



Islamic Scholars Fund

ZAKAT & CHARITY FOR DESERVING SCHOLARS & STUDENTS

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About Us

In today's day and age, the need to connect to qualified scholarship has never been greater.

The Islamic Scholars Fund is one of the foremost & critical services to support Islamic scholarship & the dissemination of the Prophetic light & guidance.

Your Zakat & Charity significantly impact the global Muslim community, and your continued support for deserving scholars and students cannot be over-emphasized.

Over the last six years, the Islamic Scholars Fund has been the go-to lifeline for countless scholars & students who were in need and have turned to us.

It is an ummatic duty to protect, serve, and assist those who transmit the Prophetic inheritance and guide humanity back to Allah Most High and His beloved Messenger (peace and blessings be upon him).



Our Mission

The Prophet Muhammad (peace & blessings be upon him) said, *"Indeed, the scholars are the inheritors of the Prophets, for the Prophets do not leave behind a dinar or a dirham for inheritance, but rather, they leave behind knowledge. So whoever takes hold of it, has acquired a large share"*

(Tirmidhi & Abu Dawud)

The Islamic Scholars Fund preserves the Prophetic Inheritors by:



SUPPORT

deserving scholars & students

to enable them to dedicate themselves to learning, teaching, and disseminating authentic Islamic knowledge & guidance.



EMPOWER

students to become trained scholars

and the future inheritors of much-needed guidance. It equips them with the tools to not only teach what they have been taught but to also ensure that scholars can continue to be a source of beneficial transmission of this Prophetic light.



TRANSFORM

the lives of millions of Muslims

by inspiring hearts, minds, and souls with the divine light and guidance passed down through the Islamic tradition over the centuries, thus safeguarding our religion for generations.



Our Vision

The Islamic Scholars Fund aims to be one of the foremost services to support the most precious aspect of our religion, namely the Islamic knowledge.

By supporting scholars & students in need, we can safeguard the dignity of those who are the carriers of the Prophetic light. More importantly, we can free them up from the financial obstacles that prevent them from fully dedicating their time for teaching & studying the sacred sciences of Islam.

It is our hope that the Islamic Scholars Fund can be a means to connect our global Muslim community to these vessels of sacred knowledge.

We hope for a future where:



The livelihood of the scholars is sanctified so that scholars and students are freed up from working odd jobs to make ends meet, and can dedicate their time to teaching.



Qualified scholarship is easily accessible to all those seeking clarity and guidance.



The Muslim communities are thriving with centres of learning and knowledge.

And the Prophetic light shines bright in every home and every community around the world.



History

Since its establishment in 2015, the Islamic Scholars Fund has raised and distributed over \$6.4 Million to over 500 deserving scholars and students globally.



Six Years
of unwavering support



500+
scholars & students supported



\$6.4 Million
raised & disbursed



100%
zakat disbursement policy

The impact on our communities has been tremendous, but despite the numbers of cases that we have supported, the demand for assistance remains vast, and we continue to be contacted on a weekly basis with cases in dire need of support.

The Prophetic Inheritors are the backbone of a thriving and enlightened believing community and it is critical to spread clarity, light, and guidance during these confusing times.



Who Do We Support?



Qualified Scholars
(Male & Female)



Scholars in War-Torn Countries



Students on the Path of Becoming Scholars



Teachers & Students of Entire Seminaries



Your Zakat & Charity Makes A Daily Impact

The Islamic Scholars Fund has transformed hundreds of lives through your zakat & charity.

Below we are sharing with you the stories of some of the lives that your zakat & charity has impacted.

The Scholars Who Faced Death Threats

One of the most recent cases the Islamic Scholars Fund has taken on is a scholar who was the head of a prestigious seminary program and several scholarly projects. The scholars had faced credible death threats by extremists for his teachings of authentic Islamic knowledge.

The death threats were so serious they needed to migrate to another country to protect themselves and their children. They've had to stop all their public engagements, and most critically, they had to stop teaching.

The Islamic Scholars Fund is an intermediary between you and our scholars in need. We are actively working with this family to relocate and help them reestablish themselves in a new country.

Furthermore, we are supporting them so they can return to teaching and actively preserve sacred knowledge.

We are helping them to provide the critical service of spreading mercy, light, and goodness in their new home.

This is an ongoing case that still requires financial support. May Allah reward you for all the support thus far, and may He make it possible for you to continue to increase your contributions.





From a Local Imam to an Influential Scholar

Allah's perfect design is based on the simplest of forms- a cycle.

It is only through understanding this system and its cycles that we prosper as a creation, including how we sow, grow, and cultivate Islamic knowledge in our lives.

The Islamic Scholars Fund has been a lifeline for many in the believing community, and has helped to support scholars & students by nurturing them to ensure they sow the seeds to bring forth positive change in society.

One of the primary focuses of this fund is to empower and nurture future scholars by training sincere seekers of knowledge who have embarked on the sacred path of learning.

Scholars in the making like our Local Imam always wanted to serve the global Muslim community by teaching and guiding. He acquired the knowledge he could while juggling family life and its financial demands.

He accessed what he could in his state and through the occasional trip abroad and never passed up the chance to impart what he had learned to the youth in his community.

At this point, he had exhausted all his means and was not able to continue his scholastic endeavors. His teachers,

peers, and students recognized his passion for seeking knowledge and encouraged him to apply to the Islamic Scholars Fund.

By the grace of Allah, we have supported and funded this Local Imam's journey over the last three years, allowing him to dedicate his time to focus primarily on learning the Islamic Sciences with leading scholars.

He has already started to impart what he has learned to a new generation of budding scholars, and he is driven by a real purpose to provide maximum benefit to fellow Muslims.

In a few years, he will become a fully-fledged scholar who will combine his long experience of community service with a deep understanding to teach and guide communities and address the complex religious, spiritual, and social issues and influences they face.

There is a divinity in the cycle process, but only when we support all aspects of it do we find perfect balance and outflow.

Together, we can continue to support not only the Scholars who have dedicated their lives to teaching Islamic knowledge but also deserving students who are our hope for the future and carriers of the Prophetic trust and light.





The Scholar Risking His Life To Serve Endangered Youth

Many scholars must leave war-torn countries because of death threats faced by extremists.

One particular scholar fled to Turkey, where he continued his work and established a seminary with over 100 students.

The covid pandemic had devastating effects on every industry, and Islamic schools were particularly affected, already working with a minimal budget. Moreover, the pandemic threatened to halt all education efforts in this seminary altogether.

Islamic Scholars Fund has supported this scholar and his seminary. Together with our donors, we ensure those who try to stop the passing of Islamic knowledge are held at bay.

This support also enabled him to return to his homeland—despite the risks—to establish projects to guide and support youth affected by the war, over a hundred of whom have committed suicide this year alone.

How can our Prophetic inheritance be passed on to the future generations if there are no recipients? We have a communal obligation to support scholars and students who are educating and reaching the youth with the message of Prophetic love, mercy, and compassion.

Together we can support the givers of hope, the spreaders of guidance, our Prophetic Inheritors.





Our Success in 2021

2021 was a year of success despite the many challenges we have faced as a global community due to the covid-19 pandemic.

By the grace of Allah Most High, through our generous donors, we able to raise \$1.38 Million for the Islamic Scholars Fund, surpassing the amounts we've raised since our inception six years ago.



The Annual Virtues Tour

SeekersGuidance was honored this year to partner with the Greensvilletrust and co-sponsor the Virtues Tour 2021- The Exodus in the blessed month of Rabi' Al Awwal. Our managing team, fundraisers, and volunteers visited all eight cities of the tour to share the platform with notable scholars such as Shaykh Ibrahim Osi Efa, Shaykh Haroon Hanif, Shaykh Amir Nawaz, Sidi Amir Sulaiman, Sidi Khaled Siddiq, and Sidi Nader Khan.

It was a unique opportunity to showcase the immense impact of the Islamic Scholars Fund and connect with the UK British Muslim community to raise funds for deserving scholars and students, some of whom are based in the UK.

Across this tour, we were able to raise in excess of \$145,000 to immediately disburse to deserving cases and individuals in need of urgent support. The tour made great strides towards our target, and we are indebted to this partnership.



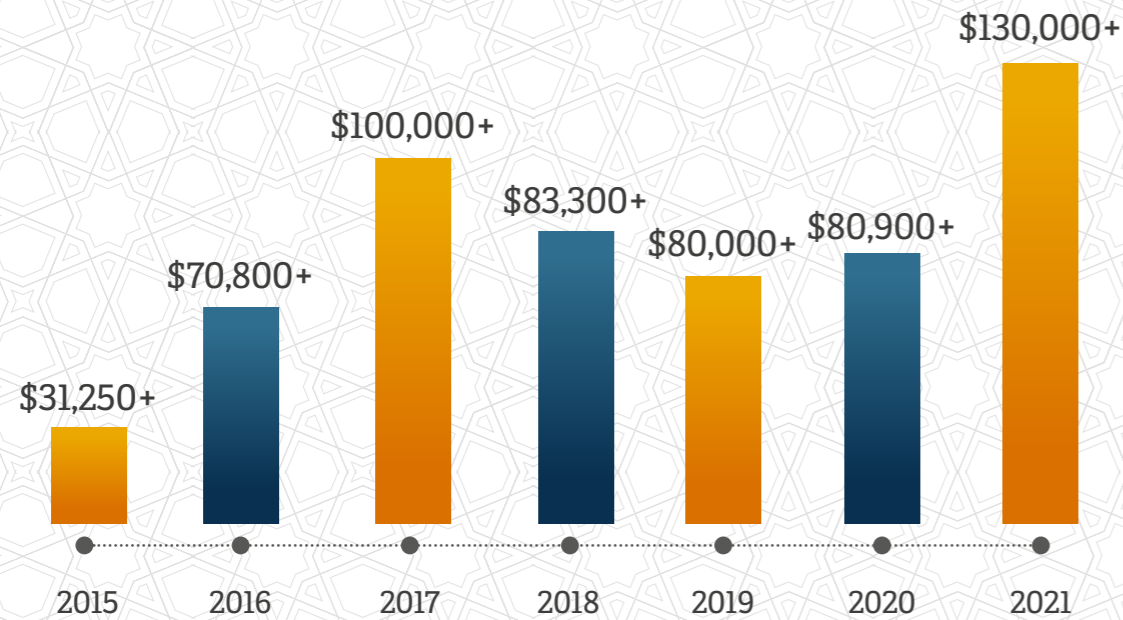
“The Virtues Tour was truly a blessing this year as we connected with vibrant communities and remembered our Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) and his teachings. All the funds raised have been immediately distributed to deserving scholars and students in urgent need. It is our duty to support & preserve this legacy of the true inheritors of the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him). It was an honor to collaborate with Greensville Trust and we thank them for allowing SeekersGuidance to partner on this blessed tour and meet the British Muslim community across the eight cities. May Allah almighty allow us to continue to serve the Prophetic inheritors and be vessels of sharing this wisdom to Muslims globally.”

Waseem Mahmood
Managing Director, SeekersGuidance



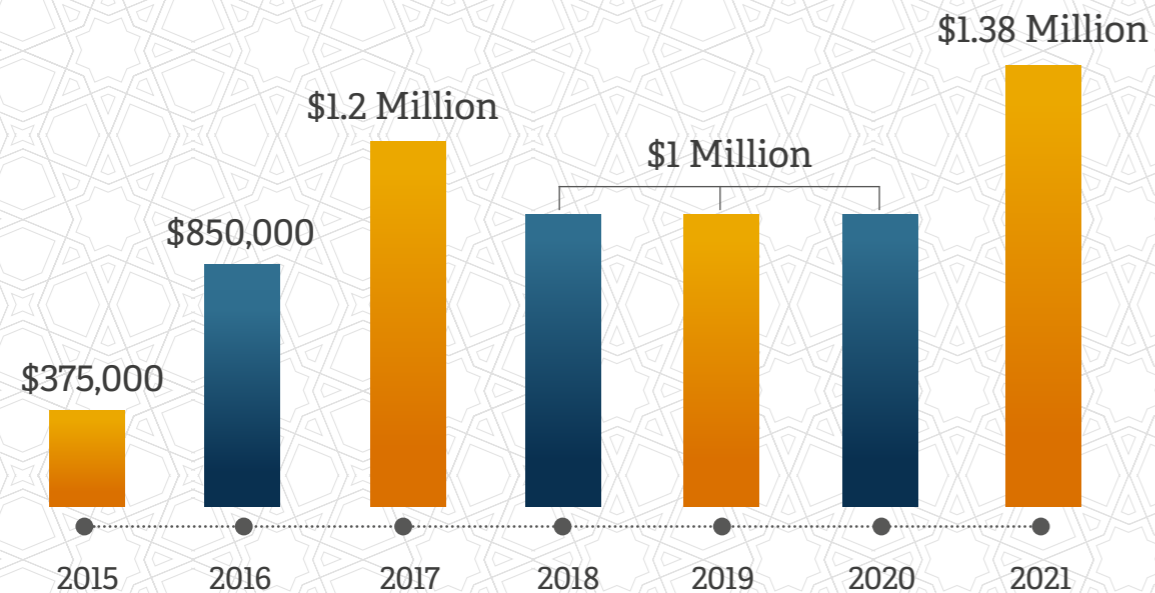
By the Numbers

Average Monthly Disbursements:



The Islamic Scholars Fund disburses all funds collected within the recommended guidelines (within one to four months).

A buffer is kept to ensure consistent support throughout the year, an external accounting firm maintains regular review, and our committee do quarterly and annual reviews and auditing checks.



2022 Target

Since the impact of the global pandemic over the last years, we have been inundated with cases of scholars and students in need of support.

Many institutions of learning have been impacted by the pandemic, leading to them having to shut down.

Following our success in 2021 to disburse in excess over \$1.38 Million to scholars and students globally, the number of cases we receive on a daily basis has stretched our limited capacity, and there is an urgent need to grow to meet this ever-growing demand.

Our Target for 2022: \$2 Million in Zakat & Charity

We can only reach this annual target through your generous support.

We rely not only on your zakat and charity, but more importantly, for you to raise awareness on this critical service that is essential to the preservation of a healthy and thriving global Muslim community.





How it Works

Application Process



Preserve the Prophetic Inheritors

In these times of change and uncertainty, many deserving scholars and students are struggling to continue to teach and learn, often under very difficult conditions.

If our scholars and students can't dedicate themselves to this sacred mission, we face a possible faith pandemic that can impact Muslim communities in insurmountable ways.

Your donations will enable teachers and students to be supported in a way that frees them up to teaching, learning, and disseminating Islamic knowledge.

The Need is Now & the Need is Urgent

The best of zakat and charity is that which has the greatest benefit.
[Ibn Abidin, Radd al Muhtar]

This is the best and most beneficial of Zakat and Charity you can give to.

Invest in the preservation of the Prophetic tradition and be part of this important legacy.

Donate Now at:
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Testimonials



“The Islamic Scholars Fund has been helping scholars in areas of conflict to teach—so that lands ravaged by war won’t be ravaged by the removal of the scholars and the elimination of knowledge.”

- Imam Zaid Shakir
Scholar & Community Leader



“Whatever crisis we are facing in the world today never eliminates our need for accurate and reliable religious knowledge, and for this reason, it is absolutely critical that we support religious scholars across the world.”

- Dr. Hadia Mubarak
Scholar & Community Leader



“My studies were only possible through the support of the Islamic Scholars Fund. I don’t know if I will be able to finish my studies because of the uncertainty of this fund— Sadly, I have seen many Shuyukh and scholars having to quit their studies to be able to provide for themselves.”

- Ustadh Sufyan Qufi
Recipient of the Islamic Scholars Fund



“Learning religion doesn’t often lead to a career where we can sustain our families. We teach people for the sake of Allah, but in doing so livelihoods can become difficult. Many scholars will not say that they are struggling, because there is no honor in poverty. Yet, poverty still exists. That is why the Islamic Scholars Fund needs your support; to help those people who have given up their time, their lives, and their careers for the sake of Allah.”

- Shaykh Jamal-Udden Hysaw
Recipient of the Islamic Scholars Fund



“Working to raise funds for the Islamic Scholars Fund is one of the greatest honors I have had in my professional career. To be able to work towards securing a future for my children where the value of the scholarship is preserved is so essential to me. So much of our Islamic traditions has been lost in our modern society, it is crucial that we protect our scholars that carry our sacred knowledge to be passed on to future generations.”

- Brenda Viera
Development Coordinator, SeekersGuidance



“The Islamic Scholars Fund is the world’s greatest secret, and one day its fruits will save millions of souls. Every scholar or student you support impacts hundreds of people. This is an opportunity to invest in this legacy that is multiplied exponentially. This is an amazing sadaqa jariya, and you can have a journey in that goodness.”

- Faraz Yousafzai
Senior Fundraiser & Community Activist
Development Campaign Fundraiser at SeekersGuidance



“The Islamic Scholars Fund ensures that some of the highest calibers of Muslim scholars of our time, together with students with high potential, can continue to bless our generation through the inheritance which our Prophet (peace and blessing be upon him) left; Knowledge. Even those who never took the path of scholarship in their lives have the opportunity to lift the burden from a scholar, thus facilitating for them to continue the Prophetic legacy.”

- Adam Kelwick
Humantartian & Community Activist
Development Campaign Fundraiser at SeekersGuidance



There is no fund that plays such a critical role in the preservation of our Islamic knowledge and Prophetic inheritance as the Islamic Scholars Fund. To be in service of such an incredible cause is an immense honor and a weighty responsibility. We extend our deepest gratitude and prayers to all our generous donors who have enabled the Islamic Scholars Fund to support this many Muslim scholars and students across the globe.

- Maryam Dajani
Development Manager, SeekersGuidance



“Growing up in a Muslim country, I have never witnessed such a fund with such a huge impact on scholars and students of Islamic knowledge. It is truly satisfying to a Muslim to see how much the Islamic Scholars Fund is spreading Islam so beautifully and globally. I pray that with the noble efforts of the Islamic Scholars Fund, young Muslims of the coming generation will be empowered to study the Islamic sciences.”

- Sarah Chafei
Development Coordinator, SeekersGuidance



What Kind of Contributions Can be Made?



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Your support has allowed us to provide financial support to countless deserving students and scholars who have embarked on the journey of sacred learning.

You have helped us to preserve and protect the future of many Prophetic Inheritors.

Together, we can help preserve the Prophetic Inheritors & benefit the global Muslim community for years to come.



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