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Subject: **Admissions Open for the Afaaq Program at Sultan Qaboos University**

Reference is invited to the enclosed self-explanatory communication No. DHM-1/1/2025, dated July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, regarding the subject cited above.

2. Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) has announced a new Bachelor's program named the **Afaaq Program** for international students. Which is designed to welcome international applicants seeking to pursue a bachelor's degree for the academic year 2025–2026. For complete information about the Afaaq program, please visit the following link:

<https://www.squ.edu.om/admissions/admissions/AFAAQ-PROGRAMS>

3. Sultan Qaboos University (SQU) is the premier public university in the Sultanate of Oman. Established in 1986, it is recognized for its high academic standards and global research contributions. The university is officially listed in the World Higher Education Database (WHED) and has demonstrated a steady upward trend in QS World University Rankings.

4. You are kindly requested to disseminate this information to all relevant departments so that eligible candidates may take full advantage of this valuable opportunity. The deadline for submission of applications is August 20, 2025.

5. Please note that Higher Education Commission (HEC) will not bear any financial liability for the aforementioned Afaaq program.

With best regards,

Encl: **As Above**

**Ismat Ikhlaq**  
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**Email Message**

From : Parep Muscat  
To : Higher Education Commission, Islamabad  
Rptd : MoFA Islamabad  
No : DHM-1/1/2025  
Dated : July 16, 2025

*Muscat, Oman*

**Chairman from Deputy Head of Mission**

Rptd: Director General (ME)

Subject: **Afaaq Program at Sultan Qaboos University**

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Sultanate of Oman has informed this Mission that Sultan Qaboos University has launched Afaaq Program which is designed to accept international students to earn bachelor degree for the Academic year 2025/2026. Last date for submission of application is **August 20, 2025**. In order to get information about the Afaaq program following link may be visited:

<https://www.squ.edu.om/admissions/Admissions/AFAAQ-PROGRAMS>

2. Higher Education Commission is requested to widely disseminate the details of Afaaq program through its website and social media accounts so that interested students can apply for this program.

**Encl: As Above**

*Respectful Regards.*

*Bilal Hassan*  
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