangladesh**

It was a great time of my student life at COMSATS University Islamabad. Thanks for having me there. Currently, I am a Ph.D. researcher at the Department of Chemistry, Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic.



**Sadeeq MUHAMMAD Sheshe**  
**Nigerian**

I currently work as a full time Lecturer, researcher and Faculty member at the department of



## Programs of Study

CUI is a comprehensive university offering 100 degree programs at undergraduate and graduate level across 6 faculties and 22 departments.

Following most popular majors for international students include:

- Computer Science
- Telecommunication & Networking
- Software Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Electrical (Computer) Engineering
- Electrical (Telecommunication) Engineering
- Electrical (Electronics) Engineering
- Electrical (Power) Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Business Administration
- Economics
- Development Studies
- Business Studies
- Accounting and Finance
- Psychology
- Media and Communication Studies
- English
- Mathematics
- Statistics
- Electronics
- Physics
- Bioinformatics
- Bio Sciences
- Food Sciences and Nutrition

- Environmental Sciences
- Earth Sciences
- Geophysics
- Geology
- Biotechnology
- Architecture
- Design
- Fine Arts
- Interior Design
- Computer Science
- English
- Economics
- Mathematics
- Public Administration
- Development Studies
- Pharmacy (Pharm-D)

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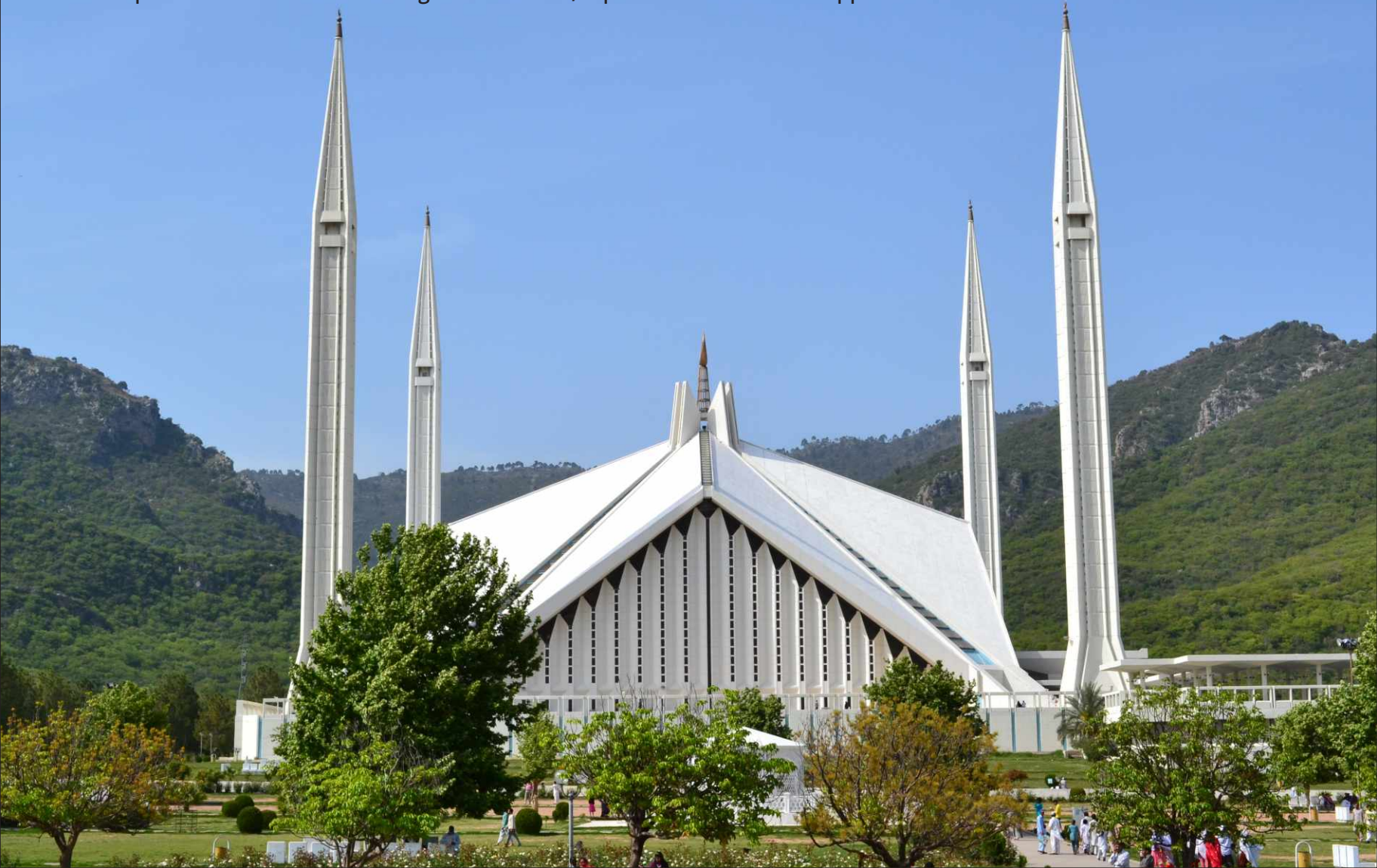
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## Location

CUI is committed to providing learning opportunities that match the diverse needs of students. Each of our seven campuses offers different learning environments, experiences and cultural opportunities for its students.





## Islamabad Flagship Campus



CUI's flagship campus is located in a beautiful and suburban setting at the foot of the Margalla Hills in Pakistan's capital city, Islamabad.

International students in Islamabad can look forward to enjoying all four seasons from hot summers coupled with monsoon rains, and reasonably cold winters with temperatures occasionally falling below zero. The local slogan "Islamabad the Beautiful" is a testament to the city's beauty, which features a landscape dominated by beautiful parks with many scenic natural spots within driving distance.

The campus is about 9 miles from downtown Islamabad- just minutes away if you want to explore and enjoy the city's entertainment and cultural opportunities. As a fairly young and purpose-built city, Islamabad offers all the amenities of a modern city while maintaining a friendly small-town charm. As the nation's capital, Islamabad hosts foreign embassies and offices of international organizations, creating a multicultural demographic that lends itself to the presence of a variety of cuisines and cultural



activities. Trekking, hiking, and water sports at the nearby hills and lakes are popular activities for the city's residents as well as visitors.

Islamabad is linked by road to nearby hill stations of Murree, Nathiagali and Ayubia, which are popular tourist resorts to beat the scorching heat in the summer and experience snowfall in the winter. You can also experience more local flavor in the historic city of Rawalpindi, Islamabad's so-called twin city due to its proximity, which has served as a regional commercial hub for centuries and still maintains quaint bazaars and heritage buildings.



## Abbottabad Campus

The Abbottabad campus became functional in July 2001, the first academic session started in September 2001. This campus is ideally situated and built on 308 kanals of land. The natural climatic advantages of Abbottabad city, large land area, sports and recreational facilities and above all, a secure and friendly environment have all combined to make the Abbottabad campus more of a resort.

The first academic session started with student strength of 121 and only three undergraduate programs. Soon CUI Abbottabad emerged as a leading institute of the region. Today it has 11 departments and 6,190 students and qualified faculty strength of 631 including 231 PhDs.



## WAH Campus

The opening of COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) in the historical and industrial town of Wah was a joint effort of the CUI and Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POFs) Wah cantt. CUI started its campus at wah in a record period of 70 days. The then Minister for Science & Technology / Chancellor CUI formally inaugurated the institute on September 14, 2001. Initially CUI Wah started its

operation in small guest house of POFs. In 2003 two purposes built academic blocks were handed over to CUI on long term lease period by POFs. CUI Wah extended its academic facilities by purchasing land contiguous to existing campus in 2012 measuring 96 Kanals.

The campus is situated at G.T.Road, Wah Cantt. Due to its location, it is easily accessible to the students coming from Wah, Taxila, Rawalpindi, Hassanabdal, Haripur and other surrounding areas. Wah Cantt is considered as the hub of industrial activity in the region.



## LAHORE Campus

The campus consist of one administration block, five academic blocks, five workshops, a big mosque, hostels for boys and girls and a number of residential units for the employees. The location of the campus is strategically chosen to provide the students with an ideal environment, which is not only conducive for their



educational pursuits but would also ensure that the students are well abreast of the latest developments in the IT sector. Currently, 6,060 students are enrolled in different degree programs.



### ATTOCK Campus

April 04, 2004 was a historical day for the residents of Attock city when a new Campus of the CUI was launched, to make it possible for the students of the far flung and under developed areas to take advantage of the opportunities of state-of-the-art education. The event was important for both CUI and Attock city because the dream of an IT institute was a distant dream come true. Attock has ensured the availability of professional academic skills not only to the locals of Punjab but also the adjoining areas of Khyber Pukhtoonkhawa.



The Attock Campus has gained a commendable reputation in a short time.

### SAHIWAL Campus

The establishment of CUI Campus in September 2007 at Sahiwal besides providing higher education facilities in the highly demanded market oriented disciplines also provided state-of-the-art facility for research and development activities. Sahiwal Campus intends to augment the academic and socio-economic role in imparting quality education with the help of cutting-edge technology and contemporary managerial practices.

It started with the enrollment of 100 students with quit an attractive 30 percent ratio of female students. Currently, the campus has a total enrollment of 3,297 students.



### VEHARI Campus

Established in 2008, Vehari campus is one of the fast growing campuses of the COMSATS University Islamabad. Vehari campus started with 45 students enrolled in one program and now it has more than 2,710 students, 197 faculty members, 12 programs. Stretched over an area of 52 acres, the campus is an excellent



avenue to provide quality education to the students. CUI Vehari is constantly making efforts to provide students the quality education and personality development to transform its students into capable professionals, sensible intellectual and responsible citizens. CUI Vehari aims to instill a research culture for economic human Resources Development in this region driven by market forces, technological revolution and globalization.



## VIRTUAL Campus

To increase the access and availability of top quality benchmark education and teaching experience in country, CUI has taken a step forward by establishing its Virtual Campus. CUI Virtual Campus aims to enhance the coverage of quality higher education in the country by providing opportunities to those who cannot attend universities because of inflexible timings, cost, or cultural barriers. The Virtual Campus is delivering online courses to distance learning students.

The CUI Virtual Campus (VC) runs web-based students, Learning Management System (LMS), accessible anywhere anytime, to deal with administrative and academic tasks of campus. LMS supports a live collaborative platform which adds value to remote learning, through interactive virtual classrooms and meeting sessions.

Therefore, CUI is going a step ahead from conventional asynchronous distance learning modes, currently employed at the universities of Pakistan. CUI is producing quality courseware using blended learning approach by combining teachers with their workspace (desktop/ interactive board/ presentation). Best of CUI's (most PhD) faculty is designated to develop high-definition video contents in our purpose-built studios.



## Excellence in Research

CUI places a high priority on multidisciplinary and applied research through the following constituent Research Centers:

- i. Interdisciplinary Research Center in Biomedical Materials (IRCBM)
- ii. Center for Advanced Studies in Telecommunication (CAST)
- iii. Center for Advanced Drug Research (CADR)
- iv. Center for Climate Research and Development (CCRD)
- v. Business Incubation Center (BIC)
- vi. Center for Policy Studies (CPS)
- vii. China Study Center (CSC)
- viii. Energy Research Center (ERC)
- ix. Student Startup Business Centre (SSBC)
- x. High Mountain Research Center (HMRC)

### 1. Interdisciplinary Research Center in Biomedical Materials (IRCBM)

Interdisciplinary Research Center in Biomedical Materials (IRCBM) was set-up in 2008 CUI, Lahore campus to act as a hub of excellence with multidisciplinary approaches to biomaterials and tissue engineering.



### 2. Center for Advanced Studies in Telecommunication (CAST)

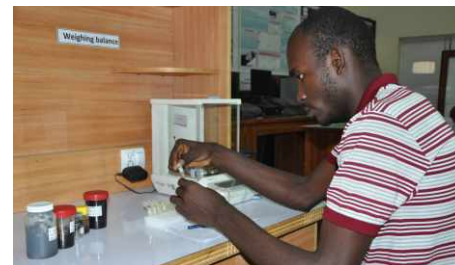
The Center for Advanced Studies in Telecommunication (CAST) was established at COMSATS University Islamabad Campus in 2007 with the aim to set up an active interface among the university-based telecommunication activities and regional telecom industry, IT industry, software developers, government and community

groups. CAST from its inception has been focused on practical implementation and realization of telecommunication technologies.



### 3. Center for Advanced Drug Research (CADR)

CADR established at COMSATS University Islamabad, Abbottabad Campus in 2013 for studies of the critically important topics in pharmaceutical sciences. The purpose of CADR is to conduct interdisciplinary research and development projects in the field of pharmacy, chemistry and biological sciences.



### 4. Center for Climate Research and Development (CCRD)

The Center for Climate Research and Development (CCRD) established in 2014 at COMSATS University Islamabad Campus, focuses on conducting solution-oriented research and providing policy advice in the evolving area of climate change. Establishment of the CCRD at CUI is a reflection of the intellectual and academic



response to the prevailing and future threats of climate change in almost all key economic sectors of Pakistan.

### 5. Business Incubation Center (BIC)

The Business Incubation Center at CUI, Islamabad Campus has been established to raise entrepreneurs from amongst CUI graduates. It basically aims at commercialization of CUI's total R & D efforts. This is envisaged to be achieved through rapid and sustainable development of the economy by deploying knowledge inputs to the society.



### 6. Center for Policy Studies (CPS)

The Center for Policy Studies established in 2012 at COMSATS University Islamabad Campus. During this period the Center has built the momentum by vigorously engaging itself in multifarious activities as outlined in the CPS objectives

### 7. China Study Center (CSC)

The China Study Center was established in 2013 at Islamabad campus. The Center has been envisaged as a focal point for all China related activities at CUI including those pertaining to the educational, scientific, technological, business and cultural domains.

### 8. Energy Research Center (ERC)

The Energy Research Center (ERC) was established at the CUI Lahore Campus in 2014 in view of the proliferating energy crisis and the critical role played by the energy sector in the industrial and economic development of the country. It is a basic and applied

research platform committed to developing local resources and technologies and policy recommendations leading to accessibility of economical energy to the citizens of Pakistan.

### 9. Student Startup Business Center (SSBC)

Entrepreneurship and innovation are viewed as key contributors to global economic and social development of a country. University-based entrepreneurship ecosystems provide a supportive context in which entrepreneurship and innovation can thrive. With the aim of instilling the spirit of entrepreneurship among students, CUI has established a Student Startup Business Center (SSBC) with the support of Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, and the Promotion of Education in Pakistan Foundation, Inc. (USA).

### 10. High Mountain Research Center (HMRC)

In order to take up the challenge and develop its niche in high mountain research and education, COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI) Abbottabad established a High Mountain Research Center (HMRC) which was inaugurated on October 10, 2015.





## ABOUT LAHORE CITY

LAHORE the heart of Pakistan. Lahore is the second biggest city in Pakistan. It is the capital of the province of Punjab. It is also known as the 'City of Gardens' because of its many parks and gardens. This city is known for its rich culture and lively atmosphere. According to oral traditions, Lahore was named after Lava, son of the Hindu god Rama, who supposedly founded the city. Lahore Fort has a vacant temple dedicated in honor of Lava. Lahore is a major center for

Pakistan's publishing industry, and remains the foremost center of Pakistan's literary scene. The city is also a major center of education in Pakistan with some of Pakistan's leading universities based in the city. Lahore is also home to Pakistan's film industry, Lollywood, and is a major center of Qawwali music. The city also hosts much of Pakistan's tourist industry.

### Places to Visit Lahore



Wazir Khan Mosque



Lahore Fort



Badshahi Mosque



Data Darbar



Bagh e Jinnah



Tomb of Nadira Begum



Wagah Border



Minar e Pakistan



Tomb of Jahangir



Sheesh Mahal



Shalimar Gardens



Mian Mir Shrine

## Support for International Students

The International Office (IO) is the first point of contact for international students with the head office located in Islamabad which handles all international applications as well as provides support services for students at all CUI campuses. Subsidiary International Student Affairs (ISA) offices are set up at all campuses to cater to the academic and social needs of students.

International Admission Unit (IAU) provides the following services:

- Information on registration for courses
- Visa facilitation
- Reception at airport upon arrival
- Orientation with the city, campus, and facilities
- Contact with local embassies and missions of students' home countries
- Regular socials and extra-curricular activities



## Admissions

Admission to degree programs is offered once a year for session beginning in Fall (September). There is a summer break from July to August and from mid-January to End of January.



## Police Registration and Visa Extension

International Admission Unit helps students to get Police Registration as Police Registration is required in district police office within 7 days after arrival in Pakistan. International Admission Unit also facilitates students for submitting applications for visa extension.

## Transcript and Certificate Issuance

In case of leaving University / returning back to their country, without receiving transcript / certificate. Students are advised to please submit their authority letter to Examination Department, and they will send them the same documents through courier services.



## Academic Entry Requirements

### Undergraduate

The minimum academic requirement for admission to an undergraduate program is the completion of a qualification deemed equivalent to Pakistan's Higher Secondary School Certificate (12 years of schooling) by the University's qualification assessment references. Prospective students applying to engineering degree programs must have scored a cumulative 60 percent and those applying to non-engineering programs should have a 50 percent minimum score. Undergraduate programs can be completed in a minimum of 8 semesters and a maximum 12 semesters.

### MS Program

Applicants must possess a degree (earned after 16 years of education) in the relevant field from an accredited higher education institution with CGPA of 2.5/4.0 (semester system) or at least 60% marks (annual examinations system). MS programs can be completed in a minimum of 4 semesters and a maximum 6 semesters.

### PhD Program

Applicants must possess a degree (earned after 18 years of education) and with completed a 6-credit hour thesis in the relevant field from an accredited higher education institution with CGPA of 3/4.0 (semester system) or at least 70% marks (annual examinations system) and no third division or 'D' grade during their academic career.





## NTS-GAT Test

NTS-GAT (National Testing Service - Graduate Assessment Test) is compulsory for getting admission in graduate degree programs in Pakistan according to rules set by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan. International students who do not have a NTS-GAT result are required to appear for the test during their first semester at CUI Pakistan and score at least 50 percent.

[http://www.nts.org.pk/\\_Ops\\_Sec/Products/GATGEN/GATGEN.asp](http://www.nts.org.pk/_Ops_Sec/Products/GATGEN/GATGEN.asp)



## English Language Requirement for Admission

International students must satisfy the CUI's minimum English language proficiency requirements through one of the following qualifications:

- IELTS Academic – minimum 5.0 band
- TOEFL – minimum score 60 (internet-based test), or 177 (computer-based test), or 500 (paper based test)
- English proficiency certificate from the last institution attended

(Note: Test scores must not be more than two years old).



## Application Process



### APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications by using our online admission portal by clicking the following link;  
<http://international.admissions.comsats.edu.pk/>

Following documents to be attached:

- Secondary and higher secondary Transcripts and Certificates
- Bachelors Transcript and Certificate (for MS Applicants)
- MS Transcript and Certificate ( for PhD Applicants)
- Copy of Passport



### ASSESSMENT

CUI's International Admissions team assesses your application against:

- Academic entry requirements
- Statement of Purpose or Research Plan
- Letters of Reference
- English language entry requirements

Meeting the minimum entry requirements for a course does not guarantee an automatic offer to study at CUI.



### ORIENTATION & REGISTRATION

Orientation activities take place in the week prior to the start of classes in each semester and will allow you to meet your new classmates and get oriented to the university and its resources. Important orientation activities include registration for courses, overviews of the various academic disciplines, and meetings with faculty and academic advisers, as well as social events for you to meet fellow students and help you settle in to your new community.



### ADMISSION OFFER

If your application is successful, you will be sent a Provisional Admission Offer Letter which will enable you to apply for a student visa. This provisional offer will be issued to all successful candidates within one month of the application submission deadline.



### VISA

International students who wish to study in Pakistan need to obtain a student visa before traveling to Pakistan. Once you have been issued a Provisional Admission Offer, you should immediately apply for a student visa at your nearest Pakistani High Commission or Embassy in your country of residence.

More information on the visa application process can be found at:  
<https://www.interior.gov.pk/index.php/visa-form>



## ACCEPTANCE

Accepting your offer generally includes the following steps:

- Responding to the admission offer email sent by the International Office by accepting of all terms and conditions of admission offer letter
- Paying the relevant fees outlined in your Provisional Admission Offer
- Obtaining a satisfactory medical report



## ARRIVAL

Students will be sent a Pre- departure and arrival guide by CUI, which gives information on the things to consider when booking your travel and arriving in Pakistan.

Students are required to show all original Academics documents (from Secondary School to onward)

## Data protection

International students, who apply to the COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), may have friends or family in Pakistan, who sometimes contact us on your behalf. The University cannot divulge any personal information relating to an application to any third party without the applicant's written consent. If you wish to authorize a friend or family member to request and receive information on your behalf, please contact [int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk](mailto:int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk) for the procedure.

For more information on admission,  
please visit:

[http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/  
InternationalStudents/](http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/InternationalStudents/)





## Accommodation

CUI provides accommodation to international students in some of its campuses. However in some campuses students have to arrange their accommodation privately. Department of Student Affairs of relevant campus will help students in finding accommodation.



## Fees and Living Costs for International Students

International Students Fee Structure		
<i>Description</i>	<i>Graduate Programs</i>	<i>Undergraduate Programs</i>
<i>One Time Charges</i>		<i>(US Dollars)</i>
Admission Fee	250	250
Graduation Fee / Caution Money	200	200
Endowment Fund	100	100
<i>Per Semester Charges:</i>		<i>(US Dollars)</i>
Registration Fee	300	300
Tuition Fee	1,000	1,500
Lab Bench Charges/ Laboratory Fee	300	300
Health Insurance	75	75
Transport	200	200
Hostel Accommodation	500	500
Hostel Utilities/ Service Charges	300	300
<i>Meals/ Messing Charges</i>	<i>As per Actual</i>	

\*Health insurance fee is not applicable in case of self-arranged health coverage.

\*Hostel accommodation shall be provided subject to availability of space.

\*Fee rates are subject to revision in future.

The fee structure is subject to change. For up to date fee information, please visit the international student's web portal <http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/internationalstudents/>

## Frequently Asked Questions

- **Do I have to apply online?**

Yes. All applications and required documents must be submitted by email to: [int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk](mailto:int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk)

- **What documentation do I need to submit with my application?**

You must submit the following documents with your online application:

- Copy of passport (personal details page)
- 4 passport size photograph with blue background
- Certified copies of all transcripts of results, award certificates, grading systems and English translations
- Proof of English language proficiency (IELTS or TOEFL)
- Statement of Purpose or Research Plan
- 2 Letters of Reference
- Signed Foreign Students Information Sheet

If you are waiting for transcripts or results certification, you can still submit an application with a note advising when results are likely to be available. Additional documents can be sent as part of your application, when you receive them.

- **When will I receive my admission decision and how?**

CUI will send you an initial decision by email within a month after the application submission dead line.

- **I want to apply for scholarships. When do I need to do that?**

You must be eligible for one of the CUI scholarship programs with partner organizations listed on page X. In order to be considered for a scholarship, you must mark the relevant scholarship and send your application along with required documents to the concerned partner organization at the same time as your application to CUI.

- **English is my first language and I was educated in English, do I still need to complete an IELTS examination?**

All International Students must undertake either the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) Academic and achieve a minimum score of 5.0 in all areas, or the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a minimum score of either 60 (internet-based test), 177 (computed-based test), or 500 (paper based test). Alternatively, an English proficiency certificate from the last institution attended will also be accepted as proof of English language proficiency.

- **Will my CUI qualification be recognised in my home country?**

All CUI qualifications are recognised for professional recognition in Pakistan, with transferability in most countries, however it is advised that students check the professional recognition requirements in their respective home countries before deciding to apply to CUI.

- **How much does it cost to study in Pakistan?**

Detailed information on the cost of living and studying in Pakistan can be found on page 23.

- **Are there any scholarships available for studying at CUI?**

Scholarships are available for MS degree programs at CUI. Detailed information on the various scholarships offered can be found on page 26.

- **What kinds of research opportunities are available?**

There are various research groups working within different departments of the university, some of which have been highlighted on page 14. You can join a research group based upon your area of interest.

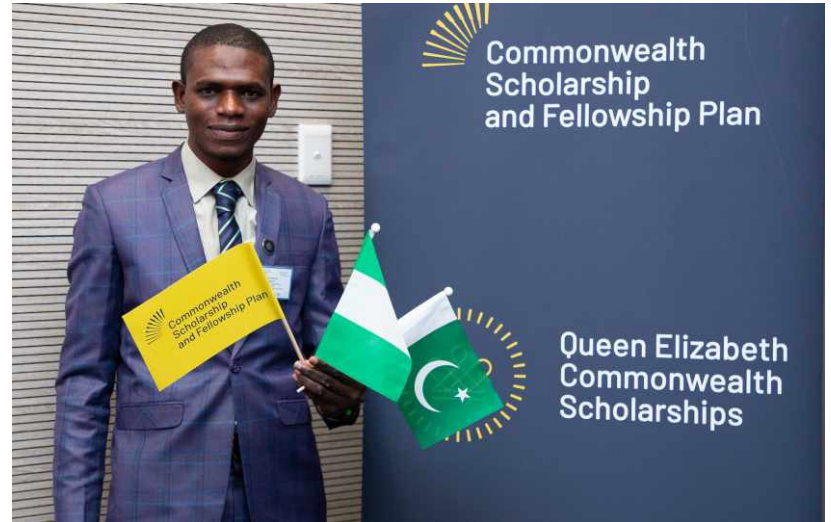


- **How can I get my visa extended?**

You have to apply for the extension of your visa (stay in Pakistan) well before 6 weeks of expiring of your visa. Application procedure is available at international student's web portal. It is the sole responsibility of students to get their visas extended before expiry.

- **What is degree equivalence?**

- Get equivalence of last degree (Bachelor's degree) in case of getting admission in Master's program from Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan.
- Get equivalence of Higher Secondary School in case of Bachelors program from Inter Board Committee of Chairmen (IBCC) Islamabad.
- Equivalence will determine the years, grades and legality of your education.



## Scholarships Opportunities

As with any dynamic institution, CUI's long term goal too is to promote socio economic development through education, research and outreach. Hence, CUI as a first step extends well endowed scholarship programs for the international students who are looking for a potential school to pursue further studies. The International Office manages all the scholarships for international students, forms bonds with other institutions and governments to create a platform to study in a different yet compatible environment.

Different types of scholarships are offered at CUI. For details see below:

- CUI Scholarships for COMSATS Member Countries
- CUI Scholarships for OIC/ISESCO member countries
- ICTP Scholarships (International Centre for Theoretical Physics)
- HEC Scholarships;
  - ✓ Prime Minister Scholarships for Afghan Students under HEC
  - ✓ Scholarships for Least Developed Countries (OIC) under HEC
  - ✓ Allama Muhammad Iqbal Scholarship for Afghan Students under HEC
  - ✓ Pak-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Program under HEC

### Scholarships in Collaboration with International Partners:

- CUI-TWAS Fellowship
- Queen Elizabeth Scholarships

For details please visit  
<http://ww3.comsats.edu.pk/internationalstudents/>  
 Or email at [int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk](mailto:int.admissions@comsats.edu.pk)



## Important Dates:

FALL SEMESTER	
Application deadline	30 <sup>th</sup> January (each year)
Orientation & Semester commences	First week of September
Semester Break	Mid-June to 31 <sup>st</sup> August & Mid-January to 31 <sup>st</sup> January
Exam Period	January & June



## How to Apply for Scholarships

If you are eligible for any of the scholarships mentioned in the previous section, please send all required applications and documents to the relevant partner organization and a copy to CUI. Details of eligibility criteria, how to apply and other procedures for each scholarship program can be found at <http://www3.comsats.edu.pk/internationalstudents/>



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I enjoy a lot being here in Pakistan. Guests, tourists, and visitors are always welcomed in Pakistan. Influenced by their cultural and Islamic background, Pakistani people welcome visitors with an open arm. I love Pakistani food, music, customs, and people's traditions.

COMSATS has many international students, which gave us the opportunity to share culture with both Pakistani and international students. CUI contains many students from countries such as Gambia, Nigeria, Ghana, Afghanistan and many more. I found professors in the university friendly, professional, and cooperative. The international office also is very helpful and cooperative with me since the moment I was picked up from the airport until this moment.

When I need anything, my Pakistani friends never hesitate to show their readiness to help me. I always have the feeling that I am in my home country. The warmth and hospitality I found here will always remain in my mind.

*- Ahmed Donia*

PhD Scholar - Microbiology & Immunology  
Department of BioSciences

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\*If you are an international/foreign exchange student studying in CUI, share your story at [socialmedia@comsats.edu.pk](mailto:socialmedia@comsats.edu.pk) or WhatsApp: 0092-335-0544005







## Organizations



## Countries



## TEAM - INTERNATIONAL ADMISSION UNIT

Our international admission unit team provide support and advice for prospective and current international student at CUI, Pakistan. Our expertise covers immigration, visas and how to adopt to life in Pakistan.

## Support and Advise

To make your time in Pakistan happy and productive we want to make sure you have access to support, advise and useful contacts.

The international admission unit team offers information and advise for all the international students providing professional and confidential support on:

- Pre-arrival advisory (visa, security clearness and important luggage to carry with you).
- Helping you (and your family if applicable) settle in Pakistan when you arrive.
- Providing information about the local area and places for interest.
- Understanding the culture and developing integration skills.
- Provide support in visa extension and police registration.
- General advise to what is available at campus to enable you to make the most of your time here.
- Upcoming events and useful information.

## Team Members



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Completed his Master's degree from university of the Manchester in Management Information Systems (Change and development), Mr. Kashif is among one of the pioneer member of International Admissions Unit (IAU). He is very passionate in supporting students ensuring that all of our international students are able to fully enjoy and benefit from their experience at CUI. Being incharge IAU, he is focal point of contact for advice and guidance i.e. admissions, scholarships, visa, immigration and security clearance etc.



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