

Azerbaijan PhD Scholarship

"Heydar Aliyev International Education Grant Program 2026/2027"

I. Documents to be submitted

1. Copy of the bank voucher of application fee paid (proof of the online payment)
2. Covering letter (application)
3. Copy of the citizenship card
4. Curriculum vitae
5. Copy of the academic records (transcripts of Bachelor and Master)
6. Copy of the letter of equivalence (if any degree pursued from abroad universities)
7. Proposal
8. Proof of IELTS or TOEFL score

II. Evaluation (Selection) Criteria

Criteria	Marks (Total = 125)
Academic records	Total mark = 20 Bachelor = 10 + Master = 10 (Distinction = 10, First Division = 8)
Publication	Total mark = 10 Impact factor journal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3, 2.5, 2 and 1.5 marks to each article published in Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4, respectively (100% for main, 75% for the corresponding and 50% for member authors) Peer reviewed international journal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.5 mark to each article (100% for main, 75% for the corresponding and 50% for member authors) Peer-reviewed journal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 mark to each article (100% for main, 75% for the corresponding and 50% for member authors) Research reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0.5 mark to each report (100% for PI, and 50% for co-PI/member)
Experience (work experience in the field of agricultural teaching, research, extension/development)	Total mark = 10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 mark to each one year of experience
Proposal	Total mark = 60
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>100</i>
Presentation and interview	Total mark = 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation = 10 • Interview = 15
Total	125

III. Selection process

Three candidates will be short-listed based on the total marks obtained from academic records, publication, experience and quality of the proposal. Short-listed candidates will be invited for the presentation and interviewed to select one successful candidate and one alternative candidate.

IV. Elements of the Proposal (not more than 5000 words)

a. Synopsis

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Background
- 1.2 Statement of the problem
- 1.3 Rationale of the Study
- 1.4 Objectives (General and Specific)

2. Materials and Methods

- 2.1 Site selection (Description)
- 2.2 Design and Treatment Details
- 2.3 Variables/Data/Parameters
- 2.4 Data Analysis (Tools and Techniques)

3. Calander of activities (Gantt Chart)

4. Scope and limitations of the study

5. Ethical considerations

6. Association to national priority

7. References

V. Criteria for Proposal Evaluation (Total marks = 100)

SN	Basis of evaluation	Full marks	Marks obtained
1	Association to national priority	10	
2	Novelty of research	10	
3	Clarity of methodology	20	
4	Practicality of the research	5	
5	Importance to national agriculture	10	
6	Quality of writing and formating	5	
	Total	60	

VI. Eligibility criteria

- Applicant must have M.Sc. Agriculture (or equivalent) with major in Soil Science at least in first division
- The language of study of the previous education (master) must be English
- Candidate must be below 45 years as of 15/09/2026
- Candidate must have 5.5 of IELTS or 50 of TOEFL score