

The TFAHUM Program

1. Context

As part of its mandate in the areas of Education, Science and Culture, ISESCO puts human capital development among its top priorities. The most obvious mission of the higher Education system is to train competent human resources capable enough to contribute effectively to sustainable Economic, Social and Cultural development of countries. As such, this makes Higher Education an agent of socioeconomic development with a role to play in improving the quality of life of citizens.

To this end, ISESCO launched during the Seventh Islamic Conference of Ministers of Higher Education and Scientific Research (18-19 December 2014, ISESCO Headquarters, Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco), a major project, TFAHUM program, in partnership with FUIW that focused on students exchange program among higher education institutions in the Arab, African and Asian regions.

2. Objectives

Considering the various challenges facing the higher Education systems in the ISESCO's Member States marked by training-employment mismatches and poor access to quality training services, and exponentially growing numbers of students, which all require new funding sources, and in a bid to strengthen education focused cooperation, ISESCO's TFAHUM Program seeks to:

- Promote international cooperation between academic institutions and communities.
- Develop cultural awareness and understanding among students.
- Promote and create linkages between peoples.
- Contribute to a better understanding among young people and the educational staff of cultural diversity by helping them to acquire the proficiency and basic skills necessary for youth's personal development, employability and active citizenship.
- Enhance partnerships among universities and prestigious schools in the Member States by creating a credit transfer system among universities to ensure homogeneous validation of curricula.
- Develop mobility of students, (studies, training, internships), teachers, researchers and staff of private and public institutions wishing to strengthen their capacity, with the ultimate aim of improving communication between Member States.
- Develop a university-enterprise synergy (sharing best practices, experiences and know-how) as the cornerstone of higher education development, while promoting a culture of innovation in universities.
- Encourage the learning of foreign languages.

3. Program Tafahum's partner

- The Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World (**FUIW**)
- The [Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie](#), one of the most important Higher Education and research associations in the world. The AUF is managing the distribution of the scholarships

4. General Conditions of Eligibility

- To opt for a curriculum that is among the core components of the program in which the student is enrolled at the University of Origin.
- To have completed the Master degree.
- To sign a Learning Agreement specifying the conditions to be met prior to departure.

5. Beneficiaries of the Programme

- Students (Master degree) in the field of Science and Technology, Engineering, Business and Management from Universities of ISESCO'S Members States.

The Students eligible for the TAFAHUM Program are fully assisted by ISESCO which supports their accommodation, air tickets and insurance during their stay as well as other expenses (books, other materials, local transportation, internet usage, etc).



Graph1 : Mobility Student's in 2016

- For 2016: 10 students from the Universities below benefited from the Tafahum exchange program (September- December 2016)
 - Abdelmalek Essaadi- Tangier, Tetouan- UAE- Morocco
 - University of Monastir- UM-Tunisia
 - University Ibn Tofail of Kénitra – UIT-Morocco
 - University of Sousse- US- Tunisia

- For 2017: 18 students (Master degree) from the Universities below are benefiting from the Tafahum exchange program (September- December 2017).
 - Abdelmalek Essaadi University, UAE-Tetouan, Maroc.
 - Mohammed V University, Rabat, Maroc.
 - Ibn Tofail University, Kenitra, Maroc.
 - Cheikh Anta Diop University, Sénégal.
 - Félix Houphouët-Boigny University, Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire
 - Al Asrya University of Nouakchott, Mauritania



Graph2 : Mobility Student's in 2017