

1.3.1 - Does your university as a body have targets to admit students who fall into the bottom 20% of household income group (or a more tightly defined target) in the country?

Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University recognizes that higher education must be accessible to all segments of society, especially to those from low-income households who represent the bottom 20% of the national income distribution. Through a comprehensive system of state-funded grants, targeted scholarships, and institutional aid, ASOIU ensures that academic merit and potential are never hindered by financial barriers.

The university's policy aligns with the objectives of SDG 1 by promoting inclusive education, ensuring equal opportunity for students from disadvantaged social backgrounds, and supporting their participation in technical and scientific fields that drive national progress.

Beyond the national government scholarship system, ASOIU has established a number of named scholarships honoring distinguished Azerbaijani scientists, academicians, and professors. Each scholarship reflects the university's tradition of excellence and social responsibility, providing monthly stipends to students from different faculties who demonstrate both academic excellence and economic need:

1. ASOIU Governmental Scholarship

All students who demonstrate high academic performance in national entrance exams are eligible for state-funded scholarships. These awards are financed through the Ministry of Science and Education and cover full tuition fees and a monthly stipend. This mechanism guarantees that students from the bottom 20 % of household income groups can access university education based solely on merit and without financial barriers.

- Governmental merit-based scholarships (130–150 AZN per month for undergraduate and master's levels).



<https://e-qanun.az/framework/32086>

2. ASOIU SABAH Groups Scholarship

The SABAH Groups Project was launched in the 2014-15 academic year under the supervision of the Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan. Students in SABAH groups enjoy multiple supports beyond

ordinary study such as additional scholarship/stipend and privileges such as free dormitory and food. SABAH project supports the social inclusion goal by:

- Offering scholarships and benefits that reduce financial burden for students.
- Prioritising high-ability students regardless of background, which opens pathways for talented students from low-income families.
- Integrating students into advanced curricula and international standards thus enhancing long-term opportunities and reducing poverty-related barriers.
- Because tuition-free or scholarship-enabled study lessens the cost barrier, the programme contributes to the aim of admitting and supporting students from economically disadvantaged households.



<https://sabah.edu.az/>

3. Academician Xoşbəxt Yusifzadə Scholarship

Academician Xoşbəxt Yusifzadə, a legendary geologist and First Vice President of SOCAR, dedicated his life to the development of Azerbaijan's offshore oil fields. To honor his legacy, ASOIU awards this scholarship annually to students of Petroleum Engineering and Oil-and-Gas Production who exhibit outstanding academic performance and come from families with limited financial means. Recipients receive 130 AZN (undergraduate) or 150 AZN (master's) monthly. The scholarship encourages future petroleum engineers to follow Yusifzadə's example of scientific integrity and national service.



<https://news.milli.az/country/485950.html>

4. Academician Akif Əlizadə Scholarship

Professor Akif Əlizadə, former President of the Azerbaijan National Academy of Sciences, is known for his pioneering work in geology and stratigraphy. His scholarship supports students in the Geology and Environmental Engineering Faculties, particularly those engaged in sustainable resource management and earth science research. It offers 130–150 AZN monthly, with preference given to students from low-income households, ensuring that financial difficulty does not prevent talented geoscience students from continuing their education.

<https://news.milli.az/country/645427.html>

5. Scientist Farman Salmanov Scholarship

Farman Salmanov (1931–2007) was an Azerbaijani geologist renowned for his daring and successful exploration of oil in Western Siberia, leading to the discovery of over 100 major oil and gas fields. His work significantly impacted the Soviet and Russian oil industries, and in his honor the Azerbaijani government approved his commemoration through various means — including a named scholarship at Azerbaijan State Oil and Industry University (ASOIU). The Farman Salmanov Scholarship was established by presidential decree to support two gifted students at ASOIU. This named award adds to the suite of scholarships designed to promote both academic excellence and broader access to students who may face economic disadvantage.



https://asoiu.edu.az/single_news/998

6. Academician Azad Mirzəcanzadə Scholarship

Azad Mirzəcanzadə was one of the founding fathers of modern Azerbaijani oil engineering. His scientific achievements laid the foundation for hydrocarbon production technologies still used today. ASOIU annually awards this scholarship to two bachelor's and one master's student in Oil and Gas Engineering or Energy Economics, each receiving 130 or 150 AZN per month. The award prioritizes candidates from underprivileged families, echoing the principles of fairness and social mobility championed by Mirzəcanzadə.

7. Academician Yusif Məmmədəliyev Scholarship

Named after Yusif Məmmədəliyev, one of the founders of the Azerbaijani oil refining school and a pioneer of catalytic processes, this scholarship supports students of Chemical Engineering and Petrochemical Processes. Two recipients (one bachelor, one master) are selected annually, receiving 130 and 150 AZN respectively. The scholarship motivates students from modest financial backgrounds to engage in scientific innovation, particularly in renewable and alternative energy research.

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8. Academician Murtuza Nağıyev Scholarship

Academician Murtuza Nağıyev made substantial contributions to organic synthesis and the development of Azerbaijani chemistry education. This scholarship provides 130–150 AZN per month to one undergraduate and one graduate student from the Chemical Technology or Industrial Ecology faculties. It especially supports students whose families cannot afford tuition and housing, thereby bridging educational inequality.



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9. Academician İbrahim İsmayılov Scholarship

Dedicated to Professor İbrahim İsmayılov, a leading structural engineer specializing in marine and offshore constructions, this award helps students from Civil and Construction Engineering disciplines. The scholarship amount (130–150 AZN) assists talented but financially vulnerable students, reinforcing ASOIU's effort to foster inclusive participation in infrastructure and offshore engineering development.

10. Academician Məmməd-Paşa Quluzadə and Professor İsrail Quliyev Joint Scholarship

This joint scholarship commemorates two renowned figures in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Each year, one undergraduate and one graduate student—selected for academic merit and economic need—receive 130–150 AZN monthly. The award encourages technical creativity and innovation among students from working-class and rural families, who often face financial constraints while studying in high-demand engineering fields.

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11. Professor Rafiq Əliyev Scholarship

Professor Rafiq Əliyev, a celebrated mathematician and control systems scientist, established a foundation of computational modeling and automation theory in Azerbaijan. His scholarship supports two master's students in Computer Science, Automation, or Control Systems, providing 150 AZN monthly. It often goes to students from low-income families showing high potential in algorithmic modeling or intelligent systems development.



<https://edupress.az/az/more/723>

12. Çingiz Cuvanlı Scholarship

Economist and energy analyst Professor Çingiz Cuvanlı's scholarship recognizes excellence in Energy Economics and Management. The award (130–150 AZN) is targeted toward students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds who show interest in sustainable energy and digital economy transformation.

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13. Ağa Axundov Scholarship

Ağa Axundov was a pioneer of Electrical Engineering at ASOIU, contributing to the formation of the country's early power systems curriculum. This scholarship provides monthly support to one undergraduate and one master's student

(130–150 AZN) from the Electrical and Power Engineering Faculty, encouraging participation from low-income students pursuing energy-sector careers.

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14. Lütfi-Zadə Scholarship

Named after the world-renowned Azerbaijani-American scientist Lotfi A. Zadeh, inventor of Fuzzy Logic, this scholarship is one of the most prestigious at ASOIU. Each year, one undergraduate and one master's student from Computer Engineering and Artificial Intelligence disciplines receive 130 and 150 AZN monthly. The award promotes excellence in digital technology and supports students who face socioeconomic barriers in pursuing advanced computer science studies.

<https://www.facebook.com/Azii1920.ADNSU/posts/adnsu-t%C9%99l%C9%99b%C9%99l%C9%99ri-%C3%BC%C3%A7%C3%BCn-t%C9%99qa%C3%BCd-imkanlar%C4%B1/1072253505053472/>

15. Mövsüm bəy Xanlarov Scholarship

Professor Mövsüm bəy Xanlarov was a prominent chemical engineer and educator, instrumental in advancing petrochemical research. At ASOIU's French-Azerbaijani University (UFAZ), 12 undergraduate students are selected annually for this scholarship, each receiving 150 AZN per month. The program supports students enrolled in dual-language programs (Azerbaijani–French), many of whom come from low-income families from Azerbaijan's regions.

<https://www.ufaz.az/en/news/the-winners-of-the-m-khanlarov-scholarship-have-been-announced/>

16. Eyyub Tağıyev Scholarship

Dedicated to Professor Eyyub Tağıyev, a leading figure in chemical technology, this scholarship is awarded to 28 master's students at UFAZ. Each receives 250 AZN monthly, supporting advanced research and laboratory work. The recipients are often first-generation university students or from families with limited financial resources, continuing the tradition of socially responsible higher education.

<https://www.ufaz.az/en/news/new-scholarship-opportunity-for-ufaz-masters-students/>

In addition to named university scholarships, ASOIU partners with corporate sponsors and industry programmes to provide financial support specifically to students from lower-income households. This institutional-industry collaboration strengthens access for socially disadvantaged students and complements the university's internal fee-exemption-and-aid scheme:

17. Azercell Telecom LLC – Student Scholarship / Bursary Programme

Introduced by Azercell, this long-running initiative aims to support high-potential university students across Azerbaijan, especially in fields such as information technology, cybersecurity, data science, business analytics and marketing. The programme offers a monthly scholarship (recently ~ 300 AZN) throughout the remaining period of bachelor studies for selected winners. In addition to financial aid, the selected students gain access to internships at

Azercell, professional development events, mentorship, and industry exposure — which helps to ease financial burdens and enhance career readiness. At ASOIU, students have been awarded under this programme, strengthening the university’s partnership with industry and its support for talented students from less advantaged backgrounds.



https://asoiu.edu.az/single_news/2819

18. PASHA Holding – “Əlaçı”Scholarship

Launched in 2022 as part of PASHA Holding’s corporate social responsibility efforts, the “Əlaçı” Scholarship Programme targets third- and fourth-year undergraduate students and aims to support both their academic success and professional development. For each one-year cohort, participants receive a monthly stipend and take part in a structured development curriculum including a 3-month personal-growth marathon, offline training sessions, one-to-one mentorship, career simulation activities, networking with professionals from PASHA group companies, and specialist tracks (e.g., “Insurance School”). At ASOIU (via its partnership with UFAZ and other units), several students have benefited from the “Əlaçı” scholarship — enhancing the university’s ecosystem of industry-linked support for students who might otherwise face financial constraints.

<https://tehsil.biz/news/az/40003/PAA-Holding-la-tqad-programn-elan-edir>

19. Turan Drilling & Engineering Company – Scholarship Programme

The Turan Drilling & Engineering Company Scholarship Programme is part of ASOIU’s industry-partnership efforts aimed at supporting high-performing students in oil, gas and drilling-engineering related disciplines. Through this collaboration, the university and the company jointly create opportunities for students in the third year of specified faculties to receive both financial support and access to internships and professional development. This programme exemplifies how ASOIU collaborates with industry to expand access and support for students in technical disciplines—especially those who may otherwise face financial constraints. By offering both scholarship and internship components, it reduces economic barriers, aligns with career pathways, and thus contributes to the inclusion of students from potentially low-income households into higher education and professional opportunities.



https://asoiu.edu.az/single_news/2703

ASOIU's approach to social inclusion and financial equity is comprehensive. Through state-funded aid, the SABAH program, and thirteen named scholarships, the university guarantees that students from low-income households can not only access higher education but also thrive within it.

Each scholarship embodies both academic recognition and social responsibility, directly contributing to the goals of SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 4 (Quality Education) by removing financial barriers, empowering talented youth, and nurturing the next generation of scientists and engineers from all backgrounds.