

Patent Program



It is SACM's wish for all students to enhance their lives as much as possible from their experience abroad. Due to many requests of students to support patenting their novel ideas, SACM decided to initiate the patent program. In 2011, SACM sponsored the US Patent Program with participation from SACM's patent law firm, Oblon Spivak LLP ("Oblon") by helping students secure a U.S. patent to protect their ideas. SACM hopes every student will be one step closer to achieving the recognition and respect they deserve for their novel contributions.

Services and benefits provided to KASP students: All students sponsored by KASP are provided with the following benefits during their study abroad period:

- Monthly stipend for students, spouse and children
- Full academic tuition
- Medical and dental coverage
- Annual round trip tickets for students and family
- Academic supervision

In addition, qualifying students receive:

- High GPA rewards
- Scientific materials allowance
- Private tutoring fees
- Special needs allowances

Dependents of students also receive the same benefits. The ambitious goals of KASP will definitely be seen through the achievements of the future leaders that it is creating.

"International education cannot be the work of one country. It is the responsibility and promise of all nations. It calls for free exchange and full collaboration."

Lyndon B. Johnson, message to Congress in February, 1966, on international education.

Goals of KASP

The main objective of KASP is of course scholarly and academic; i.e. to equip students with knowledge and skills needed to be future world leaders. Other KASP objectives include:

- Patriotic Commitment



- Cultural Exchange



- Mutual Understanding



- Intellectual Development



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As early as its foundation period, Saudi Arabia understood and emphasized the importance of education as a means to development. Today, Saudi Arabia is among the leading countries in annual expenditure on education, with an impressive 25% of its GDP going into the advancement of education. As a result of this large investment, Saudi Arabia has managed in less than eight decades to:

- Build 31,798 schools
- Build 68 technical institutions
- Build 25 universities
- Train 435,343 academic staff
- Educate 5,106,162 students
- Provide free tuition, textbooks and health care to more than 5 million students

In this short period of time, the literacy rate in Saudi Arabia has gone up from 10% to 83%.

Scholarship Programs

As early as the reign of King Abdulaziz, the founding king of Saudi Arabia, students were being sponsored to study abroad. Early programs were limited to Arab countries such as Egypt and Lebanon to study Arabic and Islamic studies.

In 1960, Saudi scholarship programs expanded to the U.S. and Europe. By 1975, there were thousands of sponsored students studying abroad, mostly working on higher degrees; masters and doctorates in different fields.

King Abdullah Scholarship Program

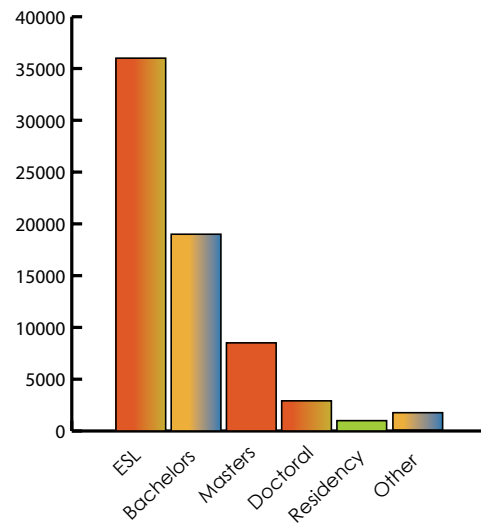
The King Abdullah Scholarship Program (KASP) started in 2005 with an agreement between King Abdullah and President George Bush to increase the number of Saudi students in the U.S. Despite its recent launch, KASP is the largest scholarship program in the history of Saudi Arabia.



King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud

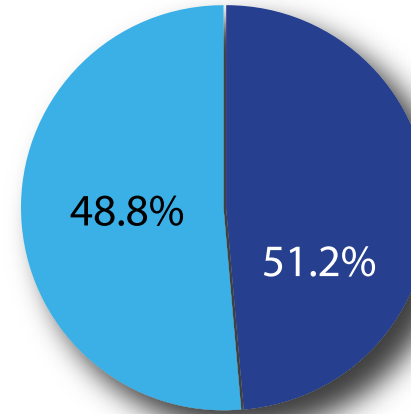
As seen in the graph below, King Abdullah Scholarship Program provides the means to the world's best universities to pursue studies that lead to degrees from bachelor's to residency and medical fellowships.

Students Total Based on Degree Level - US (2012)



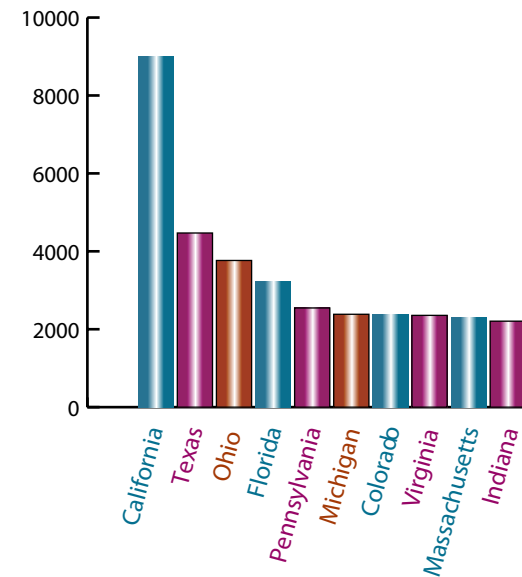
The U.S. has the majority of KASP students currently exceeding 71,000 students studying in all states. The countries to which students are sent to study in the program have been selected on the basis of the excellence of their educational programs and are subject to periodic review.

KASP aims to fulfill the requirements of work markets across the Kingdom in regions, universities and industrial cities. The program is also commissioned with qualifying Saudi youth to take an active role in the development of all fields in government and private sectors. (2012)



■ WORLDWIDE: 74,519 = 51.2% ■ US: 71,026 = 48.8%

Number Of students in Top 10 U.S. States (2012)



In an aim to continue developing the services it provides to its students, SACM supports several programs within KASP. Two prime examples of such efforts are the Internship program and the Patent program.

Internship Program

To help students gain hands-on experience in their future careers, SACM initiated the Internship program. The Internship program provides real-world experience to qualifying students, looking to explore or gain the relevant knowledge and skills required to enter into a particular profession. Over 40 U.S. companies are willing to accept Saudi students who are now pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in the United States to receive training that will improve their educational experience and ultimately prepare them to join the workforce in their specialized fields in Saudi Arabia.



Saudi students are urged by SACM to coordinate with both their program Academic Advisor and the International Student Advisor at their respective college or university to choose the training program suitable to their needs, abilities and legal status. Students also gain exposure to real-world problems and issues that perhaps are not found in textbooks.