



# 2021 Kazakhstan Scholarship Program

# GUIDE

## for international students

## WELCOME TO KAZAKHSTAN!

Today is a special day. Future students, you are faced with a choice that, in the future, will determine your professional activity.

Therefore, our task is to help you in providing high-quality, competitive, innovative education.

Currently, Kazakhstan is the first and only country in Central Asia recognized as a full member of the European higher education area. In this regard, the number of foreign students who have chosen Kazakhstan as their place of study and research is increasing annually. Polycultural environment allows you to quickly and easily adapt to the Kazakh identity and life. Our universities are open to all new students and are able to offer educational programs in various areas of professional activity. All higher education institutions are able to offer education in English. Kazakhstan also occupies high positions among the countries of the world in the field of security.

Acquaintance with new people, culture, traditions of Kazakhstan will leave good and warm impressions. We are sure that having chosen the education of Kazakhstan, you will receive an invaluable and unforgettable experience, will make a great contribution to your future.



## Salem, Kazakhstan!

The Republic of Kazakhstan is the largest state located at the same time both in Europe and in Asia, which does not have its own access to the ocean. The population is 18 395 660 people.



The capital – Nur-Sultan. The largest city with the population more than 1.8 million people – Almaty. Kazakhstan is the largest country of Turkic council by the territory. It is washed by waters of the midland Caspian and Aral seas. 14 regions, 87 cities are a part of Kazakhstan.

The Republic of Kazakhstan is the unitary state with a presidential government. The president is the head of state and the Supreme Commander.

The State Emblem of the Republic of Kazakhstan represents the image of a shanyrak (the top vaulted part of a yurt) on a blue background from which extensively in the form of sunshine rays (bearings) disperse in a frame of wings of mythical horses (tulpars) between which there is a five-pointed star. In the lower part of the coat of arms — the inscription of "QAZAQSTAN".

National flag of the Republic of Kazakhstan represents a rectangular panel of blue color with the image of the sun in its center with 32 beams under which there is the soaring golden eagle. At a staff — a vertical strip with a national ornament.

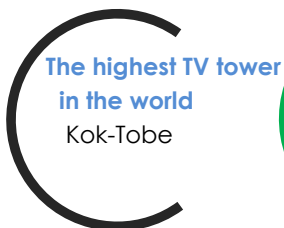
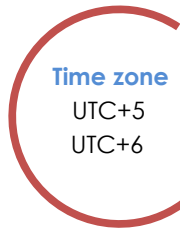




## FACTS and FIGURES

**1991, December 16** - Day of declaration of the independence of the Republic of Kazakhstan

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## CLIMATE

Climate in the Republic is generally sharp and continental, with accurately expressed seasons.

Average temperature of January — from  $-19^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the North and the northeast up to  $1^{\circ}\text{C}$  in the south, the average temperature of July — from  $17^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $31^{\circ}\text{C}$  respectively.

The summer in the country is hot and droughty.

Temperature can reach  $50^{\circ}\text{C}$  (in the city of Turkestan of the Southern Kazakhstan area). The winter in the country is low-snow fall and cold, temperature can reach  $-58^{\circ}\text{C}$  (in the city of Atbasar of the Akmola region and in the city of Pavlodar of the Pavlodar region).



## LANGUAGE

State language – Kazakh which is one of the largest languages of Turkic group. The official language used in the country along with state – Russian.

Along with the Kazakh and Russian-language mass media in the country newspapers and magazines, TV programs are in 11 languages, including Ukrainian, Polish, German, Korean, Uigur, Turkish and Dungan. In Kazakhstan 170 Sunday language centers function.



## PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

January, 1-2 - New Year's Day

March, 8 – International Women's Day

March, 21-23 – Nauryz (one of the most ancient holidays on Earth, it is as a holiday of spring and renewal of the nature)

May, 1 – Day of solidarity of people of Kazakhstan

May, 9 – Victory's Day

July, 6 – Capital's Day

August, 30 – Constitution Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan

December, 1 – First President's Day

December, 16-17 – The Independence Day





## Nur-Sultan

Nur-Sultan (earlier Akmolinsk, Tselinograd, Akmola, Astana) - a capital of the Republic of Kazakhstan from the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1997. The capital is located on river banks of Ishim. In 1999 the City according to the decision of UNESCO was entitled as "City of the World". In Nur-Sultan there are the coordinating bodies of Eurasian Economic Union. In the city holds the large activities, including sport events. So, for example, in 2011 the capital hosted the 7th winter Asian games. Besides, in 2017 the city hosted the international specialized Expo 2017 exhibition.

The economy of the city is trade, transport and communication, construction. For the purpose of attracting investors and development of new competitive productions, the Special economic zone "The New City" functions.

In Nur-Sultan more than ten higher educational institutions are located, among them there are the L. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kazakh National University of Arts, the Kazakhstan branch of M. Lomonosov Moscow State University, Nazarbayev University, etc.

The largest rivers - Ishim and Nura; lakes – Tengiz, Karasor, Korgaldzhin, Balyktykol, Kypshak. The fauna is presented by 55 kinds of animals, 180 kinds of birds and 30 kinds of fish.





## HOW TO GET HERE?

### «Nursultan Nazarbayev» International airport



You can get to the city center by city buses. Bus number 10 runs between the airport and the train station, passing through the city center. Bus number 12 travels from the airport through the city center, the final stop is “High School No. 19”. The fare in buses is 90 KZT (if paid by a transport card), 180 KZT in cash. Unified Service ASTANA TAXI. Call center - 15800, call from a city and mobile number. [www.astanaairport.kz](http://www.astanaairport.kz)

### «Nurly Zhol» railway station

New railway station opened in 2017, is trademark of the capital. From «Nurly Zhol» station you can get to some cities of Russia and China. To get to the railway station by the following buses: 2, 14, 32, 48, 50, 500, 201. [www.epay.railways.kz](http://www.epay.railways.kz), [www.temirzholy.kz](http://www.temirzholy.kz)





## “Nur-Sultan-1” railway station

From the old railway station you can get by a direct train to such cities as Semey, Kostanay, Zheskazgan, Shymkent, Almaty, Petropavlovsk, Karagandy and



other cities of Kazakhstan. From here you can get to the cities of the neighboring countries, such as Tashkent, Vitebsk, Gomel, Moscow, Bishkek and others.

Buses: № 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 31, 37, 40, 48.

## “Saparzhai” bus station



Bus station has convenient location and is near Astana railway station (in 150 meters).

Detailed map of the cities of Kazakhstan: [www.2gis.kz](http://www.2gis.kz), free app on IOS and Android.



## BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

### Who can apply?

Foreign citizen, including a person of Kazakh nationality who is not citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan

### Eligibility

- certificate or diploma of basic secondary education with a grade of no less than “good”.

### How to enter university?

The stages of competitive selection for entering Kazakhstan University:

- online registration with documents submission (<http://enic-kazakhstan.kz/en/>);
- selection of Kazakhstan university and education program;
- online testing for identification of the adaptative potential;
- online interview;
- consideration a package of documents and online testing, online interview results.

### Required documents:

- copy of identity document.
- copy of document on previous level of education (with transcript).
- motivational essay in Kazakh or Russian or English.
- letter of recommendation in Kazakh or Russian or English from the educational organization in which the applicant studied, or from the employer;
- a medical certificate for studying abroad, as well as a medical certificate about the absence of a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection) and AIDS diseases issued by an official health authority of the candidate's country of residence;
- invitation letter from Kazakhstan university (if available).

### Deadline:

7 June – 20 July, 2021



## MASTER DEGREE PROGRAMS

### Who can apply?

Foreign citizen, including a person of Kazakh nationality who is not citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan

### Eligibility

- diploma of bachelor or specialist with at least 2.33 (out of 4.0) GPA or its equivalent in educational institutions.

### How to enter university?

The stages of competitive selection for entering Kazakhstan University:

- online registration with documents submission (<http://enic-kazakhstan.kz/en/>);
- selection of Kazakhstan university and education program;
- online testing for identification of the adaptative potential;
- online interview;
- consideration a package of documents and online testing, online interview results.

### Required documents:

- copy of identity document.
- copy of document on previous level of education (with transcript).
- motivational essay in Kazakh or Russian or English.
- letter of recommendation in Kazakh or Russian or English from the educational organization in which the applicant studied, or from the employer;
- a medical certificate for studying abroad, as well as a medical certificate about the absence of a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection) and AIDS diseases issued by an official health authority of the candidate's country of residence;
- invitation letter from Kazakhstan university (if available).

### Deadline:

7 June – 20 July, 2021



## DOCTORAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

### Who can apply?

Foreign citizen, including a person of Kazakh nationality who is not citizen of the Republic of Kazakhstan

### Eligibility

- Master's degree with an average score of at least 2.33 (from 4.0) GPA or its equivalent in educational institutions;
- international certificate of proficiency in a foreign language.

### How to enter university?

The stages of competitive selection for entering Kazakhstan University:

- online registration with documents submission (<http://enic-kazakhstan.kz/en/>);
- selection of Kazakhstan university and education program;
- online testing for identification of the adaptive potential;
- online interview;
- consideration a package of documents and online testing, online interview results.

### Required documents:

- copy of identity document.
- copy of document on previous level of education (with transcript).
- motivational essay in Kazakh or Russian or English.
- letter of recommendation in Kazakh or Russian or English from the educational organization in which the applicant studied, or from the employer;
- a medical certificate for studying abroad, as well as a medical certificate about the absence of a human immunodeficiency virus (HIV infection) and AIDS diseases issued by an official health authority of the candidate's country of residence;
- invitation letter from Kazakhstan university (if available).
- proposal of the dissertation research in Kazakh or Russian or English.
- international certificate, confirming the language skills:  
English language:  
TOEFL ITP – no less than 460 score,



TOEFL IBT – no less than 46 score,  
TOEFL PBT – no less than 453 score,  
IELTS – no less than 5.5;  
Duolingo English Test no less than 85 score.

German language:

DSH, Niveau B2,

TestDaF-Prüfung Niveau B2;

French language:

TFI – not lower than B2 level on reading and listening sections,

DELF – B2 level,

DALF – B2 level,

TCF – no less than 50 score.

An international certificate confirming the possession of a foreign language by a person for whom these languages are native is not required.

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## VISA AND MIGRATION PROCEDURES

### General requirements

Immigration regulations may be liable to change on short notice; prospective visitors are advised to check on the current situation before departure (<http://mfa.kz/en>).

**NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES MIGHT RESULT IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND DEPORTATION TO THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. REPEATED VIOLATION MAY CAUSE SERIOUS LEGAL CONSEQUENCES.**

### Passport

All visitors to Kazakhstan are required to have passports which validity should not expire earlier than 3 months from the visa expiration date and must contain at least 2 blank pages intended for visa and stamps.

### Visa-free entry

International students who are citizens of the countries indicated below can enter the Republic of Kazakhstan on the visa-free basis:

- Russian Federation
- The Kyrgyz Republic
- The Republic of Armenia
- The Republic of Tajikistan
- The Republic of Uzbekistan
- The Republic of Belarus

### C9 Student Visa

International students with a country of citizenship that is not listed in "Visa-Free Entry" section need a student visa (C9) to come to Kazakhstan. This type of visa is given for the period of one year and allows you to make multiple entries to Kazakhstan. Visa shall be renewed each year.

Upon receipt of the invitation letter, the applicant submits all the documentation to the Kazakhstan's Embassy/Consulate abroad where he/she plans to obtain a visa. It is the personal responsibility of the applicant to double-check the list of the required documents (application form, photocopy, fee receipt etc.) on the web-site of the Embassy/Consulate. Also, you will need to pay a visa fee.



The following documents are usually required:

- Visa invitation letter;
- Passport valid for at least 6 months longer than the validity of the requested visa and have at least 2 blank pages to stamp the visa;
- Completed visa application form (available on the web-site of the Embassy/Consulate);
- Photo 3,5x4,5;
- Visa fee (please note that the consular desk at the airports accept cash ONLY (USD/KZT)).

Visa can be issued:

- ✓ In the country of your citizenship (by the foreign establishments of the Republic of Kazakhstan: consular, diplomatic, and equivalent representation offices).  
Visa issuance processing time: 5 business days
- ✓ At the international airports of the Republic of Kazakhstan upon arrival (if there are no consular, diplomatic, or equivalent representation offices in the country of the visa recipient's citizenship).

[MFA KZ contacts](#)

The office (on documentation issues)

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Fax: +7 (7172) 72 05 16

On Consular issues

+7 (7172) 72-01-13, 72-04-71, 72-04-88, 72-03-07.

Kazakhstan MFA Representation in Almaty

Phone: 7 (727) 272-07-40

Fax: 7 (727) 272-04-01



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Emergency phone numbers

#### 112 – Emergency



102 – Police



103 – Ambulance



101 – Fire service

#### Public transport

Public transport in Astana is developed very well. You can get you almost to any place of the city. Buses go from 6 a.m. in the morning to 22-23 p.m. Single buses serve till midnight. The interval between city buses of weekdays is 5-20 minutes. It is possible to construct a route by means of the schemes placed at each bus station.

There is Astra bus mobile application for searching a suitable route.

It is possible to pay in buses by cash – 180 tenges. Also there is a non-cash payment method. For this purpose you need buy Astra Plat card, according to this card fare will be – 90 tenges.





## ENGLISH-KAZAKH DICTIONARY

- Hello** – Сәлем (Salem)
- Good morning** – Қайырлы таң (Qayyrly tan)
- Good evening** – Қайырлы кеш (Qayyrly kesh)
- Good bye** – Сау болыңыз (Sau bolynyz)
- Thank you** – Рахмет (Rahmet)
- Please** – Өтінемін (O'tinemin)
- How are you?** – Қалайсыз? (Qalaysyz?)
- My name is ...** – Менің атым ... (Mening atym)
- Yes** – Иә (IYa')
- No** – Жоқ (Joq)
- Excuse me** – Кешіріңіз (Keshiriniz)
- I don't understand** – Мен түсінбеймін (Men ty'sinbeymin)
- Can you help me?** – Сен маған көмектесе аласың ба?  
(Sen maghan ko'mektese alasyñ ba?)
- I don't speak Kazakh** – Мен қазақша сөйлемеймін (Men qazaqsha so'ylemeymin)
- Bus** – Автобус (Avtobus)
- Shop** – Дүкен (Du'ken)
- Police** – Полиция (Policiya)
- Currency exchange** – Валюта айырбастау (Valyuta ayrbastau)
- Hospital** – Аурухана (Auruhana)
- Pharmacy** – Дәріхана (Da'rihana)
- What are you doing?** - Сіз не істеп жатырсыз? (Siz ne istep jatırsız?)

