“Educating for leadership must imply something more than the mere development of rote skills. In a world of rapid change, an agile and adaptable mind, a pragmatic and cooperative temperament, a strong ethical orientation – these are increasingly the keys to effective leadership.”

—His Highness the Aga Khan, Chancellor

Founded in 1983 by His Highness the Aga Khan, AKU has campuses and teaching sites in six countries: Afghanistan, Kenya, Pakistan, Tanzania, Uganda and the United Kingdom. The University also includes world-class teaching hospitals in Karachi, Nairobi and Kabul.

We are part of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN), a private, international, non-denominational development network of organizations. AKDN works to improve the quality of people’s lives and prospects in the developing world. AKDN agencies collaborate so that their different pursuits reinforce one another.
At AKU we:

**Educate leaders:** Our 13,600 graduates have the values, knowledge and competencies to be catalysts for positive change. Nearly half of our alumni have assumed a leadership role.

**Generate knowledge:** Our research generates new knowledge that saves and enhances lives in poor societies. Our Centre of Excellence in Women and Child Health is internationally renowned, and its research has influenced global policymaking.

**Embody excellence:** The University Hospitals in Karachi and Nairobi are the only hospitals in Kenya and Pakistan to have met the U.S.-based Joint Commission International’s rigorous standards for accreditation.

**Serve the community:** Our Patient Welfare Program has provided more than 2.3 million patients with affordable care worth more than US$125 million.

**Provide access to all:** We recruit talented students from all backgrounds, including disadvantaged backgrounds, and provide substantial financial aid to enable them to access quality higher education.

**Empower women:** Half of AKU’s faculty and two-thirds of our 2,500 students are women.

**Foster pluralism:** AKU is open to people of all backgrounds and welcomes learning about different cultures, beliefs and perspectives.

---

**The impact of our partnership with the University of Alberta**

Between 2008 and 2014, agencies of the Aga Khan Development Network, of which AKU is a part, established over 20 projects with the University of Alberta.

Our partnership portfolio includes cardiology, dentistry, humanities, community health, math and science education, library planning, ethnomusicology, biodiversity conservation and sustainable land use programs.

Our partnership has secured eight grants in health sciences and education worth $6.3 million.

Over 25 interns and residents from the University of Alberta have completed internships and medical electives with AKDN agencies.

Twenty-eight faculty and staff from the University of Alberta have participated in teaching and training missions and sabbaticals with AKU.

Fifty-one AKU faculty and staff have completed postgraduate work and training in nursing, medicine and education at the University of Alberta.

The University of Alberta has provided books for AKU’s libraries and has donated medical equipment for AKU’s dental facilities in Karachi and Nairobi.

---

**Partnerships such as ours encourage discovery and growth.**

The Aga Khan Garden, Alberta is a symbol of our collaboration. It reveals the beauty, adaptability and relevance of the traditional Islamic Garden form in the 21st century. Like the network of parks and gardens of which it is part, the Aga Khan Garden, Alberta will be a place for education, reflection and enjoyment.