INTRODUCTION

At ADA University, students enjoy ownership of their education. We offer various types of financial aid resources. ADA University is committed to making these options available to help students obtain the education and achieve their professional and career goals.

Financial aid resources in ADA University are designed to encourage outstanding academic performance and enforce the principles of Global Leadership and Responsible Citizenship. These principles are driven from the Four Pillars that reflect the foundations of our mission. At ADA University, we strongly believe that today's leaders are men and women who distinguish themselves with their integrity, ethics, outstanding performance and commitment to give back to society.

We value the academic merit and performance of our students, and we tend to reward it through generous scholarships, fellowships, and awards. Even though we offer a paid education at ADA University, our students may obtain a completely free education in both the Master and Bachelor’s programs. For example, those who consistently excel in their studies are eligible to receive full scholarship. This, along with other scholarships at ADA University, is merit based only.

At ADA, we are committed to provide outstanding education and promote intellectual inquiry; however, we also know that we are a part of a larger society, where we share responsibility towards each other. Hence, we aspire to give back to society and make a positive impact on the world around us.

In addition to the numerous fellowships, scholarships and awards, ADA University also offers bank loans and employment opportunities (Work Study Program, 20hrs/Week Maximum) to help our students finance their education.
MERIT-BASED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

are open to all Azerbaijani nationals who have been admitted to one of ADA University’s degree-granting schools.

HASAN BAY ZARDABI SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered for the first year of undergraduate studies only. It awards incoming undergraduate students for their outstanding academic performance prior to being enrolled at ADA University.

To be eligible, the applicant must score 690-700 in the SSAC/TQDK or 2370-2400 in the SAT I exam. Eligible students receive a 100 percent tuition waiver for the first year of study at ADA University.

NATAVAN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is offered for the first semester of undergraduate studies only. It awards incoming undergraduate students for their high academic performance prior to being enrolled at ADA University.

To be eligible, the applicant must score 640-689 in the SSAC/TQDK or 2190-2369 in the SAT I exam. Eligible students receive a 100 percent tuition waiver for the first semester of study at ADA University.

MERIT-BASED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING STUDENTS

are open to all Azerbaijani nationals who have been admitted to one of ADA University’s degree-granting schools.

SAMAD VURGUN SCHOLARSHIP

For graduate students, each program sets aside a certain percentage of the tuition revenues (not to exceed 15% of the first semester tuition revenues) to award the incoming class with merit-based scholarships.
Distribution of the scholarships among the admitted students is done according to the following ranking, in a descending order until all funds are exhausted.

First, applicant must be admitted by the Admission Committee, then, must be rated at top 50 percent of the incoming class by the Financial Aid Committee. Top 50 percent is determined as per results of the interview scores.

The scores are calculated based on the following rules:

*Interview Results*

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Eligible students receive a tuition waiver of up to 100 percent of the tuition revenue for the first semester of study at ADA University, as determined by the Financial Aid Committee. If a candidate is denied by at least one member of the Admission Committee, his/her application for scholarship will not be considered.
MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR RETURNING UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

are open to all students who are enrolled in one of ADA University’s degree-granting schools and are renewable for the duration of studies when certain criteria are met.

MIRZA FATALI AKHUNDOV SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship awards students for their outstanding academic performance. To be eligible, students must maintain a full load coursework and accumulate a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.80 or higher. It is awarded on a semester basis. Eligible students receive a 100 percent tuition waiver. In addition, recipients are expected to work a minimum of 20 service hours at ADA University, preferably, as graduate research assistants for ADA University faculty.

AHMAD BAY AGAOGLU SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship awards students for their high academic performance. To be eligible, students must maintain a full load coursework and

a) accumulate a Grade Point Average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.79

b) be at top 10 percent of their class

Note: top 10 percent of the class is determined excluding the recipients in the list of Mirza Fatali Akhundov Scholarship.

This scholarship is awarded on a semester basis as submitted by School Deans. Eligible students receive a 20 percent tuition waiver.
NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

Eligibility criteria for need-based scholarships are determined by the policies of the Government of Azerbaijan, which are endorsed by ADA University.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIPS

ALIMARDAN BAY TOPCHUBASHOV FELLOWSHIP

is open to all international undergraduate and graduate applicants who have been admitted to one of ADA University’s degree-granting schools and are renewable for the duration of studies when certain criteria are met upon availability of funds.

Alimardan Bay Topchubashov Fellowship covers the tuition fee and rent of housing only. Fellowship recipients are expected to cover all other expenses, including books, student fees and utilities.

Mission and Objectives

The world is shrinking fast, and social, economic, and political interactions among countries and peoples are becoming more frequent. Today these challenges are more complicated than ever before and require a greater skill than perhaps at any other time in human history.

At ADA University, we are committed to establish an outstanding education and training for our own citizens in Azerbaijan, but we realize that our growing nation also has a responsibility to bring first-class international education and leadership training for others in the region and the world. We wish to promote intellectual inquiry on a wide range of topics.

Therefore, ADA University has launched an International Fellowship program meant to prepare global leaders who have a strong commitment to serve a public cause.

The purpose of our International Fellowship is to:

• Prepare innovative leaders with vision and global perspective

• Encourage commitment to public service and further contribute to its development
• Participate actively in international human capacity enhancement efforts
• Enhance diversity of student body at ADA University
• Promote further intellectual inquiry on international topics
• Help to strengthen bilateral relations between Azerbaijan and friendly countries.

**Fellowship Requirements:**

1. Applicants should first be admitted into ADA University.

2. Previous work experience in public sector and/or commitment to serve in public sector is valued most.

3. Incoming undergraduate fellows are eligible to receive a 100 percent tuition waiver for the first year of their studies.

4. Incoming graduate fellows are eligible to receive a 100 percent tuition waiver for the first semester of their studies.

5. To retain the fellowship, the eligibility criteria are as follows:

   • Returning undergraduate and graduate fellows must maintain a full load coursework and accumulate a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.80 or higher to receive a 100 percent tuition waiver for the next semester of study. In addition, recipients are expected to work a minimum of 20 service hours at ADA University.

   • Returning undergraduate and graduate fellows must maintain a full load coursework and accumulate a Grade Point Average (GPA) between 3.50 and 3.79 to receive a 50 percent tuition waiver for the next semester of study.

   • International fellows, whose GPA is 3.50 and above are eligible to receive a housing allowance. International fellows, whose GPA falls below 3.50 are required to cover their own housing.
AWARDS

HAJI ZEYNALABDIN TAGIYEV AWARD (HZT)

At ADA University, we uphold and continue the best traditions of our nation. At the end of each academic year, ADA University presents groups of students with an important award named after Haji Zeynalabdin Taghiyev. Haji Zeynalabdin Taghiyev was Azerbaijan's renowned philanthropist, who invested his wealth in numerous projects that benefited the nation. His initiatives and projects helped to modernize Azerbaijan and turn it into a showcase of tolerance and intellectual advancement.

The purpose of the Award is to transform the university into a community, where a sense of citizenship and social responsibility is upheld and endorsed. This prestigious Award promotes such values as civic engagement, social responsibility, teamwork and caring for others.

HZT Award is offered in the amount of 5,000 AZN divided among the three groups of students whose projects have been selected as finalists.

First Place: 2500 AZN  
Second Place: 1500 AZN  
Third Place: 1000 AZN

HZT Award is covered by ADA students: a portion of student fees collected each year is appropriated to sponsor this important initiative of responsible and active citizenship.

Eligibility Requirements and Selection Criteria:

• To be eligible, a student or a group of students must device an initiative which they then develop into a feasible project. A minimum of 3 students must participate in each team;

• The project must have a positive impact on ADA University, its immediate neighborhood and/or larger society;

• Project must be planned and completed by the members of the team with their own resources and without funding support from ADA University;

• Faculty and staff may join students and participate in teams. In such cases, they may not use their privileges to gain advantage for their team neither can they sit on the Award Committee.
Timelines

HZT Award is announced at the beginning of each academic year. All teams must complete their projects by no later than April 25. An Award Committee, comprised of faculty, students and staff, reviews the projects and selects the finalists by no later than April 30. The HZT Award is presented on May 2\textsuperscript{nd} at a gala celebration with all ADA community.

The HZT Award is not linked to GPA at all. In addition, the team winning the award can spend it as deemed appropriate by the team members.