

# **NUML Anti-Poverty Policy**

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#### **Section-1: Definitions**

In this policy document, unless otherwise specified, or anything repugnant to the Act and Statutes of National University of Modern Languages, the following expression shall have the meaning as follows:

#### **Poverty**

"Poverty is about not having enough money to meet basic needs including food, clothing, and shelter. However, poverty is more, much more than just not having enough money.

The World Bank Organization describes poverty in this way:

"Poverty is hunger. Poverty is a lack of shelter. Poverty is being sick and not being able to see a doctor. Poverty is not having access to school and not knowing how to read. Poverty is not having a job, is fear for the future, living one day at a time.

Poverty has many faces, changing from place to place and across time, and has been described in many ways. Most often, poverty is a situation people want to escape. So poverty is a call to action -- for the poor and the wealthy alike -- a call to change the world so that many more may have enough to eat, adequate shelter, access to education and health, protection from violence, and a voice in what happens in their communities." (World Bank Organization-2009).

## **Section-2: Policy**

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#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy document is to demonstrate how the National University of Modern Languages providing opportunities for quality education to poor and underprivileged students. NUML offers various Scholarships for students to encourage excellence in studies through rewarding high academic achievers through various types of Advance Merit /Merit scholarships and also to support less privileged student(s) to attain their goals/target by offering purely Need-Based Scholarships. NUML believes that no one should be deprived of getting an education merely on the grounds of inability to pay.

#### 2. Objectives of the Policy

- a. To provide financial support to academically talented and less privileged students to empower them to acquire quality education at the Higher Education level.
- b. To elevate the socio-economic status of the students by enabling them to get modern education and career opportunities for their brighter future.
- c. To improve access to higher education, especially for those belonging from far-flung areas of Pakistan.
- d. To assist students who fall into the bottom quartile of household income group in the country to successfully complete their studies.

#### 3. Scope

This policy applies to the whole University including its regional campuses and Rawalpindi Branch.

#### 4. Anti-Poverty Measures

NUML shall take following measures in order to address the poverty:

- a. Research on Poverty: NUML shall encourage the proportion of a university's academic output on poverty where one or more co-author is associated with a university that is based in a low or lower-middle income country.
- b. NUML shall establish Support Center aims to increase the proportion of students receiving financial aid to attend university because of poverty in undergraduate programs.
- c. NUML shall introduce anti-poverty programs/initiatives to facilitate the admitting students from backgrounds where poverty is a factor, and ensuring that these students have the support necessary to complete their studies.

d. NUML shall introducer Community anti-poverty programs to relieve the poverty by Provide assistance in the local community supporting the start-up of sustainable businesses through relevant education or resources (e.g. mentorship programs, training workshops, access to university facilities).

### **5. Scholarships and Procedures**

List of all scholarships/financial aids and respective office to be contacted are as under:

#	Name of Scholarship	Concerned Branch
1.	NUML Support Fund	Finance Branch
2.	Pakistan Bait-ul-Mall Fund	Student Affairs Branch
3.	Merit Scholarship	Examination Branch
4.	HEC Need Based Scholarships	Finance Branch
5.	Ehsaas Undergraduate Scholarships	Finance Branch
6.	Rhodes University Postdoctoral Research	Finance Branch
	Fellowships 2021	
7.	Hungarian Scholarship	Finance Branch
8.	Chinese Embassy Scholarship	Finance Branch
9.	Talented Young Scientists Visiting Program	Finance Branch

The eligibility criteria including the procedures of all financial aids /scholarships for students are available with the branches as mentioned above and on the NUML website under student resources link.