



SDG 1: No Poverty



The University of Tabuk, through the Student Fund Department under the Deanship of Student Affairs, offers financial assistance to students. This support aims to provide students with the opportunity to pursue their education and to foster a conducive learning environment, in accordance with the university's regulations and policies.

1.1 Research on poverty

The University of Tabuk actively publishes research aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 1: No Poverty. In 2023, for instance, several studies were published, addressing key issues related to poverty reduction, financial inclusion, and economic sustainability. Notable examples include:

- Khémiri, W., Chafai, A., and Alsulami, F. (2023): "Financial inclusion and sustainable growth in North African firms: A dynamic-panel-threshold approach," published in *Risks*, 11(7), p.132. This study explores the relationship between financial inclusion and sustainable growth in North African firms, offering insights into poverty reduction strategies.
- Alarefi, M. (2023): "Adoption of IoT by telecommunication companies in GCC: The role of blockchain," published in Decision Science Letters, 12(1), pp.55-68. This research examines the potential of IoT and blockchain technologies to drive economic development, particularly in telecommunication sectors, contributing to poverty alleviation in the GCC region.

These studies reflect the university's commitment to addressing poverty through innovative research.

1.3 University anti-poverty programmes

1.3.1 Bottom financial quintile admission target

The study system at the University of Tabuk is tuition-free, with no fees required for diploma and bachelor's programs. As a result, there are no financial barriers to student enrollment. Additionally, the Deanship of Student Affairs offers various forms of financial aid to students, in accordance with the Statute for University Student Funds issued by the Universities Affairs Council and the Student Services Guide. The

number of students benefiting from these services is documented in the university's annual report.

Statute for University Student Funds issued by the Universities Affairs Council

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/studentaffairs/Documents/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%94%D8%AD%D8%A9.pdf

Student Services Guide (Page 6)

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/student-

affairs/Documents/DSA%20%D8%AF%D9%84%D9%8A%D9%84%2 0%D8%AE%D8%AF%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%AA%20%D8%A7%D9 %84%D8%B7%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8.pdf

University's annual report (Page 105 – 106)

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/UniversityDirector/Office-Strategy-and-Institutional-

Excellence/Pages/%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%AA%D9%82%D8%B1%D9%8A%D8%B1-

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1.3.3 Low-income student support

The University of Tabuk provides comprehensive support for students from low-income families, including assistance with food, housing, transportation, and legal services, to ensure they can successfully complete their university education.

Free university transportation for all students

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/student-affairs/Pages/university-transportation-services.aspx

Academic guidance

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/vice-rector-for-academic-affairs/Documents/%D8%A7%D8%AF%D9%84%D8%A9/%D8%AF%D9%84%D9%8A%D9%84%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B7%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%A8%20%D9%84%D9%84%D8%A5%D8%B1%D8%B4%D8%A7%D8%AF.pdf

Health care:

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/Agency/Medi-Administration/Pages/Specialized-clinics.aspx.

Housing:

(see: Executive Rules Governing the Affairs of Non-Saudi Scholarship Students at the University of Tabuk, Page: page 4-5) https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/student-

affairs/Documents/%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A8%20%D9%85%D9%8
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Financial subsidies in accordance with the Statute for University Student Funds issued by the Universities Affairs Council

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affairs/Documents/%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%84%D8%A7%D9%8A%D9%94%D8%AD%D8%A9%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D9%85%D9%86%D8%B8%D9%85%D8%A9.pdf

the Student Services Guide.

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/student-affairs/Pages/%D8%AE%D8%AF%D9%85%D8%A7%D8%AA-%D8%A5%D8%AF%D8%A7%D8%B1%D8%A9-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B5%D9%86%D8%AF%D9%88%D9%82-%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A7%D8%A8%D9%8A.as

1.3.4 Bottom financial quintile student support

The University of Tabuk offers various programs and initiatives to support students in the bottom 20% of household income in the country, helping them successfully complete their studies. Examples of these programs include:

- Grants: Financial aid provided to low-income students.
- Loans: interest-free loans to assist with educational expenses.
- Student Employment (Hourly Work System): Opportunities for students to earn income by working on campus.
- Student Service Centers: Centers providing services at affordable prices.

- Financial Rewards for Outstanding Students: Scholarships or monetary awards for academic excellence.
- Support for Students with Disabilities: Services and accommodations to assist students with disabilities.
- Smart Device Installment Plans and Training Programs: Access to technology and training programs to enhance learning opportunities.
- These initiatives ensure that financial constraints do not hinder students' academic success.

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1.3.5 Low or lower-middle income countries student support

The University of Tabuk offers a tuition-free study system for all students, including those from low or lower-middle income countries. With no fees for diploma and bachelor's programs, the university ensures that financial barriers do not limit students' enrollment or access to education. Grants and additional financial support are also available to assist students in need.

Admission Guide

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/dar/Pages/NewsDetails.aspx?NewsID=6

Student Admission Guide for Scholarships

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/dar/Documents/461M.pdf

Executive Rules Governing the Affairs of Non-Saudi Scholarship Students at the University of Tabuk

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/Deanship/student-affairs/Documents/%D8%B7%D9%84%D8%A8%20%D9%85%D9%86%D8%AD%D8%A9%20%D8%AF%D8%B1%D8%A7%D8%B3%D9%8A%D8%A9%20%D9%84%D8%BA%D9%8A%D8%B1%20%D8%A7%D9%84%D8%B3%D8%B9%D9%88%D8%AF%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A%D9%8A

1.4 Community anti-poverty programmes

1.4.1 Local start-up assistance

The University of Tabuk contributes to the local community by supporting the development of financially and socially sustainable businesses. This is achieved through providing relevant education, resources, and guidance to aspiring entrepreneurs. The university offers training programs, workshops, and access to expertise aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and empowering individuals to establish sustainable ventures that benefit the community

Free:

Labor market training:

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The Employment Forum:

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Workshops:

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Entrepreneur camp:

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Research Assistant Empowerment Initiative:

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Partnerships for local community training:

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Paid:

Programs provided by the Research and Consulting Institute

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Programs provided by the Deanship of Community Service and Continuing Education

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1.4.2 Local start-up financial assistance

The university provides financial assistance to the local community to support the establishment of sustainable businesses. This includes offering educational loans and other forms of financial aid to help entrepreneurs launch and grow their ventures.

Educational loans:

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1.4.3 Programmes for services access

The University of Tabuk organizes various training programs and initiatives aimed at improving access to basic services for all members of the community. Examples of these initiatives include:

Health Education Workshops: These workshops focus on enhancing health literacy and providing valuable information to community members.

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Mobile Health Clinics: The university operates mobile health clinics that deliver essential medical services directly to underserved areas.

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Training Community Health Workers: The university provides training programs for community health workers, equipping them with the skills necessary to support public health initiatives.

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Awareness Campaigns: Various campaigns are conducted to raise awareness about health and social issues, ensuring that community members are informed and engaged.

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These efforts reflect the university's commitment to enhancing community well-being and ensuring that essential services are accessible to all.

1.4.4 Policy addressing poverty

The University of Tabuk actively participates in policy implementation at the local, regional, and national levels to advance programs and policies aimed at eradicating poverty in all its dimensions. This is achieved through collaboration with various stakeholders, which enhances efforts to engage in policy implementation and facilitates the execution of initiatives designed to alleviate poverty

https://www.ut.edu.sa/ar/administration/vrgssr/Partnerships-and-International/Documents/Partnership%20Agreements%202.pdf