Summary

Need-based financial assistance is available to students of all nationalities through the Hamad Bin Khalifa Financial Aid Program administered by Qatar Foundation.

- Loans of up to 100 percent of the cost of tuition and fees are made to families based on their unique financial circumstances.
- The loans can be repaid either by financial installments or by time served working in Qatar immediately following graduation.
- To apply for financial aid, a separate application must be submitted online through the following webpage: http://myeducationcity.com

Eligibility & Decision Making

Financial aid is awarded based on each student’s financial situation. The decision relies on a uniform method of need analysis, i.e. families must demonstrate that they qualify for aid. In order to be eligible, a student must:

- Be admitted to one of the universities in Education City
- Submit all documents required by the QF Financial Aid Office

The Financial Aid Committee does not guarantee to meet 100 percent need even if a student qualifies for aid.

Please note: Students residing outside of Qatar are only eligible to receive loans up to 90% of the cost of attendance at Carnegie Mellon Qatar, according to the policy of Qatar Foundation.

Aid Application Timing

Although an admission decision from Carnegie Mellon will not be available until mid-April, we strongly recommend that students complete the financial aid application by March 31 in order to maximize their chance of receiving an award notification in a timely manner. The final piece of document for the financial aid application is the acceptance letter from Carnegie Mellon, once final decisions are made available by mid-April. In some cases it may take the Financial Aid Office three months to make a decision, so the sooner your application is completed the sooner you’ll receive a decision.

Loan Repayment Plans

Loan Repayment Option 1:

Once you graduate and get a job, you’ll pay 15 percent of your salary to Qatar Foundation until the loan amount is fully repaid.

Loan Repayment Option 2:

If you stay and work in Qatar at an approved company, the entire loan can be forgiven within 2-6 years.

The QF Financial Aid Office requires students to choose either of the above plans within six months of graduation. Students interested in pursuing graduate studies will need to talk to the Financial Aid Committee to see if they may defer their repayment plan. This is not guaranteed.

What if I don’t receive financial aid?

Not all financial aid applicants receive the aid amount they are expecting. Students should make all necessary backup plans to self-finance their education. Carnegie Mellon does not participate in the financial aid decision process and unfortunately cannot help in such a situation.

Students who wish to appeal a financial aid decision made by the Financial Aid Committee may do so under one of the following circumstances:

- The student believes that submitting additional documentation or information may change the demonstrated family need.
- An unexpected change occurs in the family’s financial situation after the original decision has been issued.