

AUSF HELP PROGRAMME

BACKGROUND

The AUSF Help Programme is formulated to provide financial support to AUSF members to enable them to benefit from their participation in AUSF events and programs.

This Programme will be funded primarily by sponsorship money which AUSF will be receiving in the next 8 years for the hosting of the AUSF Football Cup.

1. OBJECTIVE

The main objective of this project is to help countries to develop university sports in their own countries by enabling the NUSFs to send their student-athletes and/or officials to participate in selected AUCs and the various AUSF educational events.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 AUCs

- For AUSF Members representing countries/regions with per capita USD 3,500 USD or less (based on the latest figures provided by World Bank (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD?locations=Z4-8S-Z7>))
- Maximum of 4 athletes (2 male and 2 female) per country/region.
- Be at least 18 and no older than 25 years of age on 31 December of the year of the event; for basketball related competition the age range must be between 17 and 24.
- Be registered in a university or a similar institution, the status of which is recognised by the country's relevant academic authority

2.2 Educational Programmes

- For AUSF Members representing countries/regions with per capita USD3,500 or less (based on the latest figures provided by World Bank (<https://data.worldbank.org/indicator/NY.GDP.PCAP.CD?locations=Z4-8S-Z7>))
- Participating in AUSF seminars/workshops and FISU-AUSF Strategic Dialogue
- Maximum of 2 officials (1 male and 1 female) per country/region.
- Officials must be from a university or a similar institution, the status of which is recognised by the country's relevant academic authority.

3. LEVEL OF SUPPORT

- Will be on a co-sharing basis. AUSF will cover 75% of total cost up to a maximum of USD1,000 per applicant.

4. HELP PROGRAMME APPLICATION PROCESS & TIMELINE

4.1 6 months before the event:

Invitations, general conditions and information about the Help Programme will be sent out

4.2 **5 months before the event:**

Application will be open.

4.3 **4 months before the event:**

Application will be closed and evaluated.

4.4 **3 months before the event:**

NUSFs selected for the Help Programme will submit Nominative entry forms and Individual entry forms.

NUSFs selected for the Help Programme will submit the Help Programme Personal Information Form for student-athletes (passport copies, pictures, academic eligibility forms, declarations, together with sports event participation proof)

4.5 **1 month after the event:**

Help Programme feedback/report from the participants/NUSFs

5. SELECTION CRITERIA

5.1 Mandatory for all Help programme applicants:

- The income per capita of the country of the NUSF applying shall not exceed USD 3,500
- The applying NUSF shall follow the general conditions for application
- The applying NUSF shall have paid their AUSF annual membership fee and do not have any debt towards AUSF
- The applying NUSFs shall support the AUSF values

5.2 Priority will be given to the NUSFs that:

- Attend the AUSF General Assembly
- Participate actively in AUSF activities in the last 2 years – championships, seminars etc
- Participate in AUSF surveys
- Are active at a national level by:
 - ✓ Organising sports events (National University Sports Championships or/and other sports events for students)
 - ✓ Organising educational events (sports seminars for students from Universities, volunteering seminars etc)
 - ✓ Promoting the International Day of University Sport by organising activities for students or community
 - ✓ Having university sports dialogues and cooperation with local authorities and universities
 - ✓ Funding participation of some athletes who are not under the Help Programme
 - ✓ Having existing Development Plan for University Sports on national level

6. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

6.1 AUSF Help Programme Application Form

6.2 Estimation of the cost for NUSF delegation participation (travel, participation fee, etc.)

6.3 Proof of lack of funding on the local/regional/national level

6.4 Scanned copies of the passport or identity card of each student athlete, and official

6.5 Scanned copies of each athlete's certificate or student card

IMPORTANT:

No application for financial assistance received after the deadline will be taken into consideration, this in order to be able to guarantee the flight booking of the persons concerned;

All forms and documents should be sent to: ausf@ausf.org

7. VISA AND TRAVEL

7.1 According to the travel itineraries chosen, additional visas might be needed. Each country is responsible for their transit visa applications: it has to get in contact with the relevant embassies and apply for visas in due time.

7.2 Travel must be by the most direct and economical route. Length of stay will be according to the duration stipulated by the LOCs.

8. HELP PROGRAMME REPORTS

NUSFs participating in the AUSF Help Programme must present a report about their participation with sport results as well as outcomes of their participation in the educational events within **one month** after the event. Failure to do so will affect future application. The report is to be sent to the ausf@ausf.org