Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan

Now Accepting Applications by Non-U.S. Citizens

Deadline to Apply: March 1, 2018

Program Overview

The Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP-AIPS) is **accepting applications from non-U.S. Citizens** for its Fall 2018 intensive Urdu language immersion program based at Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) in Pakistan. Jointly administered by the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the Berkeley Urdu Language Program in Pakistan (BULPIP) at the University of California, Berkeley, this Urdu language program will offer daily classroom instruction, five days a week, for approximately fifteen weeks. Classes will be small and individual tutorials provided. There will be regular assignments outside of class and special emphasis will be placed on connecting with the local speech community as well as self-management of learning. Participants will need to take part in all program events, such as attending films and plays in Lahore and other cultural activities, including a weeklong excursion to Islamabad, Murree, Taxila, Katas Raj, and elsewhere.

Program Eligibility

To be eligible for the program all applicants must meet ONE of the outlined criteria:

1) Completion of a Bachelor's program from an accredited U.S. University,
2) Enrollment in an accredited graduate level university program,
3) Affiliation as a scholar/faculty person with an institution of higher learning in the U.S.

Participation in the BULPIP-AIPS Program is also contingent upon:

1) Demonstrating intermediate level expertise in Urdu before starting the program,
2) Conducting a Skype interview with the selection committee,
3) Applicant's ability to obtain a visa for Pakistan,
4) Being in good mental and physical health.

All qualified students, regardless of race, sex, color, creed, age, handicap, or sexual orientation are welcome.

Application Requirements

The following applications materials must be emailed to bulpip-aips@berkeley.edu by **5 pm (Pacific Standard Time), March 1, 2018**:

1) Application Form (available at):

http://southasia.berkeley.edu/sites/default/files/shared/BULPIP/BULPIP_Application_Form.pdf

2) Curriculum Vitae or Resume,
3) Official transcripts of all post-secondary educational institutions attended,
4) Two recommendations (with at least one from a person who can assess your Urdu language skills),
5) Application Fee: All applicants must pay a non-refundable $50 application fee to cover processing expenses. Mail checks or money orders to:

Berkeley-AIPS Urdu Language Program - 2018
Institute of South Asia Studies
University of California, Berkeley
10 Stephens Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-2310

Please attach a brief cover letter stating the purpose of the check and your name. Applications will not be considered until the fee has been processed.

Application Timeline

All applications **MUST** be received by **5pm (Pacific Standard Time), March 1, 2018.** Skype interview of shortlisted candidates will be scheduled in the middle of March.

Program Dates: August 21, 2018 through December 12, 2018 (subject to slight changes).

Program Costs

1) The program fee for the fall semester program is $7,900 which includes tuition, housing, security, local transportation, and excursion costs,
2) Applicants who are non-U.S. citizens will need to procure their own funding and to cover the following additional expenses:

   o Program fee,
   o Plane tickets to Pakistan,
   o Pakistan Visa Fee,
   o Travel & Emergency Evacuation Insurance coverage for the duration of the program,
   o Cost of food and incidentals for the duration of the program roughly (estimated at $400 per month).