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The General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation presents its compliments to all Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and has the honour to forward herewith a copy of the Note Verbale No.016/2399 dated 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025, received from the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Riyadh, informing about the establishment of the Samarkand Campus of the International Tourism Academy under the auspices of the UN Tourism and 100 scholarships that the Campus offers to the citizens of OIC Member States, which are also members of the UN Tourism, to study in short and long-term training programmes in tourism related fields.

In view of the foregoing, the General Secretariat encourages the esteemed Member States to kindly share the above information to their citizens so as to enable them to benefit from the scholarship programme of the Samarkand Campus of the International Tourism Academy.

The General Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Member States of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation the assurances of its highest consideration. *MW*

*Encl: As stated above.*

To:

All Member States  
of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation





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*Embassy of the  
Republic of Uzbekistan  
Riyadh*

No. 016/2399

The Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan in Riyadh presents its compliments to the General Secretariat of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and has the honor to inform about the establishment of the Samarkand Campus of the International Tourism Academy under the Auspices of the World Tourism Organization.

The Campus offers 100 scholarships for citizens of the member states of the UN Tourism to study in short and long-term training programs in Hospitality Management, Hotel Operations and Innovation, and Sustainable Destination Management.

Application guidelines are attached to this note verbale.

The Embassy requests the esteemed General Secretariat to disseminate this information among Member States in order to attract more students to participate in this program.

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Riyadh, December 18, 2025

**General Secretariat of the  
Organization of Islamic Cooperation,  
Jeddah**





№	APPLICATION GUIDELINE
<b>I.</b>	<p><b>Samarkand campus of the International Tourism Academy under the Auspices of the World Tourism Organization</b></p> <p>The Academy is the world's first academy in cooperation with UN Tourism and is an institution that turns our country into a hub in the region for advanced training and retraining of personnel in the field of tourism.</p> <p>The Academy has established a collaboration with <b>Switzerland's Les Roches</b> hospitality school, an institution renowned for its advanced experience in the field. Through this partnership, short-term (1 module, 4 weeks) and long-term (8 modules, 8 months) advanced training and retraining programs are scheduled to commence on <b>March 1, 2026</b>. These programs will focus on the following specializations: <b>Hospitality Management, Hotel Operations &amp; Innovation, and Sustainable Destination Management</b></p>
<b>II.</b>	<p><b>Available courses of the Academy:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality Management Program (8 Modules)</li> <li>• Hotel Operations &amp; Innovation program (8 Modules):</li> <li>• Sustainable Destination Management program (7 Modules)</li> </ul>
<b>III.</b>	<p><b>Requirements for applicants:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. application form;</li> <li>2. identity document (passport/ID card);</li> <li>3. degree Diplomas and Certificates;</li> <li>4. a short film showing the talent of the Applicant;</li> <li>5. a recommendation letter from the highest authority responsible for the tourism sector of the World Tourism Organization foreign member country</li> <li>6. CV of the applicant (contacts and e-mail of applicant for further connection);</li> <li>7. Language proficiency certificate (<b>IELTS – 5.5, CEFR – B2, TOEFL iBM – 72 score</b>); <i>(If the applicant graduated from a university where the language education was English, a certificate is not required.)</i></li> </ol> <p><b>Note:</b> Applicants must upload electronic copies of the above-mentioned documents at the website of the admissions office: <a href="https://form.tourism-academy.uz">https://form.tourism-academy.uz</a></p>
<b>IV.</b>	<p><b>The following candidates cannot participate in the competition:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the person is over 45 years old at the time of document submission and has previously upgraded their qualifications in a similar specialty abroad;</li> <li>2. members of the diplomatic and consular corps or family members of representatives of the diplomatic and consular corps accredited in the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>3. administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions and consular institutions accredited in the Republic of Uzbekistan;</li> <li>4. staff of international organizations located in the Republic of Uzbekistan</li> </ol>

	<p>or family members of staff of international organizations located in Uzbekistan;</p> <p>5. candidates without a certificate indicating the level of English proficiency;</p> <p>6. candidates who do not have higher or specialized secondary education in the field.</p>
<b>V.</b>	<p><b>Procedure for conducting the competition:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The selection committee review the documents submitted by the competition participants.</li> <li>2. Based on the collected documents, the selection committee conducts an interview with the competition participants regarding their professional knowledge and skills, personal and professional characteristics, and abilities.</li> <li>3. List of competition winners will be announced on the Academy's official website.</li> <li>4. If the competition winner does not participate in the educational process within one month after the start of the educational process, i.e., cannot arrive at the Academy, grant funds will not be allocated to them.</li> <li>5. Between the competition winner and the Academy will be concluded a contract, specifying the conditions for organizing the educational process and the obligations of the parties.</li> </ol> <p><i>Note: Competition participants are entitled to file an appeal with the Appeals Commission within three days of the interview results being published. In the event that the Appeals Commission determines that procedural errors, deficiencies, or a lack of transparency have occurred during the competition process or the interview phase by the Selection Committee members, the Commission will re-conduct the interview with the participants or recalculate their results.</i></p>
<b>VI.</b>	<p><b>The grant will be allocated to cover the following expenses of the specialists:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a monthly scholarship and living expenses equivalent to 500 US dollars;</li> <li>2. one-time expenses related to travel, getting acquainted with the culture and life of the regions of Uzbekistan, equivalent to 100 US dollars;</li> <li>3. expenses for one-time economy class travel to Uzbekistan and return to their home country.</li> </ol>
<b>VII.</b>	<p><b>Website and official pages of the Academy on social media:</b></p> <p>Website: <a href="https://tourism-academy.uz/">https://tourism-academy.uz/</a>  Telegram channel: <a href="https://t.me/tourism_academy_samarkand">https://t.me/tourism_academy_samarkand</a>  Youtube: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@TourismAcademy-Samarkand">https://www.youtube.com/@TourismAcademy-Samarkand</a>  Instagram: <a href="https://www.instagram.com/tourism_academy_samarkand/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet">https://www.instagram.com/tourism_academy_samarkand/?utm_source=ig_web_button_share_sheet</a></p>
<b>VIII.</b>	<p><b>Additional information and contacts:</b></p> <p>Address: Samarkand, Bobur Mirzo St 3a.  Email: <a href="mailto:info@tourism-academy.uz">info@tourism-academy.uz</a>, <a href="mailto:admissions@tourism-academy.uz">admissions@tourism-academy.uz</a></p>

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